

DANIEL CAMERON'S HANDLING OF BREONNA TAYLOR'S MURDER

Highlights:

- Daniel Cameron did not hold police accountable for Breonna Taylor's death.
 - Cameron was the prosecutor for Taylor's death.
 - Cameron did not charge police for Taylor's death.

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March 2020: Taylor Was Shot And Killed By Officers During An Apartment Raid

March 2020: Police Requested A "No-Knock" Search Warrant Of Taylor's Apartment While Investigating Activities Of Her Ex-Boyfriend. According to ABC News, "Louisville Metro Police Department Detective Joshua Jaynes files a request for a 'no-knock' search warrant of Breonna Taylor's home after investigating the activities of Jamarcus Glover, who was known to the police as a drug trafficker, according to the warrant. Glover is Taylor's ex-boyfriend who, according to police, was using her address to mail drugs through the post office. Police note in the arrest warrant request that they verified with postal inspectors that Glover was receiving packages at Taylor's address." [ABC News, [11/17/20](#)]

Officers Attempted To Batter Open Taylor's Front Door Around Midnight. According to ABC News, "Minutes after midnight, as Breonna Taylor and her boyfriend Kenneth Walker are asleep inside their ground-floor apartment at the St. Anthony Gardens on Springfield Drive, there are knocks on the front door. Plainclothes Louisville Metro Police Department Officers Myles Cosgrove and Brett Hankison, and Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly, use a battering ram to force open the green door with a gold No. 4 hanging on it, at which point police say they are met with a gunshot that strikes Mattingly in the thigh." [ABC News, [11/17/20](#)]

Taylor's Boyfriend Fired One Shot At Officers Battering The Apartment Tour, Claiming He Thought They Were Intruders. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, "Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, said he believed intruders were breaking in and fired one shot from his legally owned handgun after officers used a battering ram to force open the apartment's front door. Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly was struck in the femoral artery and he required emergency surgery." [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

March 13, 2020: Taylor Was Shot And Killed By Police Officers Who Fired Off 32 Rounds. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, "Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency room technician, was fatally shot by Louisville Metro Police Department officers who attempted to execute a search warrant at her apartment in the early morning hours of March 13, 2020. Police believed Taylor was holding drugs and cash for her ex-boyfriend, a convicted drug trafficker. Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, said he believed intruders were breaking in and fired one shot from his legally owned handgun after officers used a battering ram to force open the apartment's front door. Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly was struck in the femoral artery and he required emergency surgery. In turn, Mattingly and detectives Myles Cosgrove and Hankison fired a total of 32 rounds. Six shots from Mattingly and Cosgrove struck Taylor, with the fatal shot coming from Cosgrove." [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

Cameron Was The Special Prosecutor For The Case

Cameron Became Special Prosecutor For The Case After The Jefferson Commonwealth Attorney Rescued Himself For A Conflict Of Interest Over His Attempted Murder Charge Against Taylor's Boyfriend. According to the

Lexington Herald Leader, “After Jefferson Commonwealth’s Attorney Tom Wine recused himself from the criminal investigation into Taylor’s death – citing a conflict of interest because he was, at the time, pursuing an attempted murder charge against Walker – Cameron’s office became the special prosecutor for the case.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

CAMERON DID NOT CHARGE THE OFFICERS FOR TAYLOR’S DEATH

Cameron Did Not Charge Three Officers, Claiming They Were “Justified” In Shooting. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, “At a September 2020 press conference, Cameron said Mattingly and Cosgrove would not be charged because they were ‘justified’ in returning fire after Walker’s initial shot.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

A Fourth Officer Was Indicted Only For Wanton Endangerment For Shots Fired Into A Neighboring Apartment. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, “Hankison, however, was indicted for three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for rounds fired through a covered patio door that penetrated a neighboring apartment with three people inside.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

The Officers Were Later Federally Indicted

The Justice Department Charged The Four Officers With Civil Rights Offense, Unconstitutional Use Of Force, Obstruction, And Conspiracy. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, “Four current and former Louisville police officers have been arrested for their roles in a botched search warrant that was executed at the home of Breonna Taylor and resulted in her death. Kelly Goodlett, Joshua Jaynes, Kyle Meany and Brett Hankison face federal charges, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday morning. The officers were charged with civil rights offenses, unconstitutional use of force, obstruction and conspiracy, Garland said.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/8/22](#)]

CAMERON FACED WIDESPREAD CRITICISM FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE CASE

Civil Rights Groups Called For Cameron’s Impeachment

The Louisville NAACP Called For Cameron’s Resignation Or Impeachment. According to the Louisville Courier Journal, “Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron should resign immediately, the Louisville NAACP announced Friday, ‘for failing to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the fatal police shooting of Breonna Taylor.’ If the first-term Republican refuses to step down, the group said it will call on Kentucky’s Republican-heavy legislature to impeach him.” [Louisville Courier Journal, [9/30/22](#)]

The NAACP Said Cameron’s State Investigation Showed “Insufficiency” And “An Absence Of An Understanding Of The Commonwealth’s Criminal Laws.” According to the Louisville Courier Journal, “The recent federal indictments of four Louisville Metro Police officers involved in the Breonna Taylor killing has highlighted, demonstrated, and proven the insufficiency of the state investigation led by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and an absence of an understanding of the Commonwealth’s criminal laws,’ the NAACP said in a press release.” [Louisville Courier Journal, [9/30/22](#)]

Taylor’s Family Said Cameron Failed To Get Justice For Breonna

Taylor’s Family Said Cameron Never Intended To Get Her Justice. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, “Critics, including Taylor’s family and attorneys, said the first-term attorney general never really intended to get justice for the slain 26-year-old Black woman.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

Celebrities Criticized Cameron’s Inaction

Beyoncé And Megan Thee Stallion Criticized Cameron’s Handling Of The Case. According to the Lexington Herald Leader, “Superstar Beyonce Knowles wrote an open letter to Cameron’s office urging him to charge the officers who shot Taylor, and rapper Megan Thee Stallion used her 2020 appearance on Saturday Night Live to lambaste his handling of the case.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [8/5/22](#)]

