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Strategic Information Center- Daily Intelligence Brief
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From: Twitter
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:37 AM CST
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Subject: Suggestions based on Asiniwiikwe, KurvyKurly and Unicorn Riot



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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:00 AM CST
To: Brynteson, Charles D.; Christiansen, Dean; Dohman, Mona; Dunaski, Mark; Evans, Andrew; Fruetel, John S.; Gross, Todd; Langer, 13.356; Police - Chief's Office Staff; Police - Commanders; Police - Inspectors; Police - SICM Intel; Schoenberger, Troy; sheriff.cisa@co.hennepin.mn.us; Tyner, Bryan D.
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From: Jacobson, Robert
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:03 AM CST
To: Lage, Amber L.
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FYI

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From: Waite, Kathy
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:12 AM CST
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Date: November 20, 2015 at 11:00:33 CST
To: "Brynteson, Charles D." <Charles.Brynteson@minneapolismn.gov>, "Christiansen, Dean" <Dean.Christiansen@minneapolismn.gov>, "Dohman, Mona" <mona.Dohman@state.mn.us>, "Dunaski, Mark" <mark.dunaski@state.mn.us>, "Evans, Andrew" <andrew.evans@state.mn.us>, "Fruetel, John S." <John.Fruetel@minneapolismn.gov>, "Gross, Todd" <Todd.Gross@minneapolismn.gov>, "Langer, Matt" <Matthew.langer@state.mn.us>, "MFC (13.356" <info@icefishx.org>, Police - Chief's Office Staff <Police-Administration@minneapolismn.gov>, Police - Commanders <Police-Commanders@minneapolismn.gov>, Police - Inspectors <Police-PCTCMDRS@minneapolismn.gov>, Police - SICM Intel <Police-SICMIntel@minneapolismn.gov>, "Schoenberger, Troy" <Troy.Schoenberger@minneapolismn.gov>, "sheriff.cisa@co.hennepin.mn.us" <sheriff.cisa@co.hennepin.mn.us>, "Tyner, Bryan D." <Bryan.Tyner@minneapolismn.gov>
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From: Waite, Jeffrey
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Some interesting info

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From: Loining, Todd
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:30 PM CST
To: Police - Pct 5 All
Subject: Intel brief 11/20/2015
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See attached daily intel report regarding the P4 Riots.

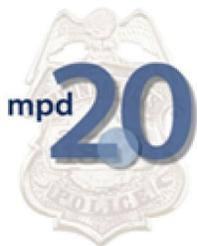
I want to thank you all for your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are truly an amazing group of people!!

Inspector Todd Loining

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From: Downing, Scott
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:41 PM CST
To: Jo Richmond (jmrichmond49@gmail.com)
Subject: FW: Intel brief 11/20/2015
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Subject: Intel brief 11/20/2015

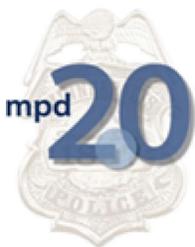
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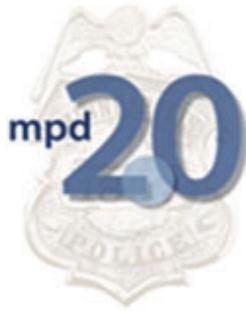
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From: Christiansen, Dean
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:32 PM CST
To: Freunds Schuh, Tomma; Knight, Arthur
CC: Friestleben, Michael; Wheeler, Thomas; Nelson, Gary (Police)
Subject: Info on morning clean up

While watching the Unicorn Riot video feed, the cameraman went inside the fishhouse and there was about 8-10 juvy males and females inside. Not sure who will be there in the morning but just be aware you will probably have to deal with people inside the fish house. It also looked like there is a propane heater inside that was being used.

Good luck.

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From: Michael.Friestleben@minneapolismn.gov
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:02 PM CST
To: Kingsbury, Jonathon
Subject: Fwd: Info on morning clean up

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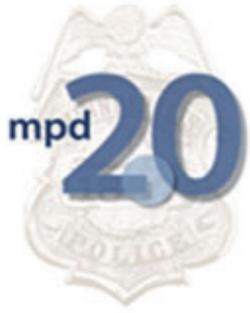
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Cc: "Friestleben, Michael" <Michael.Friestleben@minneapolismn.gov>, "Wheeler, Thomas" <Thomas.Wheeler@minneapolismn.gov>, "Nelson, Gary (Police)" <Gary.Nelson@minneapolismn.gov>
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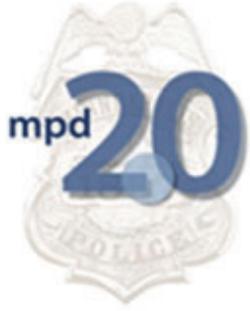
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From: Heyda, Kimberley
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 2:33 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Nights Protest Update 11/21/2015 (1700) - 11/22/2015 (0300)

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From: Tuma, Jaclyn M.
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 8:11 AM CST
To: Arneson, Kristine
Subject: FW: Nights Protest Update 11/21/2015 (1700) - 11/22/2015 (0300)

Here you go, Ma'ma

From: Heyda, Kimberley
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From: Arneson, Kristine
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To: Tuma, Jaclyn M.
Subject: RE: Nights Protest Update 11/21/2015 (1700) - 11/22/2015 (0300)

Thank you!

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Mostly quiet night, and very quiet morning.

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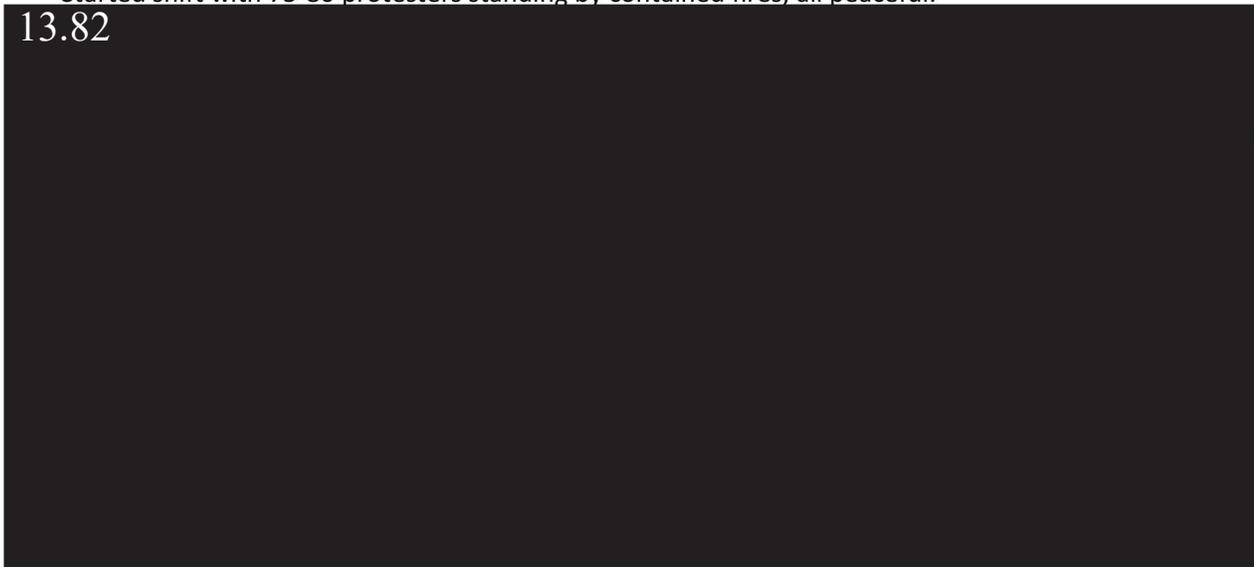
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Officer Safety Information:

Other Intel:

From: Popular in your network
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 4:55 PM CST
To: Johnson, Andrew
Subject: Unicorn Riot tweeted: We're live w/ Coffee Not Cops Justice for #MichaelMarshall in #Denver. Watch now!

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Unicorn Riot @UR_Ninja

We're live w/ Coffee Not Cops Justice for #MichaelMarshall in #Denver. Watch bit.ly/1MwjMLz now!

Amy Riegelman @amylibrarian

LIES

Nissan @NissanUSA

Talk about "WOW" factor. The #Nissan #Murano has that special something. #LAAutoShow #NissanLAAS

MN NOC @mnnoc

Sending militarized police after peaceful protesters is not a "measured response." #4thPrecinctShutDown startribune.com/in-this-

Tracine D. Asberry @TeamTracine

We, Leaders/Electeds/Leaders, should rise 2 critical thinking+action. #Thanks @paulhissen @nlevy @AnthonyNewby1 facebook

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From: Lavender, Amy
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:43 AM CST
To: Rugel, Jeff
Subject: New Website

Per Unicorn Riot-a new website has been setup w/info on supplies needed at the precinct site.
<http://4thprecinctshutdown.org/>

Amy Lavender
Intelligence Analyst
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From: Rugel, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 11:01 AM CST
To: Office of Janee Harteau
Subject: RE: Daily BLM Update
Attachments: Daily Intel Brief 11-19-2015.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-20-2015.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-21-2015.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-22-2015.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-23-2015.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-17-15.pdf, Daily Intel Brief 11-18-2015.pdf

Sure all are attached

From: Office of Janee Harteau
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Rugel, Jeff
Subject: RE: Daily BLM Update

For my records could you send me all the daily updates since the incident started please?

From: Rugel, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Brynteson, Charles D.; Christiansen, Dean; Dohman, Mona; Dunaski, Mark; Evans, Andrew; Fruetel, John S.; Gross, Todd; Langer, Matt; MFC (13.356); Police - Chief's Office Staff; Police - Commanders; Police - Inspectors; Police - SICM Intel; Schoenberger, Troy; sheriff.cisa@co.hennepin.mn.us; Tyner, Bryan D.
Subject: Daily BLM Update

