



Open Circle - Families United for Justice

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Gilda Baker, mother of Diallo Neal, members of the community, and social justice organizations demand that CHP accept responsibility for their roll in killing Diallo Neal.

Oakland, CA — On October 10, 2005 in Oakland, Diallo Neal was murdered when, according to witnesses, a CHP motorcycle officer struck the rear end of Diallo's motorcycle, launching him into a bus stop, pole, and concrete bench. CHP fled the scene.

Ms. Baker demands:

- CHP accept responsibility for the cover up
- Release the name of the officer
- Hold the murderer accountable for his crime.

Despite numerous requests and extensive correspondence between Ms. Baker, California Highway Patrol, Oakland Police Department, and the District Attorney's office, each of these departments refused to uphold justice for Diallo Neal. OPD began an investigation, but CHP took it over and closed it saying there was no case because they were never there. The DA agreed and informed Ms. Baker the statute of limitations—two years—had expired, since it took five years for Ms. Baker to recover sufficiently from her grief to pursue justice for her son.

"Law enforcement should not be able to lie, cover up, and destroy families," said Ms. Baker, "then tell me about a statute of limitations? On what? What is the statute of limitations on murder?" Police misconduct—killing and terrorizing, especially, people of color must stop now. Numerous families struggle every day to get justice for their dead loved ones. Allowing police to kill with impunity only invites more killing. Ms. Baker wants justice for her son. Hold the killer accountable. Stand with Gilda Baker and Call Out CHP for Hit and Run Murder!

Press Conference & Rally
October 11, 2016
4:00 - 6:00pm
California Highway Patrol Office
3601 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609