

THE DECISION TO BE SHOT IS MADE BY THE OFFENDER

Is anyone in the media going to ask why Aaron Harrison was in possession of a gun? Was he intending to shoot someone? Who gave him the gun? Why did he point the weapon at the officer? Why, if he lives in Berwyn with his mother, was he at Roosevelt and Sacramento with a gun? Another question is why didn't Harrison toss the gun while he was running? Was the gun used in a prior homicide? These are all questions that will be answered as the forensic test results start to come in.

The family and their attorney James Montgomery have filed a lawsuit against the City and are quite dramatic about the bullet first striking Harrison's shoulder. This is consistent with the direction that Harrison was running while pointing the gun at the officer.

Montgomery was on the news railing on about how witnesses were told by policemen that if they cooperate with the investigation they too would be shot. I was there that night and I can tell you for fact that the Detectives located witnesses and the witnesses refused to go into Area Four and cooperate with the investigation. For this you can thank your legislators because they legislated how Police investigations are to be conducted.

Nearly every person out there that night had a camera phone and there were several video recorders, so I am sure that if one officer threatened a witness it would have been recorded and played by the media. I saw at least twenty people videotaping or recording as the investigation was being conducted. You have to believe that if what Montgomery says is true someone would have turned over a tape to the media. This can only mean that the officers that night conducted themselves in a professional manner under very hostile conditions.

James Montgomery stated he has numerous witnesses who saw that Harrison was unarmed. Then how did the gun get there? Did the police plant the gun? What officer planted the gun? Is there a C.R. number against an officer for planting the gun? What will Montgomery say when the DNA results come back and prove that the only person who had the gun was Harrison? Will he then come up with a witness who saw how the police planted the DNA on the gun?

Rev. Jakes is threatening to write a letter to the Olympic Committee if the officers are not removed from street duty. This is completely irresponsible but we would expect nothing less from him. According to Jakes due process is something that everyone except police officers are entitled to.

Our officers should never be expected to risk death or serious injury when confronted by an armed offender. The choice is simple and it is made for the officer by the offender, **drop the weapon and surrender or aim the weapon and be shot.** This is how we are trained. We don't want to lose one officer because of second-guessing. Second-guessing is something reserved for the Jakeses, Montgomerys and Sharptons of the world.

Lastly, the activists are saying that the Chicago Police Department is out of control and I can tell you that that is not true. What is true is that there are areas of the City that are out of control -- areas of the City that allow people to run around carrying guns and tolerate violent behavior. It is time for the good people living in these areas to step up to the plate and take back their neighborhoods.

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