Quite 24 hours. Please forward new information to the SIC

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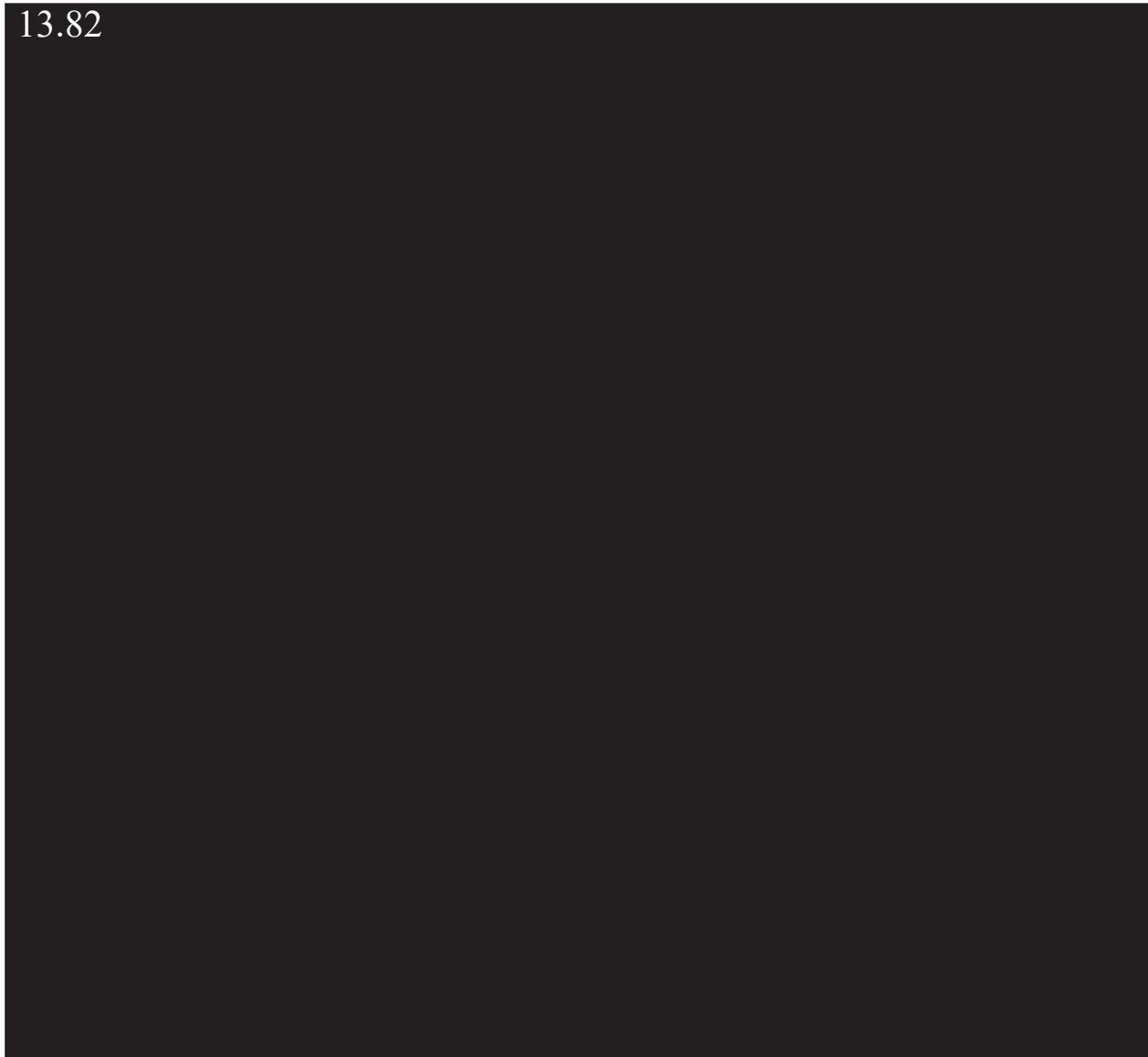
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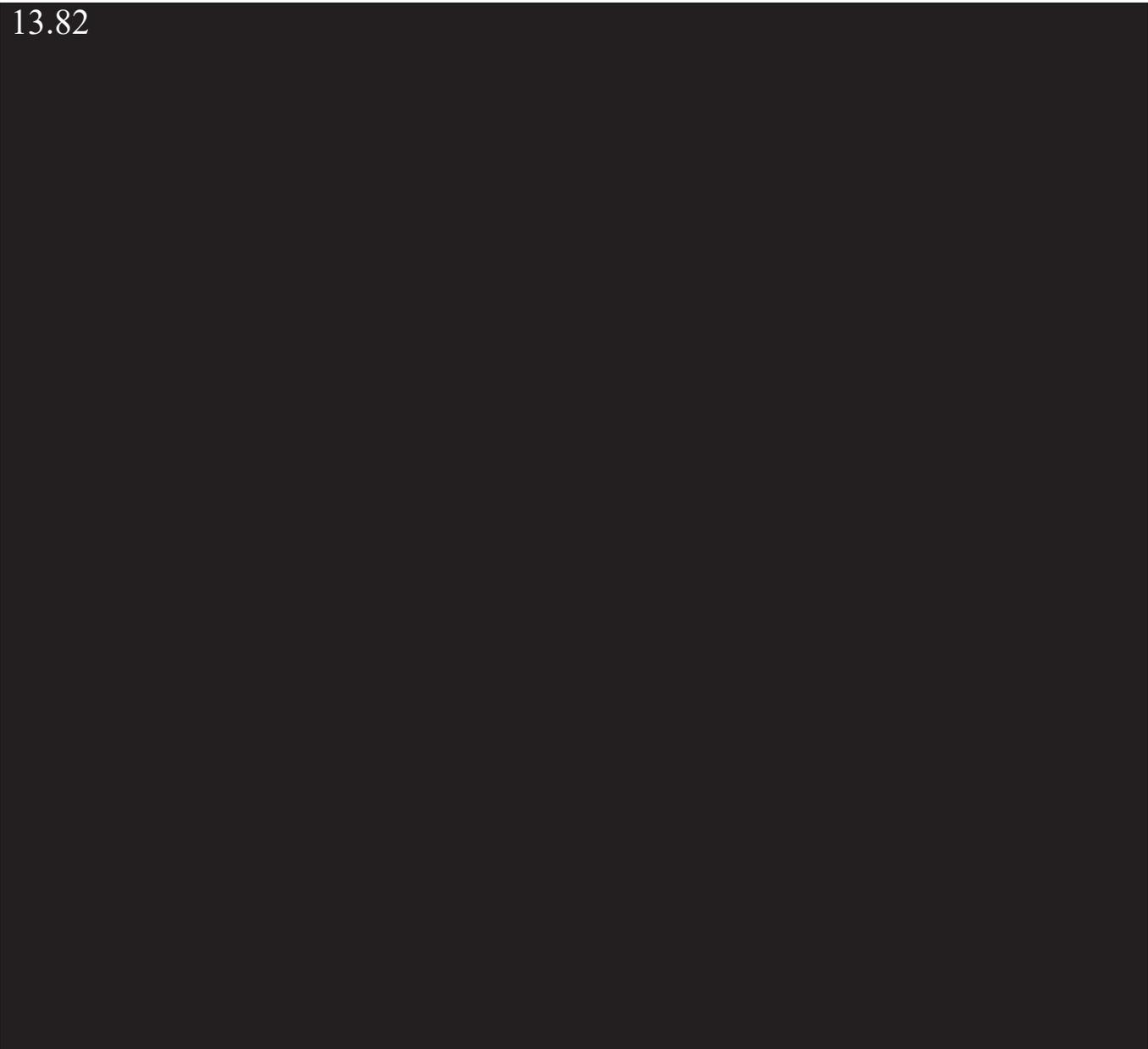
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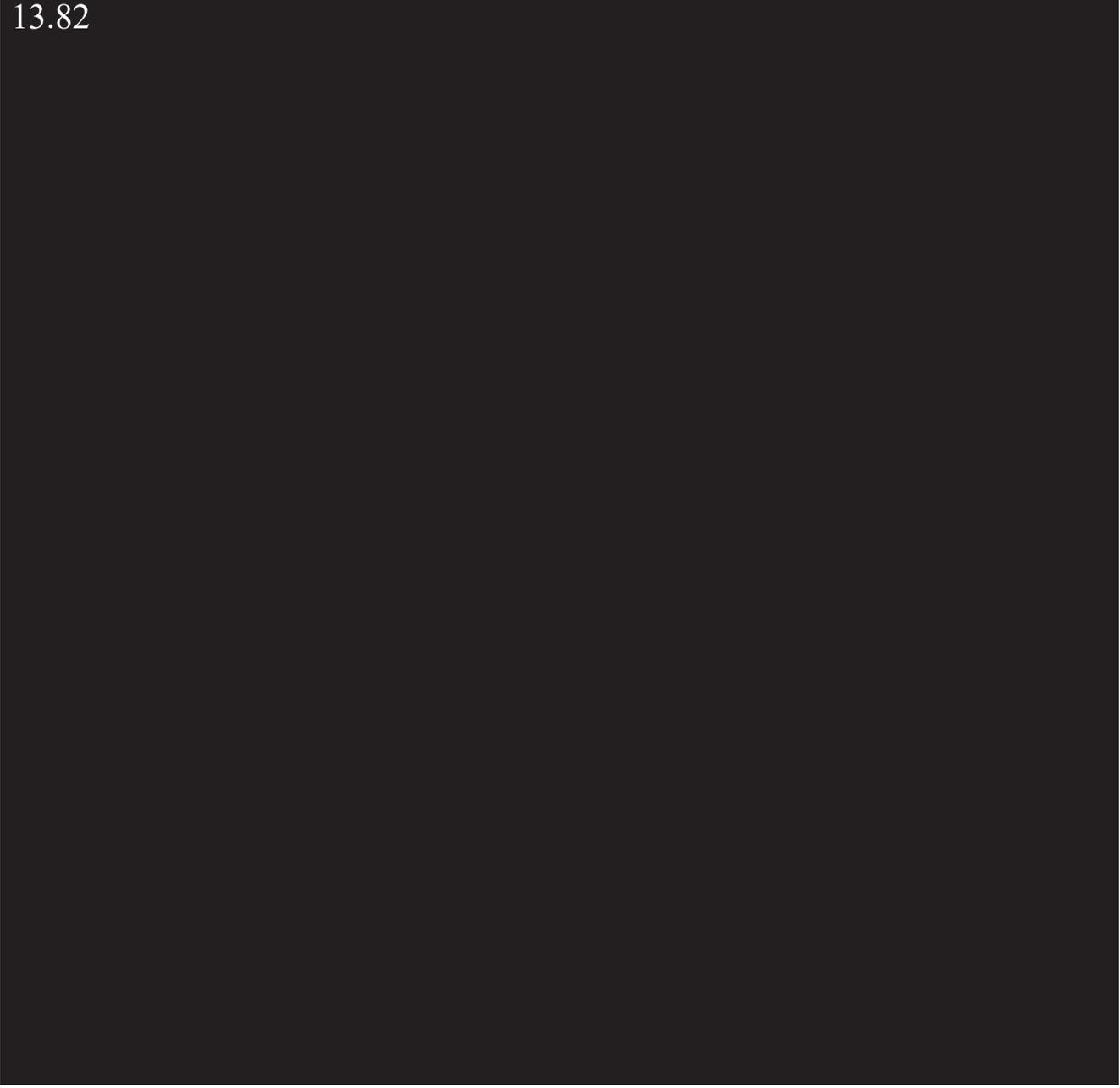
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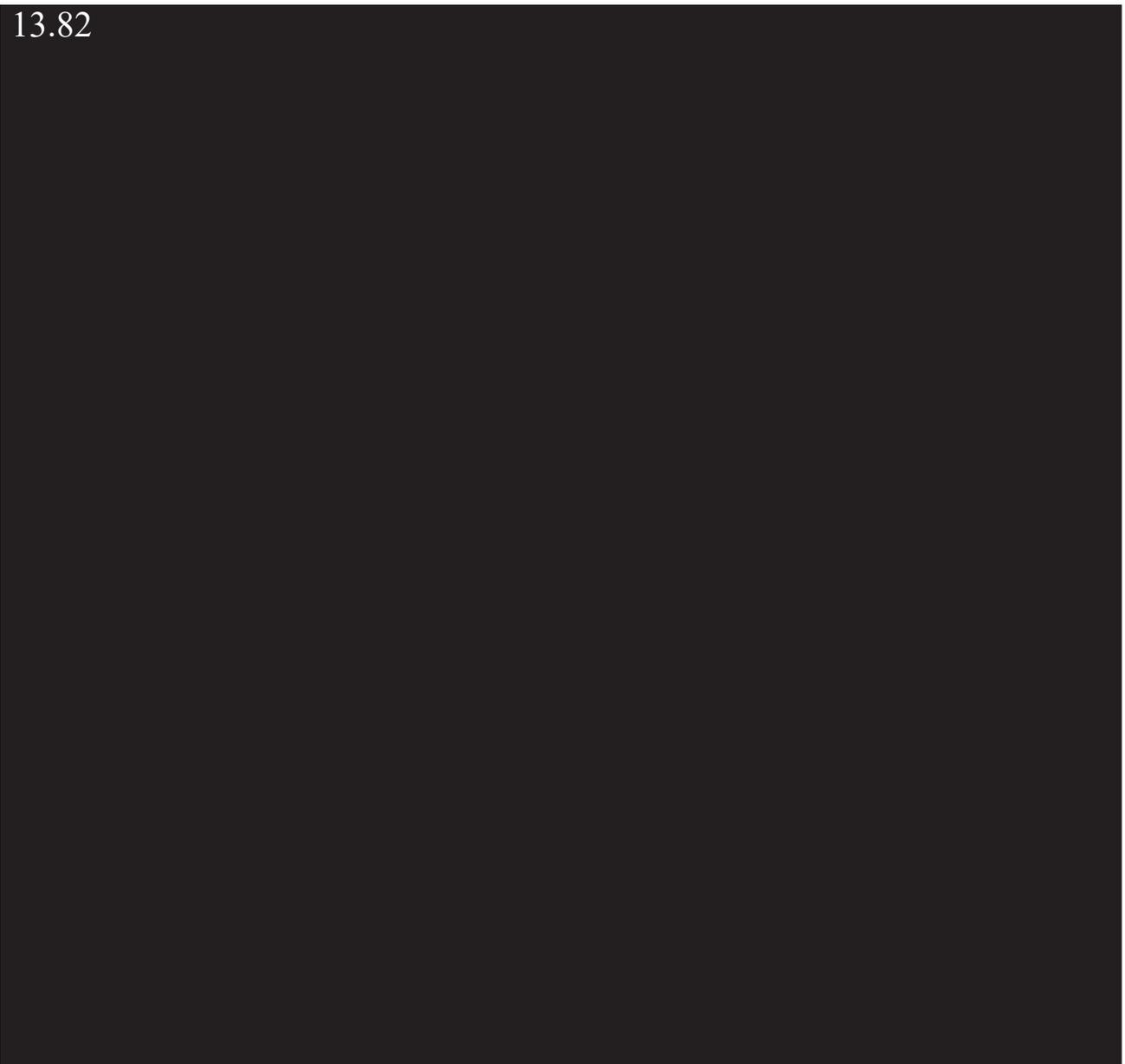
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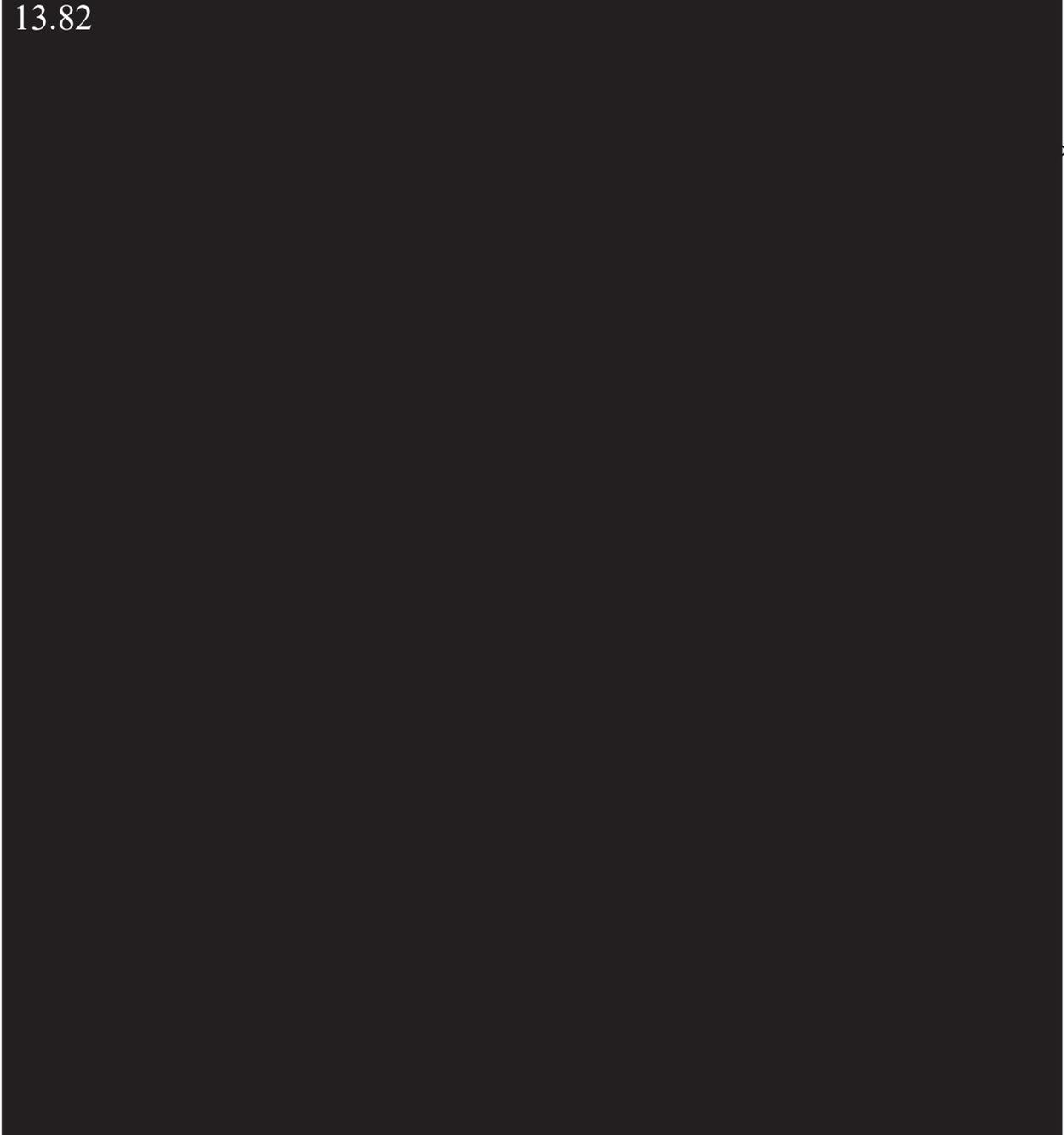
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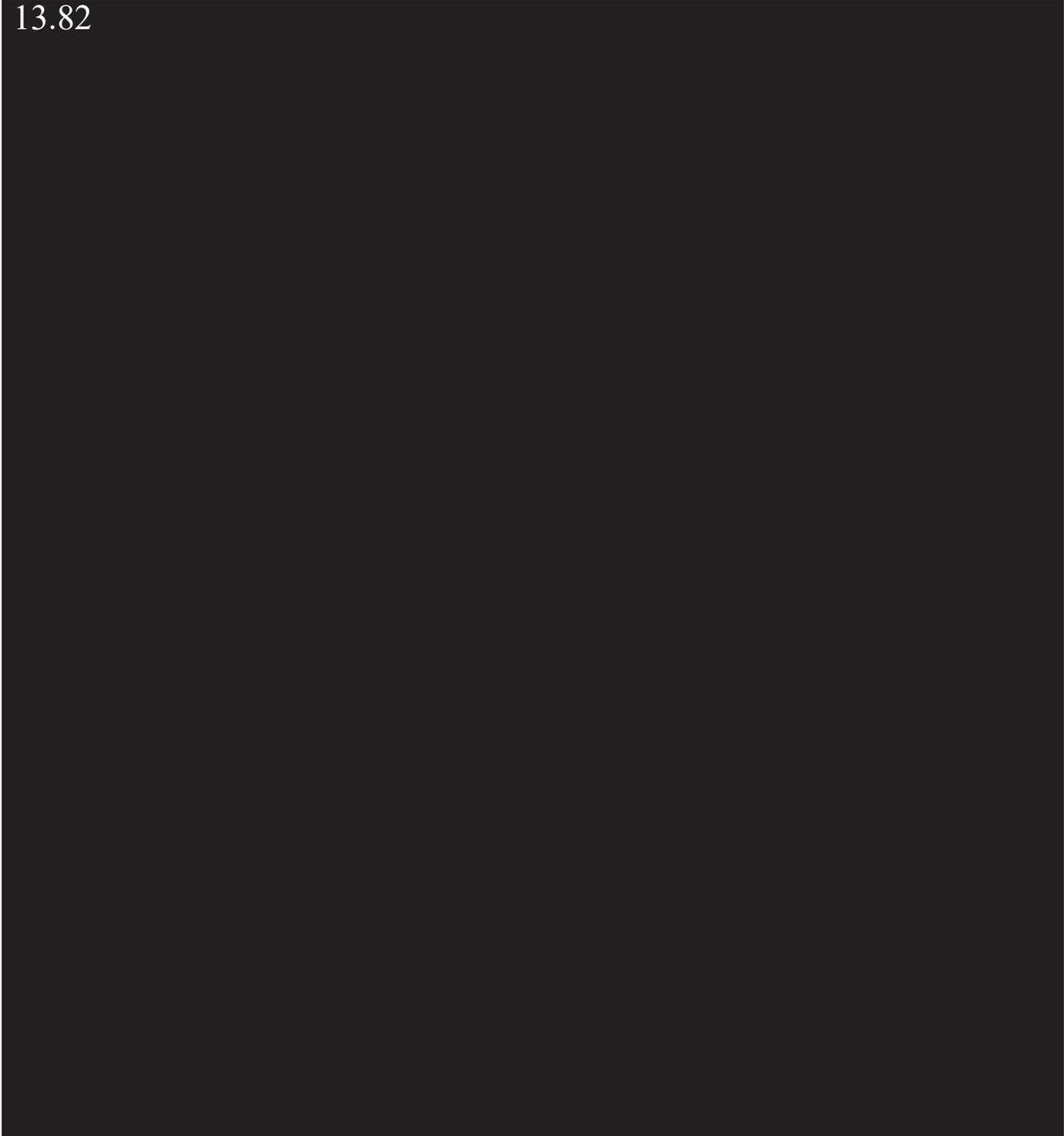
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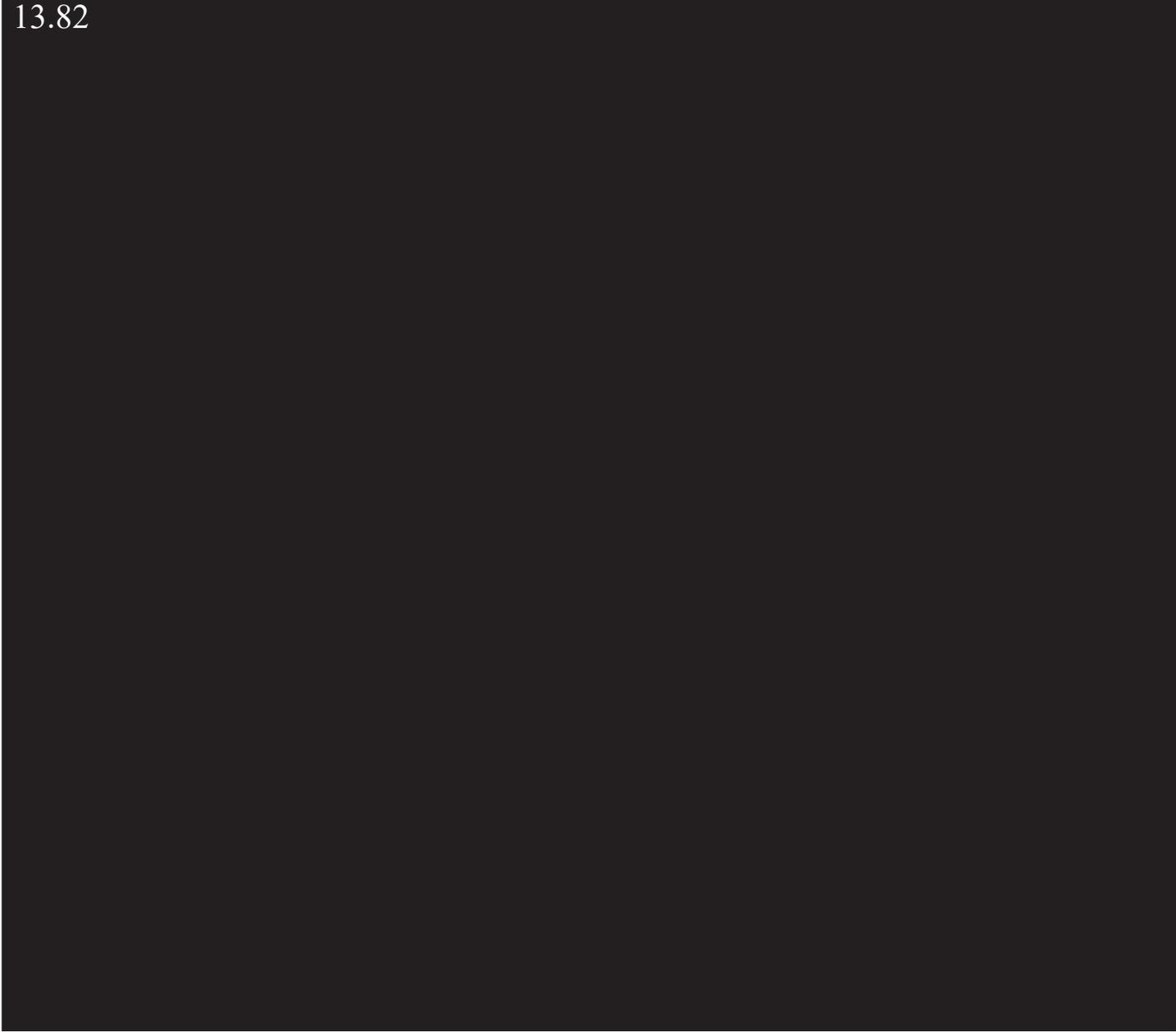
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From: Lavender, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:10 PM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Live Feeds

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From: Lavender, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:16 PM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: FW: Live Feeds

Disregard. This is a previously recorded video on a loop.

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From: Twitter
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 8:49 AM CST
To: 13.356
Subject: Suggestions based on deray mckesson



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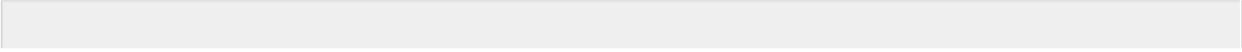
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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:36 PM CST
To: Sullivan, Michael
Subject: Live Feed for Unicorn Riot

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From: Sullivan, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:46 PM CST
To: Lavender, Amy
Subject: RE: Live Feed for Unicorn Riot

Thanks Amy!

Strength & Honor,
Inspector Michael Sullivan
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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:47 PM CST
To: Sullivan, Michael
Subject: RE: Live Feed for Unicorn Riot

You are very welcome!

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From: Sullivan, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 14:46
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Subject: RE: Live Feed for Unicorn Riot

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From: Louis King
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 9:02 PM CST
To: KARE 11
CC: Louis King
Subject: louis king sent you an article from startribune.com

The first amendment was adopted on December 15, 1791. Good thing we can now be our own press.

And, I have been assured that justice will be served.

Further, these thugs are no different than Isis or Al Queada. They, too, should be pursued to the ends of the earth. They are a threat to democracy and our precious union. The oath was to "defend the constitution against all enemies, both domestic and abroad." I think that these fellas, their friends, followers, sympathizers and allies fit the bill.

Social media offering picture of men who went to protest 'locked and loaded'

This article from StarTribune.com can also be viewed on our [full website](#)

Abby Simons, Star Tribune
November 25, 2015 - 11:24 AM



In the glow of a vehicle's interior light, [the YouTube video shows](#) two masked men as they cruise down Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis one night last week. The driver, who identifies himself as "SaigaMarine," doesn't hesitate to make his agenda clear.

"We are locked and loaded," he says, holding up a black 1911-style pistol. As he flashes the gun, he explains amid racial slurs that the men are headed to the Black Lives Matter protest outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct police headquarters. Their mission, he says, is "a little reverse cultural enriching."

"We're gonna see if we can have ourselves a little look-see," adds his passenger, who identifies himself as "Black Powder Ranger." SaigaMarine tells viewers to stay tuned. "Stay white," he says as he signs off.

On Tuesday, days after that video went public, three men were in custody in connection with Monday night's shooting of five protesters a block from the Fourth Precinct headquarters in an act that drew condemnation coast to coast.

Police arrested Allen Lawrence "Lance" Scarsella III, 23, of Lakeville, and a 32-year-old man from Minneapolis, who was later released from custody after police determined he wasn't at the shooting scene.

Later Tuesday, two more men — Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City — turned themselves in to police and were booked on probable cause assault in connection with the case.

Monday's shootings caused an uproar among protesters encamped at the Fourth Precinct headquarters since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot during a struggle with two Minneapolis police officers early Nov. 15. Many said they believe police did not move quickly enough to assist the wounded or apprehend the shooters, some of whom were believed to have visited the protest site more than once. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau, however, lauded police for working through the night to make the arrests.

Still, the shootings galvanized protesters, who said Tuesday that the shots rang out after they attempted to drive the men, who they described as "white supremacists," from the area.

Witnesses to the shootings said they confronted the men before they fired and forced them from the protest area. According to a video interview with two men immediately afterward, the group demanded that the assailants remove their masks. When they refused, a scuffle ensued. As the crowd began to push the men out, shots were fired.

While police didn't publicly connect Scarsella to the YouTube video from last week, social media offered a glimpse into his political leanings.

A Facebook page for him displays a "Bonnie Blue Flag," an unofficial banner of the Confederacy.

"This isn't the Somalian flag, (by the way)," he wrote beneath the post.

Meanwhile, the Facebook page of the Minneapolis man released from custody shows a profile photo that features him armed and donning full military gear. He describes his occupation simply as "Saving the Constitution."

The man, who bears a striking resemblance to the masked "SaigaMarine," also displays an affinity for firearms. On a cache of a now-deleted Instagram page, he describes himself as a former Marine infantryman and Iraq war veteran, as well as a firearms model and supporter of the Second Amendment.

He also appeared to be well-known on /k/, a popular weapons message board on the website 4chan where racist comments are sometimes posted. There, he was known as SaigaMarine, among other monikers, and news of his arrest reverberated among the anonymous users.

"What an idiot," one wrote. "Play stupid games, win stupid prizes. Never should've trolled that protest so hard."

'It's boiling'

Several days before Monday's shootings, the masked men from the YouTube video made an appearance at the Fourth Precinct protests under the guise of being in support of Clark, according to video captured by alternative media website Unicorn Riot.

"Things are getting heated," SaigaMarine told a Unicorn Riot reporter. "They always expect one of us to do something. They expect one of us to be in the wreckage of all this. It's boiling. It's going to be happening soon."

On his camouflage coat was a patch bearing the logo for /k/.

The second man in the YouTube video turned to the camera, while another masked man snickered.

"All these folks here should get the justice and peace that they deserve. And what we really need to do here is reach out to our communities, especially our melanin-enriched communities," the second man said.

Protesters soon grew suspicious and confronted the men, who said they were simply there to watch and film. The protesters, doubtful, let them move on.

On Tuesday, as the shooting victims recovered, a soundless video appeared online. The six-minute footage, believed to have been filmed by the shooting suspects, shows them approaching the encampment only to be confronted by a group of men and women, some of whom would later be shot.

After what appears to be a heated exchange, the camera shakes and cuts to black.

Staff writer David Chanen contributed to this report.

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Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 10:06 PM CST
To: Gross, Todd
CC: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: UNICORN RIOT

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From: Gross, Todd
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 10:14 PM CST
To: Mattsson, Timothy; Friestleben, Michael; Christiansen, Dean; Skoro, Robert
Subject: FW: UNICORN RIOT

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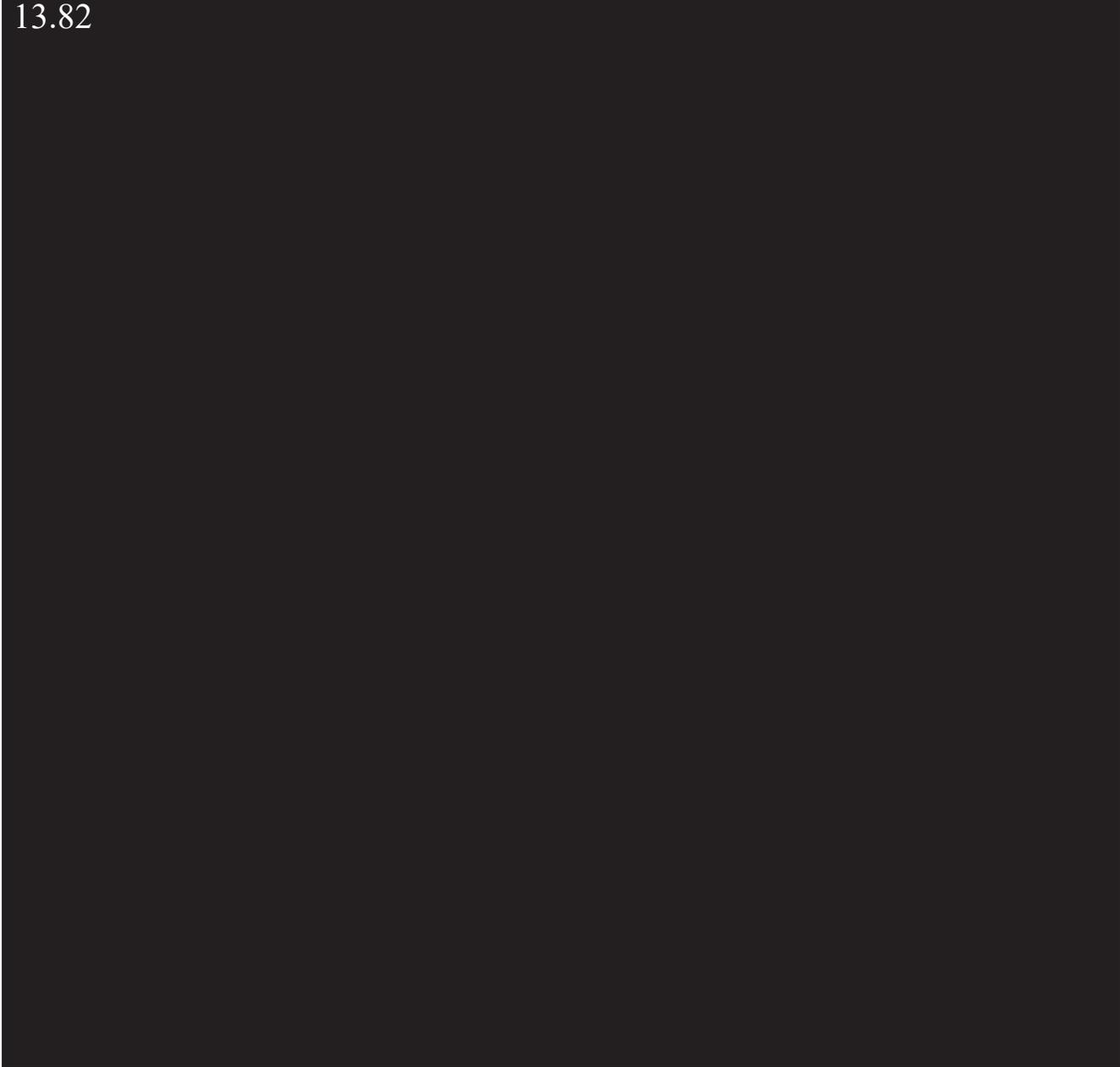
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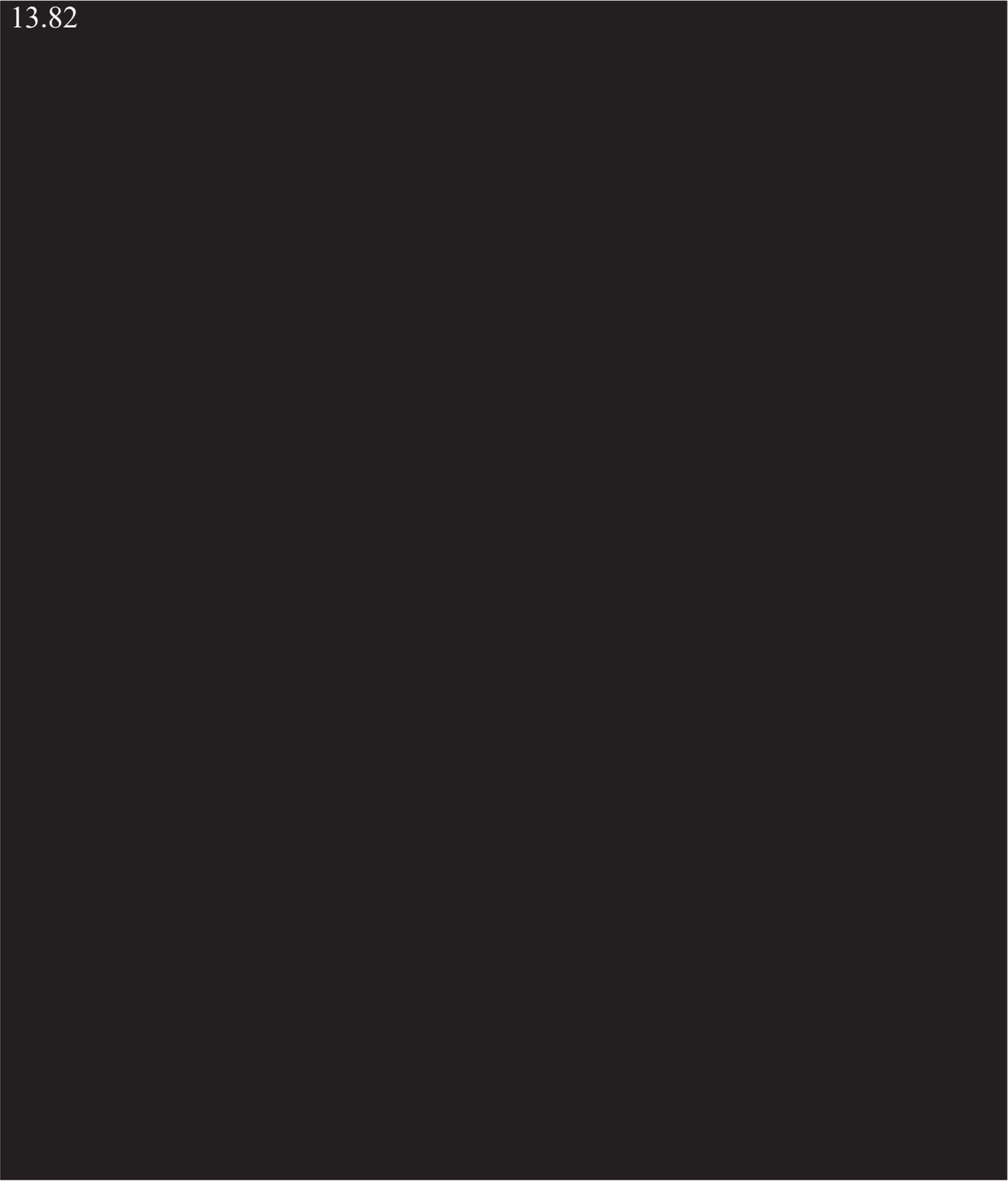
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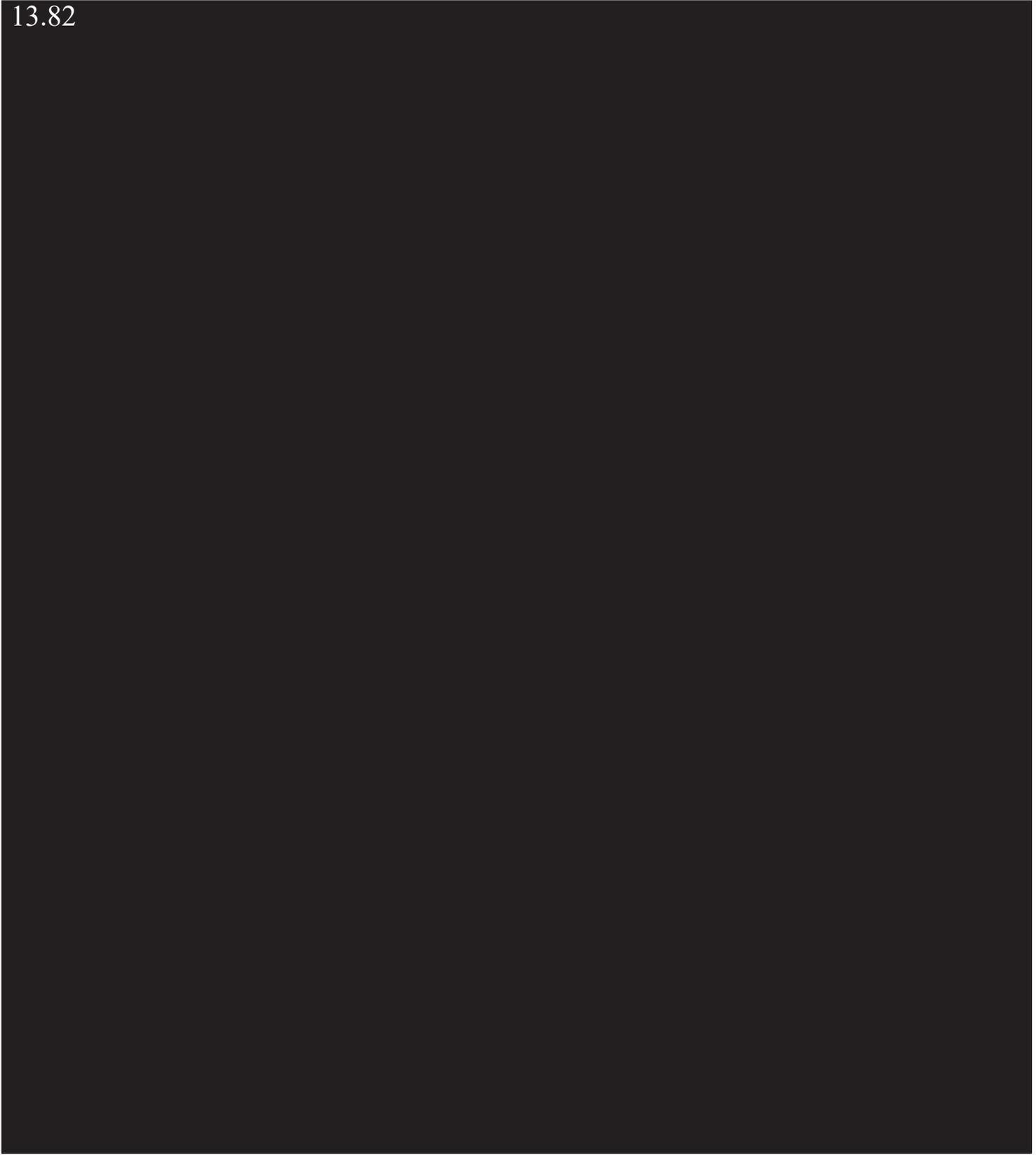
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Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2015 2:27 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Protest Update 11/28/2015 (1700) - 11/29/2015 (0300)

Unicorn Riot was back doing the live stream.

He interviewed a female in the street sitting by a fire and she said there is supposed to be a service out there Sunday 11/29 at 1100 hours.

At the end he was guessing when police are going to be evicting them.

Nothing else to report 😊

From: Popular in your network
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2015 3:01 PM CST
To: Angel GarciaLonetree
Subject: Mrs.Gary Oak tweeted: Walking past the ex that you're over like

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Unicorn Riot @UR_Ninja

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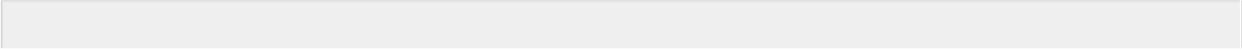
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<http://www.startribune.com/protests-erupt-after-black-man-shot-by-police-in-minneapolis/350404501/>
MINNEAPOLIS — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city. Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-officer-shoots-wounds-person-after-altercation/349782511/>
MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a

black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

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At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

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Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

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The father of a man shot by Minneapolis police Sunday said his son is brain dead and that he wants the officers responsible prosecuted.

In a news conference Monday morning, James Hill said his son, Jamar Clark, "was already dead" when he was taken to the hospital after the shooting.

"We're just waiting to pull the plug," Hill said, adding that he saw the gunshot wound above his son's left eye while standing at his bedside on Monday. Clark was put on life support after being shot by a Minneapolis police officer during a struggle shortly after midnight Sunday.

Protesters are still at the city's fourth police precinct, where they've been since Sunday afternoon. They said they plan to stay until the name of the officer who shot Clark is released and an independent federal investigation is assured.

"We're very well equipped to stay here until our demands are met," said Kandace Montgomery, a spokeswoman for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. They say witnesses saw Clark, who was suspected in an assault, handcuffed before he was shot.

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How many Minnesota police encounters turn fatal? Don't ask the state

A Pioneer Press database: The 90 people shot and killed by police in Minnesota since 2004

Three years ago, a St. Paul teen was shot multiple times and killed by Woodbury police during a tense standoff. A tragic case of mistaken identity, police confused Mark Henderson for the gunman who had actually taken Henderson hostage.

The three officers who shot Henderson were cleared of wrongdoing, the case was closed and the hostage-taker convicted.

But the highly publicized case -- investigated by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension -- does not exist in the bureau's database that tracks shots fired by law enforcement officials. According to that database, Woodbury officers didn't fire a single incident-related round all year long in 2012.

As national scrutiny of fatal police shootings grows, the BCA's discharge database has been picked over by media outlets hoping to draw conclusions about such shootings in Minnesota.

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Bureau officials note that they have no database specific to fatal police shootings, making their firearms discharge database -- which does categorize some incidents as "fatalities" -- the next-best thing.

There's one big problem: Like a national database kept by the FBI, the bureau's database has flaws that make drawing any conclusions from it problematic.

METHODOLOGY INADEQUATE

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings in the past decade, including Henderson's, that were not recorded in the database as "fatalities." In fact, no record exists in the database of any shots fired for at least three of those cases, including Henderson's.

That's in part because, like the FBI's database, the state relies on local law enforcement agencies to report the information themselves.

"To be included in the state crime book, agencies must submit data to the BCA by a certain date. Data received after that date do not appear in the annual report," said BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira. It's a methodology that top law enforcement officials, at the national level, have determined to be inadequate.

In March, the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that the federal government's two databases tracking fatal police shootings severely undercounted the actual number of deaths.

"It's ridiculous that I can't tell you how many people were shot by the police last week, last month, last year," FBI director James Comey lamented to a gathering of Georgetown students this year. "Without complete and accurate data, we are left with ideological thunderbolts."

Minnesota is hardly alone in the practice, but relying on self-reporting worries not only federal law enforcement officials but others who've taken it upon themselves to pick up the slack.

"In a democracy, citizens should be able to figure out how many people are killed by law enforcement, why they were killed, and whether training and policies can be modified to decrease the number of officer-involved deaths," said D. Brian Burghart, a journalist who has created one of the nation's most comprehensive private databases of police shootings.

FIREARMS USAGE

The closest Minnesota comes to tracking fatal police shootings is through a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension database titled "firearms discharges by agency," which tracks when officers use their firearms during an incident or arrest.

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings from the past decade that were not mentioned in the database, including two high-profile shootings that were investigated by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension itself.

In total, the database includes 74 people who were fatally shot by law enforcement officials in Minnesota from 2004 through the end of 2014.

The incidents not in the firearms discharge database include:

-- Mark Henderson Jr., who in 2012 was shot and killed by Woodbury police outside a room at the city's Red Roof Inn. Henderson, a hostage, was attempting to flee the room where he and others had been assaulted. Investigators later determined that Demetrius Ballinger, the man who had taken Henderson and others hostage, was firing his weapon from inside the room while Henderson was trying to flee, and police mistook Henderson for the gunman. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- Theodore Kowalzek, who in 2010 was killed by an Anoka County sheriff's sergeant during a standoff at Kowalzek's Ham Lake home. After exchanging gunfire with SWAT team members, Kowalzek bled to death from gunshot wounds. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- William Krawchuk, who in 2007 was shot and killed by a Minnesota State Patrol trooper during a traffic stop in rural Sherburne County. Investigators determined that Krawchuk grabbed the trooper's arm and sped off, dragging the trooper for a third of a mile, reaching speeds of at least 55 mph, before the trooper fired. Sherburne County investigated the case.

-- Dominic Felder, who in 2006 was shot and killed by Minneapolis police near his home in the city's Powderhorn neighborhood. Police said Felder resisted them and tried to grab an officer's gun, while witnesses disputed officers' version of events. Minneapolis police investigated the case, though the FBI monitored the investigation. The officers were not disciplined, but a federal jury later awarded \$2.2 million to Felder's family in a wrongful-death civil suit, which the city eventually agreed to pay -- the second-largest award paid by Minneapolis in a police conduct case.

Bureau officials say they do their best to reach out to local jurisdictions to report their own data -- including sending multiple reminders.

BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira said the agency sends reminders each month, and half-year and year-end notifications to those they haven't received any information from.

"If we become aware that the required information has not been provided by a local agency about a specific incident, it has been our practice to reach out to the local agency to let them know that the data has not been submitted," Oliveira said.

But it's the "becoming aware" part that's always been the problem, federal officials note -- especially regarding departments with historically less crime to report.

'SIGNIFICANT UNDERESTIMATE'

In March, Bureau of Justice Statistics released a report on its "arrest-related deaths program," a national census of those who died during arrest or died in custody.

The purpose of the program was clear: "to inform specific policies that may increase the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens, identify training needs in law enforcement agencies, and assist in developing prevention strategies," the report noted.

And when relying solely on other agencies to self-report deaths, the feds found a big problem: a "significant underestimate" of arrest-related deaths. They concluded that about 50 percent of "estimated law enforcement homicides" weren't reported from 2003 to 2009 and 2011, the years the program tracked

-- not including deaths relating to accidents, drug overdoses and natural causes.
(The Department of Justice and in turn the FBI defines such fatal shootings by law enforcement as "homicides.")

The program didn't track deaths of bystanders, hostages or law enforcement personnel -- or anyone other than those against whom original charges were intended.

The DOJ did note improvement over the years, however -- with federal officials researching deaths on their own through "open source" searches, such as media reports.

Even so, the report noted, between 31 percent and 41 percent of estimated "law enforcement homicides" weren't captured in 2011 -- the last year the report addressed.

A big problem lies in the fact that while federal officials could fact-check departments in which deaths had occurred, they couldn't keep tabs on the departments where no deaths had been reported at any point. Doing so would have required surveying approximately 18,000 state and local agencies to determine whether "no deaths" was accurate, instead of surveying the hundreds of agencies where some deaths had been reported.

Wisconsin didn't report to the program at all from 2008 to 2011, and was one of only four states not to do so in 2011, the last year the report tracked.

But the FBI's tracking of fatal police incidents over the same time period was slightly worse -- prompting director Comey to complain, in the wake of growing public pressure, about incomplete data from local law enforcement agencies.

Because the FBI's "supplementary homicide report," a component of its uniform crime reporting program, was -- like the BCA's -- voluntary, many agencies "either do not consistently send their data ... or do not send it at all," the Bureau of Justice Statistics report noted.

Additionally, the FBI section that distinguished law enforcement-related homicides from others only tallied those deaths that were ruled "justifiable."

In all, the Bureau of Justice Statistics noted, the FBI database captured an estimated 46 percent of the actual number of homicides by law enforcement officials. Combined with those from the "arrest-related deaths" database, federal officials still missed an estimated 28 percent of such homicides.

The bureau's recommendation was that states should use other methods, including contacting medical examiners or coroners and state and local prosecutors, expanding the role of their own reporters, or conducting searches of other informational outlets, such as the media or private databases.

PICKING UP THE SLACK

When it comes to nongovernment databases, Burghart, editor and publisher of the Reno News and Review, the Nevada city's alternative weekly, has one of the biggest -- one he's personally built over the past three years.

"It's the most depressing hobby you can ever imagine. I cannot imagine anything worse to spend my time on," Burghart said. "I've had a lot of volunteers and people who come in and want to do this stuff, research. Some people can make it a couple weeks. One guy, about a year."

So, why do it then?

When pressed, Burghart makes the same argument FBI director Comey did.

"People should be able to look at their own jurisdiction and compare policies and procedures to other jurisdictions, so they can emulate them and get better outcomes," Burghart said. "Ultimately, I want fewer people to be killed by cops, and fewer cops to be killed by people."

But really, the impetus for Burghart was more personal than that -- a perceived indifference to the data outraged him.

When driving home from work in 2012, he passed a chaotic crime scene -- the scene of an obvious fatality -- and wondered how often it occurred.

Curious, he went home, looked for a couple of hours on the Internet and couldn't find anything, so he gave up.

A few months later, another fatal police shooting made headlines. Again, Burghart tried to research information about frequency but only came up with the FBI database, which even he could see was lacking. Florida, for instance, showed no fatal police shootings at all for more than a decade.

He probably would have dropped it a second time, Burghart says, if he'd found a state with figures that weren't so blatantly false.

"I found that offensive, to be honest. I just can't imagine in this day and age, the government does not track that," he said, "because they track anything. Anything they consider important, they track. So logic suggests, if they don't track it, they don't think it matters."

Burghart has hit some bumps along the way. After receiving national attention from a story on the website Gawker, the online trolls emerged.

"They started destroying spreadsheets, entering lines of false data, it was just a mess," Burghart said. Eventually, he was able to fix the damage and make the input process more restricted.

There are problems, of course, with private databases.

The Minneapolis-based Communities United Against Police Brutality, for example, lists incidents in which people shot themselves when police were present, or cardiac arrests with few additional details, as "stolen

lives," or "people who have lost their lives through encounters with law enforcement agencies." Given the lack of conclusive information -- or because of records strongly suggesting suicide or death by natural causes -- the Pioneer Press did not add these names to its own tally of police-related shootings from 2004 through 2014.

To see that list, go to pioneerpr.es/policeshootings.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3963744.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in the city of Minneapolis escalated as police launched an external investigation after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was shot.

Minneapolis Deputy Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

Folkens said a "physical altercation" happened between paramedics and the man. An officer then fired his weapon and hit the suspect, who was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center and was in critical condition, police said.

Two officers involved are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Family members confirmed that the man shot was 24-year-old Jamar Clark and that he has died.

According to a statement released by Rep. Raymond Dehn (DFL-Minneapolis), who represents the area in which the incident occurred, Clark is currently on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police did not release the man's identity or condition.

Preliminary information shows the man was not handcuffed, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said at an afternoon news conference. Investigators are now saying it is too early to tell if the man was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

Witness Accounts

Community leaders and witnesses are disputing the initial claims by police. Community leaders said witnesses told them the man was handcuffed at one point.

Nekelia Sharp, a witness, said it started when the man got into an argument with his girlfriend.

"He didn't resist. He did not fight back. There was no struggle and he was in handcuffs when he [police] shot that young man," Sharp added that after police shot the man, they took him out of handcuffs.

Sharp said police shoved witnesses back into their apartments.

"We were literally forced back into our apartment units so we would not be able to talk about the incident that happened. It's not fair," she said.

Another witness, Joseph Gipson, said "police killed him with his hands behind his back."

A video posted on Facebook showed a police officer leaning over the man. Bystanders can also be heard taunting police.

Police didn't say where the man was hit.

Community Reaction

A march of solidarity with the victim began on the corner of James Avenue North and Plymouth Avenue North at 3 p.m.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many residents of North Minneapolis are upset.

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John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

"We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood," Martin said at a news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Hodges and Harteau held an open-to-the-public listening session about the shooting at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Minneapolis Urban League, located at 2100 Plymouth Avenue North.

External Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal is investigating the shooting.

"We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible and the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," Hodges said at a news conference.

If you have information or video, call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know what happened. We need to know the truth," Harteau said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/11/16/outrage-and-little-clarity-in-minneapolis-after-black-man-is-shot-by-police/>

A young black man was shot by a police officer in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

On that much, police and the protesters who marched through the streets of Minneapolis Sunday agree. But on other, crucial points — Was the man handcuffed when he was shot? Is he even still alive? — there is little consensus or clarity.

Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the scene of an assault around 12:45 a.m. Sunday. En route, they learned that a man was interfering with paramedics' efforts to treat his alleged victim. When officers arrived, they got into a "physical altercation" with the man, who was not in handcuffs. One officer fired his weapon at some point during the struggle; the man, whom they have not named, was hit and taken to a local hospital.

Protesters marched down Plymouth Avenue North to the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Neighbors and community members gathered at the scene where a man was shot and wounded by a Minneapolis Police officer early Nov. 15. (Mark Vanleave/Star Tribune via AP)

Multiple people who saw the shooting say that the man was not resisting police and was in handcuffs when he was shot in the head. Speaking to local TV station KTSP, family members identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. State representative Raymond Dehn (D), who represents the district where Clark was shot, tweeted that the young man was on life support. His family said he is brain dead.

"Jamar Clark was murdered, execution style," read a statement from the Minneapolis-St Paul Chapter of the NAACP that was posted to the organization's Facebook page Sunday.

Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) will now conduct an independent investigation of the shooting that activists have described as Minneapolis's Ferguson moment. The August 2014 police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., sparked demonstrations nationwide.

On Sunday, the group Black Lives Matter, which gained momentum in the wake of the Ferguson shooting, organized a protest through the streets of Minneapolis, ending at the front door of a police precinct near the site of the shooting. Pounding drums and shouting "Prosecute the police," they demanded to be let inside.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," Minneapolis NAACP member Jason Sole told Minnesota Public Radio on Sunday. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately."

The two police officers involved have been placed on paid administrative leave for the duration of the BCA investigation, police chief Janeé Harteau said at a news conference Sunday. That is a standard protocol. Harteau also urged people with knowledge of the case to speak to the BCA.

"We need to know exactly what happened," she said. "We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

At the same news conference, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene of the shooting, but "preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs." Evans would not provide details about the man's condition, but said that he was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

In the neighborhood where the shooting occurred, many mistrust authorities' account.

Nekila Sharp, a witness to the shooting, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that an ambulance was called when the man and his girlfriend got into an argument. The man tried to talk to his girlfriend as paramedics took her away, and then police arrived and confronted him.

"That young man never struggled, he never resisted, he never got out of line with them," Sharp said.

"When they cuffed him, they cuffed him hand in hand and they slapped that man down. ... When he looked up, the only thing he could say was 'F you. F you.' And there was the bullet."

A large crowd had gathered at the corner of Plymouth and James avenues as emergency responders and police swarmed to the scene. In a video taken just after the man was shot, upset onlookers can be heard shouting and cursing at officers. "That's our [expletive] brother on the [expletive] ground," a male voice yells. "Ya'll just killed that man," a woman wails.

Witnesses also told the Star Tribune that officers pushed the crowd away from the site of the shooting. They said several people were pepper sprayed.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Steven Belton, interim president and chief executive of the Minneapolis Urban League, told the Associated Press.

Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a community listening session at the Urban League Sunday. But the gathering fell apart as participants were drowned out by shouts of "Justice for who? Jamar!" according to the Star-Tribune.

The protesters led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis refused to attend the meeting, the newspaper reported. They were convinced that the BCA would not be impartial in its investigation. The group is demanding that police release security camera footage allegedly taken from a nearby building and has called for an independent federal investigation of the incident.

Several protesters remained staked outside a door to the nearby police station late Sunday night. They said

they'll take shifts at the entryway until the two officers involved are fired or indicted.

"We're here because police officers have gotten away with murder for so long and we're tired of it," Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, told the Star Tribune.

Earlier in the day, people lingered on the street where the shooting had occurred, taping posters and balloons to a lamppost. Standing among a crowd of her neighbors, Tequila Dillon told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that her 10-year-old son witnessed the shooting.

"My baby came in the bathroom, where I was taking a shower," she said, her tone brittle as she recalled the events of the previous night. "He said, 'Mom, they're killing us.'"

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/16/protests-erupt-after-mpls-shooting>

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said Monday she's asked the United States Justice Department for a federal civil rights investigation into Sunday's police shooting in north Minneapolis.

Hodges said that while she had "great confidence" in Minneapolis police investigators and in the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a Justice Department investigation would promote transparency and community trust. Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement he also supports the request.

Police Chief Janee Harteau said she backed the move but added, "This is not a predetermination of anyone's actions ... Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

The Justice Department request came hours after angry protesters rallied outside a police station in north Minneapolis demanding federal authorities examine what happened on Sunday. They also called for the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting happened.

Community members contend Clark was unarmed and on the ground when he was shot.

Earlier in the day, family members identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark, 24, and said they believe he may not survive.

Speaking to reporters Monday morning outside the precinct station, Jamar Clark's father, James Hill, said the shooting had left his son "brain dead." Hill said he was waiting for family members to arrive from out of town before discontinuing life support.

He said Clark wasn't a bad kid. "I love my son. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, the police superintendent don't care," he said. "I really just want to see some justice, or something, done."

On Sunday, protesters made their way from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station a few blocks away on Plymouth Avenue. Hundreds of people joined the rally and march. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Police said Clark had come out to an ambulance just before 1 a.m. Sunday as a woman was being treated outside a late-night birthday party. Witnesses said Clark was shot by a Minneapolis officer called to help. People at the scene said the incident started as a series of assaults at the birthday party, including one involving Clark and his girlfriend.

Neighbor Kiesha Steele said she was on her porch when she saw a man approach an ambulance where paramedics were apparently attending to one of the partygoers. She said police pulled up and approached him.

"When the Minneapolis police got out of the car, they each took an arm, they arrested him, put him on the ground, the EMS commander put his knee on the man's chest, which is Jamar, and as soon as he put his knee on his chest, all you hear is the gunshot," she said. "... As soon as he got shot, the police took him, threw him in the ambulance. They released one arm — the right arm still had the handcuff on him."

The party where the trouble started was for Nekelia Sharp. She said she was in her yard and saw the officer fire.

"He took his gun and he shot this man in cold blood," she said. "I'm sorry that this happened to the family, but I feel like we need justice. Because it's not right. This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle and no questions were asked."

A handful of Black Lives Matter demonstrators camped out at the entrance of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct entrance overnight Sunday. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Witnesses differed with the official account in several aspects.

Police said the man shot by an officer was initially reported to be interfering with paramedics at the scene. Harteau said the medics called for help.

"When officers arrived there was a confrontation and struggle," she said.

She said one of the officers fired during the struggle. Two officers have been placed on administrative leave.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the official investigation into the shooting. It's expected to take several months.

"There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the subject was not in handcuffs at the time of this, but that is part of the active investigation," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said.

Both called for any witnesses with more information to contact the BCA.

The details of the incident had demonstrators comparing it to the death of 17-year-old Tycel Nelson, a police-involved shooting that prompted outrage in north Minneapolis in 1990. Others compared it to the shooting death of Oscar Grant at the hands of a transit police officer in Oakland in 2009.

Critics demanded, and got an independent investigation of the latest incident in Minneapolis, a shift in the

recent debate over whether the city's police should investigate its own officers.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered. "Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable," she said. "So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation."

Protesters are camped out at the front door of the Police Department's 4th Precinct and have vowed to stay until they're arrested. They've also started an online campaign to raise money for a defense fund if they're taken into custody.

John Martin, a community activist, urged the community Monday "to keep calm, hold your peace, because help is on the way and we're going to get exactly what we want, which is answers and accountability." He vowed precinct protests would continue "until we find out what happened," adding "we don't need more listening sessions," an apparent reference to the initial, heated community meeting with Hodges and Harteau.

"The mayor, the police chief and the media don't know what happened," Martin said. "But we're going to find out what happened."

A Justice Department spokesman said the department received Hodges' investigation request this afternoon and that it was under review.

Harteau late Monday declined substantial comment on the case other than to say the officers involved in the incident were not wearing body cameras and that Clark's condition had not changed.

Protesters have also demanded the names of those officers involved in the shooting incident but authorities said they were not prepared to release the names yet.

Two officers connected to the incident are expected to meet soon with state investigators, said Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman. The names won't be released until those meetings are complete, she said.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/protesters-outside-4th-precinct/75852146/>
(didn't grab short nat pkg)

MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor and police chief of Minneapolis have held a community meeting to address concerns about a police shooting that has prompted protests.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janeé Harteau convened a listening session Sunday evening. Authorities said earlier that the man who was shot was a suspect in an assault and kept paramedics from treating his victim. They said officers tried to intervene and a fight started, with an officer firing his weapon.

The shooting prompted protests after some witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

Approximately 100 protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct chanting and blocking any cars from coming into or out of the lot. The Black Lives Matter group set up in the front entry preparing to stay overnight.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3964210.shtml>
(with video)

Hundreds of protesters from the NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Community United Against Police Brutality gathered at the site where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was reportedly shot during an incident Sunday morning.

The incident happened just before 1 a.m. at the corner of Plymouth Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. Police were initially called to that area for a report of an assault.

Those protesting the incident began marching at 3 p.m. Sunday and continued into the night.

"We deserve truth, we deserve justice," Minister Charles Kane chanted.

"If police can't protect us we don't need police in our community," Michael McDowell, with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said.

Demonstrators lined up, forming a perimeter around the block, calling it a "no-cop zone." Jason Sole, an activist, said, "We're one bullet away from Ferguson; that bullet was fired."

There was chanting and marching from the scene of the shooting up the block to the 4th Precinct, which houses officers who patrol the city's north side. Some staged a sit-in, while others kept going to the Urban League where Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau held a listening session with citizens.

"Share what you want to share," Chief Harteau said.

What they heard instead was a yelling match.

As the investigation intensifies and expands, those closest to Clark chose to speak about the person they knew Clark to be.

"He was a good kid, he didn't do anything to deserve this; we all make mistakes," Chris Hill, Clark's cousin, said.

Clark's family admits to mistakes he had made. We checked and Clark has been arrested for robbery, terroristic threats, drugs and domestic assault.

"He was trying to get his life back together," Mario Reid, Clark's brother, said.

Another protest is set for Monday afternoon at the 4th Precinct.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/black-man-shot-by-police-ignites-protests-in-minneapolis/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The shooting happened after police said they were called to north Minneapolis at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. When they arrived, the man had returned and was interfering with paramedics who were assisting the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle.

At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

Protesters organized by the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis marched through the streets Sunday afternoon. Some beat drums and others carried banners. The group went to a police precinct, where they banged on the door and demanded to be allowed inside.

Raeisha Williams with the Minneapolis NAACP told the AP protesters plan to stay at the precinct until the names of the officers involved are released.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with the community Sunday evening.

Steven Belton, interim president and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League, was in attendance.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Belton said.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

The chief said she has asked the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/community-wants-answers-after-officer-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — People in north Minneapolis are demanding answers after a man was shot by police overnight.

Police say around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, they had a report of a man assaulting a woman in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue. On the way, another call came in that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

When officers arrived, police say there was a struggle, and an officer fired. Family members identify the man wounded as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

"He said mom, they just shot that man out there," Tequila Dillon said.

Dillon said her 10-year-old son was among those who saw an officer shoot Jamar Clark. A friend of Clark's said he was involved in an altercation with his girlfriend. Witnesses said when an ambulance

arrived to help her, Clark was standing near it. A struggle then ensued between Clark and officers, and that's when witnesses say he was shot.

"My baby is 10-years-old. There is no way my son should have witnessed that. He shouldn't have to come and tell me piece by piece what happened," Dillon said.

Several witnesses on hand said that Clark's wrists were actually handcuffed behind his back when the shot was fired.

"That man was shot in cold blood while he had his hands behind his back. That's not right," Kiesha Steele said.

But police and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who is now investigating the incident, said Clark was not handcuffed.

"There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs at the time of this. But this is part of the investigation," Drew Evans, superintendent of the BCA, said.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said both officers involved are on paid administrative leave while the investigation takes place. And she's urging witnesses and anyone with video to come forward.

"We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that," Harteau said.

"What everyone around said, he was lying on the ground when they shot him in the face," James Clark said.

Clark said he and his wife adopted Jamar when he was 4 years old. He said his wife called him at work this morning to tell him Jamar had been shot.

"He never was someone who would hurt anyone deliberately, you know," Clark said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/naacp-demands-justice-in-north-minneapolis-police-shooting/MINNEAPOLIS> (WCCO) – The Minneapolis NAACP is calling for justice following an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning on the city's north side.

The group says police shot Jamar Clark "execution-style" at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

They said Clark was killed, although officials say he is being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center. In a press release, the NAACP says several witnesses watched the shooting unfold. According to witness accounts, officers responding to a domestic situation placed Clark in handcuffs and then slammed him on the ground.

"The young man was just laying there; he was not resisting arrest," said Teto Wilson, a north side resident quoted in the NAACP statement. "Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar's body, and I heard the shot go off."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, the president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said the group is demanding the officers involved in the shooting be fired and prosecuted. They also want grief counselors for the witnesses and a public apology from city leaders.

Earlier in the afternoon, Chief Janeé Harteau of the Minneapolis Police Department announced that the BCA will head an independent investigation into the shooting.

She said two officers are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. They have not been named.

Harteau also added that a preliminary investigation showed that Clark, whom officials have yet to identify, was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," said the police chief, speaking on the independent investigation. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

The NAACP says it'll be part a rally and march for justice. The rally is slated to start at 3 p.m. at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963996.shtml>

(video of entire press conference, did not capture)

Minneapolis NAACP held a news conference Sunday after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was reportedly shot in an incident with police officers.

Minneapolis police have launched an external investigation into the incident.

John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

"We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood," Martin said at the news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Witnesses, community leaders and NAACP representatives also spoke during the news conference.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963864.shtml>

(Folkens presser raw, dd not capture)

The department said in a news release that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/15/minneapolis-police-shoot-suspect?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Minneapolis officials asked the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate a police-involved shooting in the city. Police shot a man early Sunday morning.

Police say two officers have been placed on routine administrative leave in the wake of the shooting.

Police said the man was shot during a scuffle on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North when officers reportedly tried to stop him from interfering with a paramedic crew.

A statement issued by the department said that police tried to intervene and a fight started. Police said that at some point during the struggle an officer fired at least once, hitting the man.

Witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not.

Nekelia Sharp lives in north Minneapolis where a man was shot by police early Sunday. She said she saw police place the man in handcuffs. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Nekelia Sharp, who lives in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, said she saw police place the man in handcuffs.

"One officer snatched one arm; the other grabbed the other arm. They instantly put him in cuffs and slammed him to the ground," she said. "This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle," she said.

Witnesses also said the man died at the scene. Police said the man was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police have not released the man's name nor his medical condition.

James Clark, who attended a march to protest the shooting on Sunday, identified the victim as his adopted son, Jamar Clark, 23.

The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized the march. Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau planned a community listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League on Plymouth Avenue North.

Hodges said the city is taking the unusual step of asking for a state investigation.

Drew Evans (left), superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Apprehension, said the BCA agreed to investigate a police-involved shooting in Minneapolis. Tim Nelson | MPR News

"A serious incident happened last night. There will be an independent and thorough investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible. And the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

Critics say they think the shooting has dangerously strained police and community relations.

Jason Sole, with the Minneapolis NAACP, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson. That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately. We've been out here with the community.

There are young people who witnessed this action. We want this cop fired. We want everything to fall down on the Minneapolis police department," he said.

Officials from the Minneapolis NAACP are asking the FBI to investigate the incident.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49410017-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - A Minneapolis police officer shot an assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate the suspect was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says neighbors are disputing that information.

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know the truth," she added.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jacob Wetterling The Morning Show Recipes Entertainment Gas Gauge Belle Plaine Minnesota Timberwolves Mayor Betsy Hodges and BCA Superintendent Drew Evans were also at the news conference.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance

arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His condition has not been released.

Minneapolis police are investigating and speaking with witnesses. The two officers involved the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released. They added this incident was not related to any previous incidents reported in the Fourth Precinct earlier in the evening.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis response

The NAACP identified the man as Jamar Clark. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which has been abuzz all day after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot, conflicting with the police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed.

"Earlier today Sunday Nov. 15th, Jamar Clark, was shot by Minneapolis Police Dept. while unarmed at the intersection of James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. Overwhelmingly, neighbors are recounting that Jamar was handcuffed while shot and that the police threatened residents to leave the scene immediately after the incident. It is unknown if the victim is alive. This will not stand. Stay tuned here for updates on next steps," Black Lives Matter Minneapolis posted on their "Justice 4 Jamar" Facebook event.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also shared attorney and Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds' Facebook post, calling on the community to contact Minneapolis Mayor Hodges "to ensure that a process of justice is carried out." She said Clark is in his 20s.

"Family, early Sunday morning, neighbors near James & Plymouth in North Minneapolis are reporting that MPD has shot an unarmed black man. Many accounts are saying that he was handcuffed when shot in the head. Police refuse to release any information, including whether or not he is alive or being treated at HCMC. Please call on Mayor Betsy Hodges @ (612) 673-2100 to get on this shooting now and ensure that a process of justice is carried out for this man. Follow #JamesandPlymouth"

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/mps-officer-shoots-wounds-suspect-following-struggle/>

An independent investigation is underway after a Minneapolis police officer shot a man early Sunday morning on the city's north side.

The Minneapolis Police Department said the shooting happened during a struggle around 1 a.m. on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Officers had responded to a help call in the area after paramedics on the scene said an assault suspect wasn't allowing them to treat a victim.

Police say a struggle with the suspect ensued and he was shot.

Officials have yet to release the suspect's name, but family identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

They say Clark is on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

At a press conference Sunday afternoon, Chief Janee Harteau said she's asked for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation into the shooting.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Mayor Betsy Hodges was also at the press conference. She added that although the timeline of the investigation is currently unknown, it will be as "expeditious as possible."

"The investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

According to police, a preliminary investigation showed that the suspect was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

However, community members in north Minneapolis were quick to dispute that. They say that Clark was in handcuffs when an officer shot him.

Community member Tequila Dillon said her 10-year-old son saw the whole scene unfold.

"He don't want to sleep, he don't want to go to sleep whatsoever," Dillon said. "It is going to be a tough day, and [police] need to do something about it."

The police department says two officers are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. The officers have yet to be identified.

Following the shooting, the hashtag #JamesandPlymouth started trending on Twitter. Users expressed concern over police violence and called for Hodges and Harteau to explain what happened.

The group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also held a press conference on Sunday, demanding justice for Clark. The activists plan to march in the afternoon from the scene of the shooting to downtown Minneapolis.

Drew Evans, the superintendent of the BCA, said the agency is seeking to speak with witnesses. He said those who saw the shooting, especially people with video, should call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

When asked at the press conference if the suspect was handcuffed, Evans said handcuffs were at the scene, but it's too soon to tell what exactly happened.

"Our agents will examine all the facts in the case," he said, "and determine exactly how the subject was at the time of the shooting."

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/15/suspect-shot-during-struggle-with-minneapolis-police/>
(tweets, links to other stories, etc)

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/man-shot-during-struggle-with-police/75821724/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating an officer-involved shooting.

A man was shot during a physical altercation with police early Sunday morning, according to authorities. Just before 1 a.m., Minneapolis Police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North on a report of an assault. Police say that while en route, officers were informed that the suspect in the assault had returned to the area and was confronting paramedics on the scene.

According to authorities, officers arrived and a physical altercation took place with Jamar Clark.

Authorities say Clark was not in handcuffs. During the struggle, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the suspect, according to Minneapolis Police.

But several witnesses say Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting.

"Every witness account I heard said he was handcuffed. Every witness account. Put a knee on him and shot in the head. That's the account I've heard from young people, older people, etc," said Jason Sole, criminal justice chair for the Minneapolis NAACP.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they are demanding involvement by federal investigators, as well "grief counselors in the form of African-American psychologists to be supplied to people in north Minneapolis who witnessed the event."

Sole said kids as young as six-years-old witnessed the shooting.

Clark was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center. His condition has not been confirmed at this time. However, witnesses told KARE 11 he was "lifeless" at the scene.

Two Minneapolis police officers are currently on paid administrative leave while the investigation is ongoing, according to authorities.

Speaking at a press conference Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges said there will be an independent investigation into the incident by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

BCA to investigate officer-involved shooting in Mpls. KARE

Police Chief Harteau said the department has spoken with the family of the man who was shot and has reached out to many community leaders.

"I want to acknowledge that this is a very difficult situation for everyone involved: For members of our community, members of the Minneapolis Police Department and their families, and for the people that are standing here beside me," Harteau said.

Clark's condition is unclear. Sunday night, Harteau and Hodges said they last heard he was being treated at HCMC. However, the NAACP and multiple family members claim Clark was killed.

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that," Harteau said.

Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized a protest march Sunday afternoon. They started at James and Plymouth Avenues where the shooting occurred and marched to the Fourth Police Precinct.

Another protest will take place at the Fourth Police Precinct at 4 p.m. Monday.

Monday, November 16

<http://www.startribune.com/black-lives-matter-wants-video-of-man-s-shooting-by-minneapolis-police-released/350570871/>

(with video)

Minneapolis officials have requested a federal investigation into Sunday's officer-involved shooting that critically injured a man on the city's North Side and reignited the debate about race and police use of force. Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau said Monday that a federal investigation would be completed alongside a separate investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

The move followed a day of protests at the Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters and on the 1600 block of Plymouth Av. N., where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday.

By 6:45 p.m. Monday, about 100 protesters had moved across Interstate 94 south of Broadway, where they linked arms and blocked traffic lanes for more than two hours before State Patrol officers moved in and arrested 43 adults and eight juveniles, said Lt. Tiffani Schweigart of the State Patrol. Officers and troopers led the cuffed protesters one by one to waiting Metro Transit buses.

Those arrested likely will be cited for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway, which are misdemeanors, she said.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds could be seen kneeling on the road, hands up and willing to be the first to be arrested.

BLM activists want more answers in police shooting of suspect in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division were called into the investigation less than two days after Clark was shot by officers responding to a disturbance call across the street from the Elks Lodge, a popular neighborhood hangout less than two blocks from the precinct station.

The decision to invite a federal probe differed from other high-profile officer-involved shootings across the country that festered, sometimes for weeks, before outside agencies were called in.

In a letter to Justice Department officials, Hodges wrote that she and Harteau have “utmost faith” in the state investigation but that they believe a federal probe will assist “the interests of transparency and community confidence.”

Protesters with Black Lives Matter had cited a federal investigation as one item on a broader list of demands. The group also has called for the city to release any video footage it may have of the shooting and to immediately fire the officers involved in the incident.

Protesters seek answers

A crowd of about 200 people who gathered outside the Fourth Precinct late Monday afternoon applauded when organizers announced the federal investigation. City officials have cautioned that it may take time, an organizer told the crowd through a bullhorn, adding, “But we can’t let them bury it. ... We want to see the footage. We need justice for Jamar’s family. We need justice for this community.”

Organizers, asking protesters not to talk to members of the mainstream media, led chants and riled up a shivering crowd: “Black Lives Matter.” “If we don’t get it, shut it down.” “Show me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like.”

But before the bullhorns came out, a peaceful crowd grew and spilled out onto Plymouth Avenue N., which was blocked off by organizers.

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“We just want some answers,” said Draper Larkins. “The federal investigation might get answers. But we want the correct answers.”

He and others said they hope video of the incident will clear up discrepancies between the accounts of some witnesses and police officers.

Protesters have alleged that Clark, who is black, was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot. Police have said he was not handcuffed and that Clark was shot during a struggle following an alleged domestic assault. They said Clark was interfering with emergency responders who were treating his girlfriend. Clark’s record shows he has previous convictions for armed robbery and domestic abuse.

Parallel investigations

In a news conference Monday afternoon at City Hall, Harteau declined to answer questions about the existence of video showing the shooting, other than to note that the officers were not wearing body cameras. She would not say whether there was dashboard cam video. She also deferred a question about the range at which Clark was shot, citing the investigation. Police said they will investigate surveillance video from the Elks Lodge.

Officials did not name the officers involved in the shooting, but Ramona Dohman, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the names would be released following meetings with those officers that had been “tentatively scheduled.”

Hodges said at the news conference that the federal investigation would run parallel to a separate investigation by the BCA, which handles the bulk of such investigations in the state. The agency will look into whether two officers violated department policy in the shooting of Clark, who remained in critical condition at a hospital Monday evening.

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The two involved officers were put on administrative leave, according to department policy, after undergoing drug testing and visiting a police psychologist.

Gov. Mark Dayton and Rep. Keith Ellison issued statements Monday afternoon in support of the city’s request for federal assistance.

“While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties,” Dayton said.

Dohman said the length of time for investigations by the BCA can vary, sometimes taking two to four months.

Harteau and Hodges also recognized the work of police officers, especially those who have been working in the Fourth Precinct.

Police union boss Lt. Bob Kroll said that he had spoken briefly with the two officers and cautioned against rushing to judgment without first knowing all the facts. He added that allowing authorities to “cherry-pick” which incidents to investigate sets a “dangerous precedent.” He also questioned the timing of the decision. “Ideally ... in any type of critical incident or murder scene, you want to get there immediately to begin the investigation,” Kroll said. “And now we’re talking about on Monday bringing in someone else. They’re way behind where they should be.”

The BCA’s findings will be turned over to the Hennepin County attorney’s office, which will decide whether to impanel a 23-person grand jury and, potentially, charge the officers.

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Council support

Some City Council members said that they understand the interest in a speedy release of information but that they also believe it's important to sort out the facts and follow an established process.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents part of the North Side and oversees the council's Public Safety Committee, said he supports a federal investigation. He said the pace of the process so far is in line with those of other officer-involved incidents.

"In my view, you have to trust our process," Yang said.

As with most police forces, Minneapolis officers are authorized to use deadly force when they believe their lives are in danger or if a suspect is likely to commit a violent crime.

Don Samuels, a Minneapolis school board member and former City Council member, said he talked with family members and others who were confident that the city has video that will paint a clear picture of the incident. Samuels said that releasing the video as soon as possible would be "a good thing" but that he doesn't believe the city can immediately fire an officer without completing a more detailed investigation.

Council President Barbara Johnson said that she's following the situation closely and that she believes officials are following the proper process for investigating the shooting. But she said she's concerned about the ongoing demonstration's impact on many of her north Minneapolis constituents, especially those who may be blocked from getting to precinct headquarters for police reports or other services.

Johnson pointed to an e-mail she'd received from one resident, who "put on record that there are a lot of people sitting in their homes, not wanting to contribute to the chaos, that are respectful of the work the police do in Minneapolis and know they have a tough job."

Earlier Monday, Clark's father, James Hill, told reporters that "my son wasn't a bad kid. ... The police don't care, the mayor don't care, the police [chief] don't care, because they're going to cover up for each other. My son's got to get a stand somewhere, and I'm here to give him a stand."

Hill said his son's "brain is dead. We are just waiting to pull the plug."

Staff writers Alejandra Matos, Mary Lynn Smith and Paul Walsh contributed to this report.

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-group-seeks-officer-s-id-in-minneapolis-shooting/350611411/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that sparked protests. (all times local):

9:35 a.m.

An activist group is calling on police in Minneapolis to identify the officer involved in the shooting of a black man over the weekend.

Black Lives Matter says 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot after police responded to a reported assault in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police have said the man was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the assault victim, and was shot during a struggle.

At a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot. The group is urging Mayor Betsy Hodges to ensure any video footage is released.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

This item has been corrected to show that Clark is 24, not 22 years old.

9:25 a.m.

Protests over the shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, a prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. A special civilian review authority was formed after the death of an elderly black couple during a botched drug raid decades ago.

This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

7:20 a.m.

A handful of demonstrators remain camped outside a Minneapolis precinct station as the investigation continues into the shooting by a police officer of a black man suspected in an assault.

The number of protesters dwindled overnight into Monday as rain and windy conditions moved in. A banner that reads "Black Lives Matter" has been erected at the site.

A man suspected in an assault was shot by police about 1 a.m. Sunday. Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot led to outrage, sparked protests and prompted a community forum with the mayor and police chief. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed.

An investigation has been turned over to a state agency.

<http://www.startribune.com/51-arrested-in-minnesota-during-2nd-day-of-shooting-protests/350897841/>
MINNEAPOLIS — State investigators looking into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them at this time, despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

The BCA is investigating the case, and federal agencies agreed Tuesday night to Mayor Betsy Hodges' request for a civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the BCA's probe. In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said at a news conference Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Authorities have said the officers involved weren't wearing body cameras. Evans said there is no police dashcam video of the shooting. He declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them.

When asked if the video shows whether Clark was handcuffed, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that the video captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Evans said at the news conference that there were handcuffs at the scene and authorities were still investigating.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," he said.

Evans also confirmed that Clark was unarmed. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head. Clark's father previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told the AP earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release the video and officers' identities.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city. The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29126030/

Authorities late Monday night reopened westbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis after arresting four dozen marchers who had walked onto the freeway while protesting a weekend police shooting.

According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the freeway reopened at about 10 p.m. after

being closed for about three hours at Interstate 394 near downtown Minneapolis. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, 42 people (34 adults and eight juveniles) were arrested in the area between Broadway and Plymouth avenues and taken to Hennepin County jail facilities for processing. The I-94 shutdown, involving a couple hundred marchers, began at approximately 7 p.m. By 9 p.m., the State Patrol said that protesters were being arrested after being ordered four times to leave the freeway. A total of 24 law enforcement agencies assisted the State Patrol, including the St. Paul Police Department, which sent 15 officers to the scene.

Earlier in the day, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the early Sunday shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Authorities have released few details about the North Minneapolis shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

The man, identified by relatives as 24-year-old Jamar Clark, was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and Monday at the North Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29123629/minneapolis-police-shooting-protesters-stay-outside-precinct-overnight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Oneal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which more than 50 were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

More than 50 people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to more than 50 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

http://www.twincities.com/ap%20content/ci_29123322/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle. Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Minneapolis, after a man was shot by Minneapolis police early Sunday morning. (Jeff Wheeler/Star Tribune via AP) (Jeff Wheeler/AP)

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding

that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

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<http://www.citypages.com/news/betsy-hodges-jamar-clark-shooting-should-be-investigated-by-department-of-justice-7836605>

As Jamar Clark sits on life support and Black Lives Matter protesters continue to hold down the fourth precinct police department, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges announced Monday night that she will be seeking a federal investigation into Clark's shooting.

The 24-year-old Clark was shot by police early Sunday morning in North Minneapolis. Many eyewitnesses say he was handcuffed at the time he was shot, either lying face down on the ground or trying to approach his girlfriend. Police say that he was a domestic assault suspect who interfered with first responders as they were trying to treat his alleged victim, and that he was not handcuffed.

Video of the incident was likely recorded at the Elks Lodge across the street from the shooting, but has been confiscated by police. Black Lives Matter protesters have since erected tents at the fourth precinct, vowing to occupy the station until the Elks Lodge video is released, the names of the officers involved are released, and there is an independent, federal investigation underway.

Sunday night, protesters in the streets of North Minneapolis left two cop cars with their windows smashed in and tires slashed.

Hodges wrote the U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday to open a civil rights investigation on top of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation. It is the first time in her term as mayor that she has asked for concurrent state and federal reviews.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools available to us," Hodges said.

The BCA will first meet with the two officers involved in the shooting – both of whom are on administrative leave – before releasing their names. It is not clear when these meetings will take place. There is also no telling when the Elk Lodge video plus any squad or ambulance videos might be released. The BCA has the footage, and its investigations typically take 2-4 months, said commissioner Mona Dohman.

However, Chief Janee Harteau hinted that the department might release video footage before the conclusion of the BCA investigation.

"This is not a predetermination about anyone's actions, but I understand and support this decision," Harteau said of the mayor's request for a federal review. "This incident has actually not only enhanced existing relationships with dozens of community leaders that I've met with, but I've also met with and learned of new relationships. This incident should not and will not define us."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-officials-call-for-federal-investigation-in-jamar-clark-shooting/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Mayor Betsy Hodges along with members of Minneapolis City Council say calling for a federal investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark is necessary for transparency and community confidence.

Mayor Hodges says she and Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau have the utmost confidence in the competence and independence of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Both say the city should use every resource available to get all the facts and truths connected to this officer involved shooting. That's why Mayor Hodges said a civil rights investigation by the US attorney's office — in addition to the state investigation — will ensure the investigative process goes well for everyone.

Officials are asking for patience while the investigation moves forward.

"These investigations take time," Commissioner of Public Safety Romona Dohman said. "Given the circumstances, it's hard to predict how long that could be, in speaking with the superintendent today. Sometimes these investigations can take two months, sometimes they can take four months, but we just want to make sure we collect all the evidence and make sure due process is followed."

Harteau says there are no pre-determinations about anyone's actions, and that she understands and supports the probe.

The officers were not wearing body cameras at the time of the incident, but footage from their squad car's camera is part of the investigation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/mayor-asks-for-doj-investigation-of-clark-shooting/75896382/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor of Minneapolis says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by police.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. But Hodges says the city needs "all the tools we have available to us." Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in the head early Sunday. Police say they were responding to a

domestic assault when Clark, a suspect in that incident, interfered with medical personnel and scuffled with officers. Family told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

Protesters camped outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

"Our tax dollars make this building exist so the community answered our call and they're here," one protester said. Some protesters were seen burning an American flag Monday night.

Protesters are demanding the release of the names of those officers involved and release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau says the two officers involved were not wearing body cameras. Harteau declined to talk about surveillance video or say whether the officers' squad car had a camera that might have captured the shooting.

Some community members and activists say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, and they staged protests that continued Monday.

In a statement, Gov. Mark Dayton said, "I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties."

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-mayor-asks-feds-to-investigate-police-involved-shooting/>

(links, etc)

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965128.shtml>

(full conference video not captured)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau spoke during a news conference Monday about the officer-involved shooting that took place early Sunday morning.

Hodges referenced discussion with the U.S. Attorney's Office to open its own investigation for the purpose of transparency in the death investigation of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Harteau said that the incident has pushed the department to look for new ways to enhance communication. She added that she is proud of her officers in the 4th Precinct, saying, "This incident should not, and will not, define us."

Minnesota Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Ramona Dohman also spoke about the investigation currently underway. She said, given the circumstances, it is difficult to predict how long the investigation might be but that an investigation of this nature could take two to four months.

The BCA is investigating and is expected to meet with the officers involved in the shooting.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51899>

In North Minneapolis, protesters gathered to voice their concerns about the police shooting of a black man the night before. The protesters say Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot. Some witnesses claim Clark was handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police have not named Clark as the person who was shot. The department claims a man who was a suspect in an assault was shot in a struggle with police. Police Chief Janee Harteau says the man was not handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference and what they called "a listening session" at the Urban League office in North Minneapolis last night. KFAI's Rico Morales was there and brought back the sounds of a contentious meeting, starting with the voice of Deputy Police Chief Kristine Arneson talking about the protester's reluctance to come inside the building. Then we'll go outside and hear NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds addressing the crowd.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50123489-story>

Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark on Monday afternoon.

Hours later, nearly 300 protesters shut down I-94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis.

Demonstrators chanted and held signs including "Handcuffs, Don't shoot" and "Justice 4 Jamar" for hours on the freeway before Minnesota State Patrol began making arrests. According to Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m. Most of those arrested will receive misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Clark, 24, was shot by police outside an apartment on Plymouth Ave. N. early Sunday morning.

Preliminary witness accounts suggest Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired.

"This incident should not and will not define us," Harteau said.

Clark's dad, James Hill, said his son is now brain dead from the incident.

"They gonna put him on life support," Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Late Monday night, a Black Lives Matter spokesperson said Clark was taken off life support.

The investigation into the shooting has been handed over to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The BCA said investigations into officer-involved shootings "take time," and they are expecting a 2 to 4 month investigation.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," Lt. Bob Kroll, Minneapolis Police Union, said. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident in the end, our officers actions will be justified."

"I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties," Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement.

Following the shutdown of I-94, Dayton said at a press conference on Tuesday he "is very uncomfortable with the fact that it happened."

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/51-arrested-in-shooting-protest-that-blocked-i94>

State investigators said Tuesday that Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot Sunday by Minneapolis police, and the Hennepin County medical examiner concluded a gunshot to the head killed him.

Authorities also said that while they have some video from the confrontation, they don't yet have video capturing the entire incident.

There was no footage from police car dash cameras or body cameras, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Superintendent Drew Evans told reporters Tuesday.

Despite the demands of some protesters, Evans said videos of the incident will not be released now as they could taint interviews in the investigation.

Evans' comments and the medical examiner's conclusion came on the same day it was confirmed that federal authorities will conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Clark, 24, in north Minneapolis.

Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a BCA statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

"At some point during an altercation that ensued between the officers and the individual, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the individual," the BCA said.

The shooting sparked protests after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

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"We're still ongoing as to exactly how the handcuffs came into this scene," Evans said Tuesday. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just fallen at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain."

Evans said no weapons were found at the scene beyond those of the officers.

As news of the shooting spread, the reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis was swift.

Protesters from Black Lives Matter stood in unison to block Interstate 94 westbound Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015. Many were arrested when they refused police orders to vacate the freeway. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

On Sunday, hundreds of people marched several blocks down Plymouth Avenue North from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct headquarters. They hoisted a banner over the entrance and set up a tent, saying they'd stay until their demands are met.

On Monday night, several hundred people gathered for another rally outside the police station. Adja Gildersleve with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis called for the release any video of the incident that security cameras near the scene may have captured.

"It's not good for them to be having the footage for this long. And so that's a priority to us," she said. "We would also like to see the officer indicted and prosecuted."

Protesters made their way back down Plymouth Avenue and by 7 p.m. they were on the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau told MPR News that the U.S. Justice Department agreed to investigate the matter at the request of Mayor Betsy Hodges, who said the federal presence would promote transparency and community trust.

Harteau on Tuesday said she welcomed the scrutiny.

Minneapolis officers are balancing people's First Amendment rights with the need to preserve the public's safety, she added.

A Fridley police officer and a State Patrol trooper led a protester to a patrol car after arresting him for refusing to leave the Interstate 94 freeway Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015, which demonstrators from Black Lives Matter had blocked for several hours. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

"I tell my officers to stay focused, remain professional, be patient," she said. "This is not about us as individuals, this is about a profession. And we have to allow people to vent their frustration, but we also have to have the ability to do our job, and we have to do it with procedural justice."

Evans said the officers involved, who are on leave, will be named after they are interviewed in the next day or two.

Evans said there was video from the ambulance rig that was on scene as well as from a stationed mobile police camera in the area, from public housing authority cameras and from individuals that recorded on cell phone video.

He said the BCA is also working to get video from the Elks Club building across the street from where the shooting happened.

These investigations usually take two to four months, Evans said, but the BCA has given this case top priority.

Correction (Nov. 17, 2015): An earlier version of this story incorrectly reported the total number of people arrested during the I-94 protest.

MPR News reporters Jon Collins, Tim Nelson, Tim Pugmire and Doualy Xaykaothao contributed to this report.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965299.shtml>

(Didn't capture Full State Patrol News Conference)

Interstate 94 westbound between Plymouth and Broadway Avenues in Minneapolis closed Monday night due to protesters marching.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching eastbound on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue N. to Broadway Avenue W along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. The department held a news conference Monday night following the incident.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, with the state patrol, said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue W in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation." "They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said that 43 adults and eight minors were arrested. The adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. The charges will be unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway. They are misdemeanor offenses, Schweigart said.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, Minneapolis Police Department, St. Paul Police Department, Crystal Police Department, Brooklyn Park Police Department and Brooklyn Center Police Department.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/hundreds-of-protesters-shut-down-i94-in-mpls/75903326/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Hundreds of protesters shut down northbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue Monday night. In all, the Minnesota State Patrol says 42 people were arrested, a total lower than the 51 arrests first reported.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reports protesters were on the freeway, attempting to block traffic. The shutdown first started around 7 p.m. Several area metro police departments were on scene attempting to control the situation. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, protesters were given four warnings to disperse or be subject to arrest. Shortly before 9 p.m., authorities began arresting protesters. The state patrol later said 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested and will be charged with unlawful assembly and pedestrian on freeway, both misdemeanors.

The state patrol says numerous cars were damaged in the protest. At least one trooper was punched by a protester, and that person fled the scene.

Protesters used #Justice4Jamar on social media to show the protest on I-94 in real time.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers this past weekend. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Family tells KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night. The State Patrol says 24 law enforcement agencies from Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey and Dakota Counties were involved in responding to the I-94 shutdown.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965213.shtml>

(Video focused on State Patrol, didn't capture)

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has updated the number of people who were arrested Monday after protests spilled onto Interstate 94.

The numbers released Tuesday morning say 42 people were arrested, including eight children. The State Patrol originally said 51 people were arrested including eight children.

The protesters were arrested on suspicion of unlawful assembly and being a pedestrian on a freeway, which are both are misdemeanors.

Protesters caused I-94 westbound to close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis Monday night in response to an officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching east on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue North to Broadway Avenue West along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. In all, 24 agencies from

four counties were called in to respond. Those arrested were taken to jail in Metro Transit buses; the adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center, and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart with the Minnesota State Patrol said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue West in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation." "They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. Some of the protesters are now out of jail.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

KSTP's Lindsey Brown spoke with Susan Farr, a resident of Otsego, on the phone Monday night. Farr works in Minneapolis and was on her way home as the protesters made their way to I-94. She said she was one of the last cars police allowed to enter the interstate.

By 8:15 p.m., Farr said she had been stuck in traffic for roughly an hour.

"I'm aggravated," she said. "I think all life matters. I just don't think that they should be shutting five lanes of freeway. I want to go home to my family. I am very aggravated. It's just pointless to me."

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, the Minneapolis Police Department, the St. Paul Police Department, the Crystal Police Department, the Brooklyn Park Police Department and the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Protests first started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Avenue N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/16/who-is-jamar-clark/75903044/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Protesters gathered Monday outside a north Minneapolis police precinct near the site where officers shot a black man.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Family members say Clark was young, made mistakes, but was turning his life around.

According to court documents, Clark has past convictions that include an aggravated robbery in 2010 and a terroristic threats conviction from earlier in 2015.

Clark's brother, Mario Reed, says he wanted to change his life and he was helping his brother to stay on the right path.

"He was trying to get his life back together, he was going to work every day. I was dropping him off every day. He worked at the car wash in northeast Minneapolis and he was just getting his life back in order," said Reed.

Regardless of his past, his family is now looking for answers to what happened to their loved one.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

Family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/reports-man-shot-by-police-dies-after-night-of-blm-protests/>

(with video)

Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old north Minneapolis man who was shot by police Sunday, has been taken off life support and has died, according to both family members and now the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

On Tuesday afternoon, the BCA said that Clark's body had been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The BCA also said the names of the two officers involved would be released only after interviews with the officers had been completed.

Both are currently on standard paid administrative leave.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Black Lives Matter held a press conference at 9 a.m. Monday demanding that the video of the arrest be released, as well as the names of the officers. They also called for Mayor Betsy Hodges to ask for an independent federal investigation.

Clark's shooting has ignited a series of protests by the group Black Lives Matter. On Monday, more than 40 people were arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest that shut down Interstate 94 in Minneapolis for over two hours.

Around 6:45 p.m. Monday, protesters walked onto westbound lanes of I-94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue, just north of downtown Minneapolis. As WCCO-TV cameras followed, one protester said, "We're shutting it down, we're shutting it down!" Another protester then stepped between the cameras and him, urging "Don't talk to white media."

On the freeway, protesters chanted and blocked drivers from getting through for nearly two and a half hours.

When law enforcement made alternate routes for the drivers, the protesters tried to block them too by making a human chain across the detour.

WCCO-TV's cameras caught drivers getting into arguments with the protesters, including one who shouted at a protester: "Look at what the f*** you're doing! Look at what the f*** you're doing! Get the f*** out of here!" The protester responded: "Go home." (Watch John Lauritsen's Monday night report below.)

At one point a driver nearly hit some of the protesters. Other drivers got into arguments with protesters as the crowd marched down an I-94 ramp.

Eventually, police gave the crowd a 15-minute warning calling the assembly unlawful. They then began arresting those who refused to leave. Roughly a half-hour later, 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested. Those arrested were put onto Metro Transit buses and were cooperative, according to State Patrol.

Black Lives Matter said they blocked the interstate after police refused to give them the names of the officers involved in Sunday's shooting and refused to release video of the incident.

In response to the protests, Representative Keith Ellison and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges are calling for a federal civil rights investigation into Clark's shooting.

The chief of police and mayor of Minneapolis are asking for the Department of Justice to investigate any possible civil rights violations.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools we have available to us. I have spoken to Governor Dayton who agrees," Hodges said.

"I appreciate and welcome all avenues and resources that help us find the truth so we can be clear on exactly what happened," Minneapolis police chief Janee Harteau said.

Police said the officers were not wearing body cameras, and would not say if other video exists or if there is any reason to believe Clark was armed.

The state said it cannot release the names of the officers involved until they have been interviewed, but did not say when that will happen.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3964379.shtml>

(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is asking the U.S. Attorney's Office to open a civil rights investigation into this weekend's officer-involved shooting of a black man.

Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension but that the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Hodges said she discussed the federal investigation with Gov. Mark Dayton, who agreed it was appropriate.

View footage of Monday afternoon's news conference here.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar Clark says his son suffered one gunshot wound above his left eye. James Hill told the Associated Press that he saw Clark's wounds while standing at his bedside on Monday.

"I love my son, and for him to get shot like that, that's bad," Hill said. "I really want to just, see some justice or something done."

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark during a physical altercation with paramedics early Sunday morning; police say Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim.

The incident happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Clark has since been put on life support.

Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and investigators are gathering evidence to determine exactly what happened in the moments leading up to shots being fired.

Questions exist about whether Clark was handcuffed at the time. The BCA said Sunday that the preliminary investigation showed he was not, but at a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting.

Protesters want an agency other than the BCA to investigate, they want community oversight with discipline power, and they want the officers to live in the city.

The ACLU-MN released a statement saying they are asking for "full transparency and accountability" moving forward, including a release of the video, naming of the officers involved and the launch of a full Department of Justice investigation.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says he can't identify the officers or talk about details of the shooting, and he says he doesn't know if they were wearing body cameras or if any squad car

camera footage exists.

Kroll did, however, say he's confident that the investigation will vindicate the officers.

Protests

Hodges hosted a community listening session to open the lines of communication with those who live in the neighborhood, which got mixed reaction.

"We don't need no more listening sessions," Minneapolis resident John Martin said. "We tell the people that are listening, but now it is time for action. It's time for some action now, right now. We are sick and tired of this going on in our community."

Protests started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating. Police are asking anyone who saw the incident or with video to come forward.

"Those that saw – turn over your information to the BCA so we can find what really happened, what really went on," Martin said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/black-lives-matter-addresses-protests-officer-involved-shooting/>
(with video)

Black Lives Matter is demanding the names of the police officers involved in the weekend shooting of a north Minneapolis man.

The activists, some of which camped out overnight at a city police precinct, also want any video available from the incident.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot a man.

Family members identified the man as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. They say he is being kept alive on life support.

Several witnesses say Clark's wrists were handcuffed behind his back when he was shot, but police, as well as the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, say that's not the case, citing a preliminary investigation. Since the shooting happened, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has demanded answers. The group held a press conference Monday morning.

Clark's father, James Hill, stood with activists, saying he wants justice for his son.

"I love my son," he said. "For him to die getting shot like that, that's bad. The police don't care. The mayor don't care. The police superintendent don't care."

On Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau held a listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League. They told the crowd that the BCA is conducting an independent investigation into the shooting and that they plan to do it as quickly as possible.

However, it didn't take long for the meeting to get out of hand.

Hundreds of protesters then spent much of the night outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct demanding the names of the officers involved in the shooting.

Community activist John Martin said at the Monday press conference that the north Minneapolis community is tired of listening sessions with city leaders.

"It's time for action," he said. "Action right now. Sick and tired of this happening in our community."

On Sunday, family members told WCCO-TV that Clark had passed away as a result of the shooting.

Clark's father later said that his son had died by the time he reached the hospital, but was placed on life support.

He says the family is waiting on other relatives to arrive before saying their final goodbyes.

As for the investigation, the BCA is still gathering information and conducting interviews.

Police say two officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure following such a shooting.

The names of the officers have not been released.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/community-witnesses-react-to-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>
(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is calling for the Department of Justice to investigate an officer-involved shooting over the weekend.

Police say there was a struggle when they tried to arrest Jamar Clark early Sunday morning. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman on Plymouth Avenue North. On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

That's when the struggle ensued and officers shot Clark.

Mayor Hodges said Monday that she wants the federal government to open a civil rights investigation.

WCCO's Angela Davis spoke to community members and witnesses about what they saw.

Since Sunday morning, we've heard dramatically different versions about what happened to 24-year-old Jamar Clark. People who say they witnessed the shooting insisted he was down on the ground and

restrained by handcuffs when an officer shot him in the head.

Police have said that's not true. Monday afternoon, WCCO spoke with a little boy who says he saw everything as he peeked out his front door.

"There was already a lot of commotion going on at the Elk's. I thought there was a big ole fight in the parking lot. That's why I stepped out the door," Ze'morion Dillon-Hoskin said.

Dillon-Hoskin said he first saw an ambulance and then a man who police were trying to keep away from a woman who was hurt.

"After that the police pulled up and tell him to put his hands up and then put him in handcuffs," Dillon-Hoskin said.

He says he saw two officers slam Clark to the ground.

"And the other officer laid on top of him, and the other officer put his knee in his back," Dillon-Hoskin said.

And then, there was a gunshot.

"He grabbed his gun and shot him in the back of his head," Dillon-Hoskin said.

At the same time right across the street at the Elks Lodge, a group of customers say they were headed home.

"When we got outside, we saw that this kid was already restrained, pinned down. There was no kicking, moving or anything. They had him fully detained, restrained," Teto Wilson said.

Wilson owns a barbershop on the city's north side. He says he wasn't close enough to be able to see if Clark was handcuffed.

"I'm a black man myself. I have a 24-year-old son and other children. I would want someone to speak up if something like that happened to me or my children," Wilson said.

At the 4th precinct, members of Black Lives Matters are vowing to camp out indefinitely.

"We are getting the attention of the police department, of the mayor and of the country. We want folks to know we are not going to just stand by and stand for this kind of action taken against our community members and out families," protester Miski Noor said.

Dillon-Hoskin's mother says Minneapolis police interviewed her son Monday.

"Your eyes ain't going to lie to you. What you see is what you see. You can't make up something that your eyes have seen," Tequila Dillon said.

Elks Lodge has security cameras perched near the rooftop. But it's across the street and it was dark at the time. We don't know how much of the arrest and shooting the cameras caught. We do know, it's being looked into by investigators.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50106683-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Jamar Clark's dad announced Monday that he is taking a stand for his son as controversy and questions swirl around the police shooting that has left the 24-year-old near death.

"I loved my son. For him to die, getting shot like that. That's bad. Real bad. Police don't care," James Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Clark was shot in the head outside an apartment on Plymouth Avenue N. early Sunday morning.

Preliminary witness accounts suggested Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired.

The shooting sparked outrage and protests. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

Tequila Dillon witnessed the immediate aftermath and offered this description: "When they put him on the gurney, that's when they took one of the handcuffs off. They threw him in the ambulance and they were gone."

Demonstrators, led by the Black Lives Matter movement, would quickly set up shop outside MPD's nearby 4th precinct headquarters, blocking the main entrance.

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Photo Witness details moments after Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police

"We're gonna find out what happened and we're gonna get to what happened, and we're gonna stay here until we find out what happened and why," said community activist John Martin.

Protestors are demanding that Minneapolis police turn over any video of the incident and publicly name the officers involved. The department said from the outset that Clark wasn't restrained. They described him as an assault suspect who confronted paramedics and officers who arrived on scene.

Instead of MPD conducting its own review, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will investigate what exactly happened -- a move the local police union welcomed.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," said Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis Police Union. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident, in the end, our officers' actions will be justified."

At a Sunday news conference at city hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota BCA at 651-793-7000 with any information.

"We need to know the truth," Harteau said.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/voices/news/black-lives-matter-minneapolis-calls-on-mpd-to-release-video-footage-of-officer-involved>

(link doesn't lead to story)

<https://www.minnpost.com/glean/2015/11/protests-continue-over-weekend-police-shooting-minneapolis-man>

Still not a lot of clarity about the events over the weekend that left Jamar Clark of Minneapolis brain dead after being shot by police. In the Star Tribune, Paul Walsh reports that protesters are camped out outside Minneapolis 4th Precinct police HQ: “Kandace Montgomery, a Black Lives Matter organizer, told reporters outside the precinct headquarters Monday morning that protesters have been in the atrium since midafternoon Sunday and will remain until their demands are met: release by police of any video that might exist of the shooting, disclosure of the names of the officers involved, and the start of a federal investigation into the shooting. ... The activists have pitched tents at the Fourth Precinct entrance and draped a Black Lives Matter banner above the locked doors. The shooting occurred a few blocks to the east of the protest site.”

At MPR, Tim Nelson reports that protesters want a federal investigation of the shooting and for police to release video of the incident: “Angry protesters rallied outside a police station Monday in north Minneapolis demanding a federal investigation into a police shooting on Sunday as well as the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting took place. ... Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered. ... ‘Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable,’ she said. ‘So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation.’ ”

Minnesota's French community turns out in solidarity with their countrymen. MPR's Laura Yuen reports from a march in Minneapolis on Sunday: “Both here and in Paris, Minnesotans are expressing solidarity with the French people. The cultural group Alliance Francaise in Minneapolis held a march Sunday afternoon to the Basilica of St. Mary, which hosted a memorial service. ... Louis Wendling, president of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota, says the state is home to several thousand French nationals, including professionals employed by 3M and other large companies. ... Wendling says the attacks were horrific and that the severe restrictions on France's borders are a terrible fallout. ... ‘To me it seems extreme. ... France and its fellow member countries of the EU could pride themselves of a high degree of freedom of movement — of people, capital and goods. And now that freedom is really compromised,’ he said.”

<http://www.citypages.com/news/black-lives-matter-demand-cops-release-video-of-jamar-clark-s-shooting-7836238>

At about 1 a.m. Sunday morning, 24-year-old Jamar Clark lay shot in the street at James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. A Minneapolis Police officer had pulled the trigger, that much is clear.

As for the events leading up to the incident, there is a wide gulf between the official police statement and the jumble of eyewitness accounts trending on Facebook and Twitter.

Chief Janee Harteau said that police were responding to a domestic assault early Sunday morning when Clark was shot. He had been hindering emergency responders from treating his alleged victim, she said. However, witnesses who lived in the apartments near James and Plymouth claim that Clark was handcuffed, laying face down on the ground when police opened fire – a claim that Harteau denies.

According to a statement by the Minneapolis NAACP, local business owner Teto Wilson saw the incident unfold.

“The young man was just laying there,” Wilson said. “He was not resisting arrest. Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar's body, and I heard the shot go off.”

So far, no bystander videos of the actual shooting have surfaced. Footage of the incident was likely captured at the Elks Lodge – an African American fraternal order – across the street. Police confiscated the tapes, and have not yet released them to the public.

Black Lives Matter protesters took to the streets of North Minneapolis starting at 3 p.m. Sunday. They formed a human chain around the block where Clark was shot, and declared a no-cop zone. About 20 protesters camped inside the atrium of the local fourth precinct overnight.

The protesters say they are not leaving until they see the Elks Lodge video, and may rally again Tuesday afternoon if it is not turned over.

“My son wasn't no bad kid,” said James Hill, Clark's father, on Tuesday morning. “The shooting was ludicrous. I don't wanna say he was handcuffed, but shooting somebody when they're handcuffed, they don't have a care. They really don't.”

John Martin, who lives in an apartment complex near the scene of the shooting, says he was just up the block when he saw Clark lying down on the ground, his hands behind his back, prior to the shot ringing out. He says he did not see the moment of the actual killing, so he can't speak to the details that followed. “I seen what everybody else seen. The young man was actually handcuffed before this tragedy actually happened,” Martin said. “He was laying flat down.”

Martin cautioned the community to keep calm and hold the peace until video evidence is released. Others were not so confident that footage, even when it becomes available, will be of any use. Adja Gildersleve, an organizer with BLM, believes that the cops will tamper with the film to cover up wrongdoing.

"Everybody outside, the neighbors in the whole entire complex of people in the apartment said they saw him cuffed with his hands behind his back," Gildersleve says. "He was cuffed, and yet police took a gun and shot him in the head."

Black Lives Matter says police have not interfered with their occupation of the precinct. They promise not to budge until both the Elks Lodge video and the name of the officer who shot Clark is released.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/blm-demands-release-of-shooting-video/75866796/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Saying they will occupy a Minneapolis Police precinct until they get answers, a coalition of interests is demanding the release of surveillance video that may shed light on the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

The group, which includes members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the NAACP and activists from the neighborhood, is accusing two Minneapolis Police officers of murder in the shooting of Clark, who had been involved in a domestic dispute with a woman early Sunday morning. Police say when they arrived on the scene on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North Clark was confronting a crew of paramedics. Officers then became involved in a scuffle with the suspect and he was shot.

While officials at Hennepin County Medical Center have not released a condition on Clark, family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

James Hill, father of Jamar Clark, says police officers need to be prosecuted for killing his son. (Photo: KARE)

"I love my son and for him to die like that, being shot (by police) that's bad. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, because they're going to cover up for each other," said James Hill, Jamar's father.

A spokesperson for Black Lives Matter is calling for members of the community to join in what she is calling the "occupation" of the Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct, which covers the city's north side.

Kandace Montgomery says it will continue until police release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark, a shooting that those holding the press conference claim occurred with the suspect handcuffed and laying in the street. Activists are also asking for the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting.

Police have disputed that account, saying misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

The death of a young black man at the hands of police opens up old wounds for Bettie Smith. Her son Quincy died after being tasered by Minneapolis officers back in 2008. "We need answers, we need accountability," Smith said, her voice rising in anger. "You murder someone, you are accountable," she insisted, referring to the officers involved in the altercation with Clark.

Neighborhood resident and activist John Martin tried to provide a calming voice, urging everyone to refrain from violence. That being said, he is insistent that answers come quickly. "We want to know what happened, when it happened, and why it happened," Martin said. "We are sick of listening sessions... It's time for action."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49944498-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Black Lives Matter Minneapolis held a news conference at the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct Building with a list of demands after a police officer shot an assault suspect early Sunday morning. Specifically, the group asked the names of the officers involved and surveillance video from nearby businesses.

The NAACP identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark. Police shot the assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid to his girlfriend early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate he was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said neighbors are disputing that information. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

The group's list of demands:

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with "full disciplinary power"
5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation.

"We need to know the truth," she said. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Sunday, protesters gathered where the shooting took place and marched to the Fourth Precinct, led by organizers with the Minneapolis NAACP and Black Lives Matter.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which continues to buzz after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot and shot "execution style," conflicting with the

police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed.

Witnesses said Clark and his girlfriend were at a birthday party at an apartment along Plymouth Ave/ N. Saturday night when they got into a fight.

"The guy was pinned down on ground, he wasn't fighting, he wasn't screaming or anything. The next thing we know, about a minute later after watching it, the gun went off. That's what I saw. But the guy was not fighting back," witness Teto Wilson said.

"I can't understand from my viewpoint exactly the frustration, but I understand they are frustrated. We are doing the best we can to have an independent process; one that can have an outcome that will be trusted," Mayor Hodges said.

Until then, protesters say they'll continue to hit the streets, but "Justice for Jamar" isn't as simple as black or white.

"Everybody out here last night who said they saw it or have video on their cell phone. They need to step up right now," one protester said.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His exact condition has not been released.

The two officers involved the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/jamar-clark-police-shooting-led-to-tense-standoff-with-protesters-video-7835893>

Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis Police in the early morning hours of Sunday. Clark, a black Minneapolis resident, was involved in an altercation with police at the intersection of James and Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis. Cops were responding to reports of an alleged assault when their engagement with Clark began.

This short list of facts is agreed to by police and the public. What's in dispute is the allegation that Clark was already in handcuffs at the time he was shot. Minneapolis police have denied that claim, but amateur video from the moments after Clark's shooting proves eyewitnesses on the scene are convinced it's true. As of Monday morning, Clark is said to be on life support. (Earlier reports indicated he had been killed.) The circumstances around his arrest and shooting have already garnered national and international attention, and on Sunday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau announced that the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) would conduct a "thorough, independent investigation" of what took place.

Local racial and social justice advocates are already energized and outraged, as evidenced by a Sunday night rally that took place at the scene of the incident. Speaking to an assembled crowd, Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, prayed that God would "unsettle every spirit of those who control this city, that they will not be able to rest until we get justice."

Strong as that statement might seem, it's actually mild compared to some of the utterances from organizers with Black Lives Matter, who suggested the Clark shooting could be a last straw for black residents of a city with huge racial disparities in incomes, outcomes, and interactions with law enforcement.

In a statement released midday Sunday, BLM recounted stories of black citizens who were cursed, threatened and pepper-sprayed in the tense moments after Clark's shooting.

"Our city is not too far from burning like Baltimore because of the violence, disparities, and erasure people of color grows, so will the people's rage and desire for justice," said Michael McDowell, an organizer.

That sentiment is closely in line with the angry words from amateur video taken Sunday morning, as a phalanx of police stood watch under the scrutiny of neighborhood residents. The man recording the video calls police "dirty motherfuckers," while others can be heard shouting that Clark had been shot "for no reason." Later, the narrator, who also says Clark had been in handcuffs at the time of the shot, meets calls to "go home" by screaming it was time to "set this shit off, man."

Speaking Monday morning, Levy-Pounds said Hodges and Harteau were quick to react to Sunday's news because the event was "extremely egregious," and needed obvious attention.

"From witness accounts, Jamar Clark was handcuffed and then shot in the head in front of dozens of witnesses," Levy-Pounds says. "Police essentially threw a corpse in the back of an ambulance, and put him on life support at the hospital. They pulled guns on witnesses and sprayed them with mace. They waited 45 minutes before asking people what had happened there. This is one of the worst examples of what we've seen, recently, with the execution of unarmed black men."

Levy-Pounds showed mild appreciation for the unprecedented step of involving the BCA to investigate, but said she and other activists "don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other

accountable," and are calling for FBI involvement in finding the truth of what happened that night. Meanwhile, city leaders have asked that anyone with information contact the BCA at (651) 793-7000.

Tuesday, November 17

<http://www.startribune.com/official-unclear-if-man-shot-by-minneapolis-cops-was-cuffed/351276091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has pushed racial tensions in the city's small but concentrated minority community to the fore, with a police precinct besieged by a makeshift encampment and hundreds of protesters in recent days.

Police have tried to improve race relations in recent years, and succeeded in some areas. But some community activists say racial disparities — high unemployment rates for blacks, a disproportionate number of arrests for minor crimes and inequities in housing and the school system — have been going on for so long that Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark, and the reaction from the community, was no surprise.

"We call Minneapolis a tale of two cities: The best of times if you're white, and worst of times if you're black," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, and one of 42 people arrested when protesters shut down an interstate highway Monday night.

Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers. Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. Police said there was a scuffle, and Clark was shot. Some people who say they saw the shooting claim Clark wasn't struggling and was handcuffed. Police initially said he wasn't handcuffed, but the state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said one thing it's looking at is whether Clark was restrained.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Wednesday in an email that Clark was "disarming" the officer and was not handcuffed.

The officers involved in the shooting were identified Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, both with seven years of experience including 13 months with the Minneapolis department, but their race wasn't released because it's private under state law. Police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Members of the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter and other demonstrators want police to release video of the shooting, but the BCA has declined to do so, saying it would taint the investigation. The FBI is also undertaking a civil rights investigation.

Tensions ramped up Wednesday afternoon when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the 4th Precinct station where several had been sleeping since the shooting. They pulled down a pop-up shelter and doused a bonfire, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" before relighting the flame. Chief Janee Harteau said police have to keep the vestibule clear for safety. She said police have no plans to pull down some 18 tents or stop protests as long as they are peaceful.

As the confrontation extended into the night, police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of scores of protesters swelling outside the precinct office. Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said.

The department tweeted that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged during the demonstration.

The protests are the latest call for change by a community that has had rocky relations with police.

Sunday's shooting took place on the north side, where the population is predominantly black and generally poorer than the rest of the city. The four neighborhoods nearest the shooting are 53 percent black, according to 2010 census data. The city as a whole is 60 percent white.

Chuck Samuelson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Minnesota, said tension has risen as police have stepped up their presence in high-crime areas. An ACLU study earlier this year found black people are nearly nine times more likely to be arrested for low-level offenses in Minneapolis than white people.

"African-American males feel like they are targeted by police because, frankly, they are," Samuelson said. Levy-Pounds said several high-profile cases have increased mistrust of police, including the 2013 death of Terrance Franklin and the 2006 death of Fong Lee, both shot by police.

Franklin, who was black, was being chased by police in a suspected burglary when he broke into a home. Police said he struggled with officers, grabbing a police weapon and shooting and wounding two officers before he was shot 10 times. A grand jury cleared officers in his death, but Levy-Pounds called it "a case of murder of a young African-American man at the hands of Minneapolis police."

In the case of Lee, a 19-year-old son of Laotian immigrants, the officer who shot and killed him in north Minneapolis said he feared for his life. A jury ruled the officer didn't use excessive force.

Don Samuels, a black former City Council member who represented the north side, said there's a sense of wariness anytime a black man gets killed or shot by police, and people wonder if a white man in the same situation would have been shot. But he pointed to a growing effort by the city and police to confront racial issues head on, to bring more officers of color on the force, and to create review boards to deal with police brutality.

Minneapolis police Deputy Chief Medaria Arradondo said the department recognizes past grievances between the African-American community and police and is working hard to build trust.

"Even in the midst of protests and demonstrations, we will continue to have important dialogue and conversations to keep moving forward," he said.

<http://www.startribune.com/jailed-naacp-leader-i-94-protest-in-minneapolis-not-planned/351009801/>
Jamar Clark, the unarmed man shot early Sunday by Minneapolis police, sparking two days of angry protest, has died.

Friends of Clark's family said Tuesday morning that he had been removed from life support and that family members were making funeral arrangements.

The Hennepin County medical examiner said Clark, 24, died on Monday evening as the result of a single gunshot to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting, who haven't been identified, were expected to give statements to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Tuesday night, said Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union.

Kroll, who said he had talked to the officers, reiterated earlier statements from police that Clark was not in handcuffs, disputing witness accounts.

Kroll also said he "firmly believes" the officers will be exonerated of any wrongdoing.

More than 50 were arrested after protesters shut down a section of Interstate 94 in north Minneapolis on Monday night.

The U.S. attorney's office said late Tuesday that the FBI would conduct the federal investigation requested by the mayor, with an independent review of all evidence by the office as well as U.S. Department of Justice prosecutors.

At a news conference Tuesday, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that there are videos from the shooting but that none shows the full incident that left Clark dead. The videos came from an ambulance, a public housing building, the cellphones of bystanders and a police mobile video station. There is no video from any police car or officer body cameras. The BCA is working with a nearby Elks Lodge to examine its exterior video.

No video will be released, Evans said, until the investigation is complete, which could take two to four months. He said the video will be withheld for now because "we don't want to taint the interviews with the witnesses."

The time frame for such an investigation isn't unusually long, he said. Minneapolis police contacted the BCA for assistance about nine hours after the shooting, he said. The BCA has investigated 96 police-involved shootings resulting in injury or death in Minnesota since 2009.

Evans also addressed the contention by activists that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. There were "handcuffs at the scene, and we are still examining whether or not they were on him" when police fired, he said. Evans confirmed that Clark did not have weapons on him and said "this investigation is a top priority."

Questions remain

Authorities have released vague details of the shooting. The one-page public incident report had little information and had the words "not done" in the section that describes the incident.

The incident began when paramedics responded to a call from a woman needing assistance at an apartment building in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. at 12:40 a.m. Sunday.

At the Fourth Precinct on Tuesday night, Danny Givens demanded answers about Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Kroll said it was unclear whether she had been assaulted or was injured while breaking up a fight. As she was seeking medical attention in the ambulance, Clark tried to reach her, Kroll said. The paramedics put out a "distress call" for help to police. There was a scuffle with arriving officers, he said, during which Clark was killed.

In a statement on Facebook, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said that she had asked for an independent investigation by the BCA and that she had requested a review by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office, because "I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned."

"Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the city's to release," Hodges said. "I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law."

The shooting of Clark ignited protests, including the arrests Monday night of dozens of activists who blocked traffic on Interstate 94 for more than two hours.

Among those arrested was Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter. She issued a statement after her release from jail that said, in part, "Blessed to have been in the company of such brave souls willing to be arrested last night, standing up for what they believe in. ... These arrests were not planned in advance of the demonstration."

More than 100 people gathered again Tuesday night outside the Police Department's Fourth Precinct

headquarters to remember Clark with statements and prayers.

“We’ve come together as a community to hold one another,” Danny Givens Jr., founder of Above Every Name ministries and a member of Black Lives Matter, told the crowd. “We represent the love of the North Side.”

Pat Crumley stood among the crowd, raising her fist with the others in a moment of silence and to ask for justice. “I’m here to underscore the need for them to hear our voices and the need for a complete and thorough investigation,” she said.

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More

Activists also have kept up a vigil at the precinct, staying dry under tents and canopies.

Hodges said that she hears people’s frustration and that the process is going to “require patience on all of our parts, including my own.”

Gov. Mark Dayton said Tuesday that he was “very uncomfortable” that protesters had briefly closed I-94 but that he welcomed Hodges’ request for a federal inquiry.

The BCA’s Evans said his agents have been coordinating with their FBI counterparts.

Remembering Clark

The shooting prompted mourning, confusion and anger among Clark’s friends and relatives, some of whom arrived in town earlier this week from Kankakee, Ill.

Those who knew Clark, who was adopted at an early age and grew up in Minneapolis’ Hawthorne neighborhood, remembered him as a friendly, outgoing young person who was fiercely defensive of his family, according to Anna Orr, a childhood friend.

“I hope that people realize that this is a glimpse of who he was; this is not set in stone,” said Orr. “He was so many other things to so many other people, and I think that that deserves to be told as much as anything else.”

For some, the shooting evoked previous shootings of unarmed black men by Minneapolis police. Between 2011 and 2014, the last year for which complete data are available, officers were involved in at least 21 shooting incidents, in which they fired 97 total rounds, state records show. In that period, eight people have been wounded and two killed in officer-involved shootings.

Clark’s relatives said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. Clark had been working for a trucking company and had started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

“I understand what he might have done [in the past] and all of that, but to us he was a loving young man,” said Kenya McKnight, president of the Black Women’s Business Alliance and a North Side longtime activist who has served as an unofficial spokeswoman for the family. “America has a criminal record. Minnesota has a criminal record against black people,” McKnight said. “So if we are judging people against their past, let us start at the head.”

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<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-quiet-scene-at-minneapolis-police-precinct/351038191/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

7:05 p.m.

Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O’Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

5:15 p.m.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office says an unarmed black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar O’Neal Clark previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. The medical examiner confirmed that Clark died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed,

but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

2:40 p.m.

Authorities investigating the shooting of an unarmed black man by Minneapolis police say they have several videos of the incident but none that show it in its entirety.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

Drew Evans, superintendent of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says video has been obtained from an ambulance, a mobile police camera that had been set up in the area, surveillance video and onlookers' cellphones.

But he repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which 42 people were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

This story has been corrected to reflect that there were 42 demonstrators arrested at Monday's highway protest, not more than 50.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to 42 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

<http://www.startribune.com/a-search-for-answers-in-police-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/351201871/> Federal investigation is the right step in case of Jamar Clark.

Tragically, Minneapolis is embroiled in yet another police shooting of an African-American man. Early

Sunday, 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot by an officer during an encounter on a north Minneapolis street. Life support was removed, and Clark died on Tuesday.

The local Black Lives Matter (BLM) group led a march and camped out in front of the police precinct near where the shooting occurred, saying they'd stay put unless officials named the officers involved in the shooting, released any related video and called for an outside investigation.

Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau made the right call by requesting that a federal investigation be completed along with a separate probe by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). In addition, the police deserve praise for their calm, measured responses to the protests, both this week and during other BLM demonstrations.

But officials could be more transparent. Video is especially important in this case: Witnesses say Clark was cooperating and handcuffed; the chief says he was not. On Tuesday, a BCA official said that some video does exist but that it won't be released until the investigation is complete. Authorities should be aware that withholding the video will only contribute to public suspicion and mistrust.

In this and other local BLM demonstrations this year, protesters have expressed their views without violence. In both core cities, they announced their plans in advance and worked with city leaders.

But Monday's sit-in on Interstate 94 was a "split-second" decision made by about 100 protesters to block freeway traffic and risk arrest. After being told to leave several times by state troopers, more than 40 adults and eight juveniles were arrested, quickly charged and released.

The Star Tribune Editorial Board recognizes that the BLM movement is raising important issues about police-community relations, and this page will always defend the rights of free speech and peaceful protest. But creating a public safety hazard by blocking an interstate is the kind of behavior that threatens to alienate even those who support those basic rights. As the Clark investigations unfold, continued advance communication and patient, nonviolent responses from police and protesters hopefully will prevail.

<http://www.startribune.com/dayton-says-he-s-closely-monitoring-unrest-over-north-side-shooting/351067071/>

Gov. Mark Dayton on Tuesday said he was "very uncomfortable" that protestors briefly closed Interstate 94, resulting in the arrest of dozens, including a local television reporter.

Dayton, in his first public appearance since his father died last week, said he, his commissioners and staff have been monitoring the unfolding unrest after an officer-involved shooting Sunday that critically injured a man in Minneapolis' North Side.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges on Monday called for federal law enforcement authorities to investigate the shooting. A federal investigation, if initiated, would be completed alongside an investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Dayton said Tuesday he welcomed an investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, partly to appease protestors and other black community leaders who have strong distrust of local and state authorities. "That concern existed, and we needed to be responsive to that," Dayton said.

The governor, who has criticized the tactics of some Black Lives Matter protestors, said the two-hour closure of Interstate 94 Monday night was unsafe. He declined to comment on specifics regarding the shooting, saying that all the facts "surrounding the incident have not been disclosed."

<http://www.startribune.com/take-a-breath-wait-for-facts-as-clock-ticks-in-jamar-clark-case/351223281/>

Over the past few nights protestors have set up a base camp in the alcove of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct. They've spilled into the streets asking for justice in the case of Jamar Clark, shot early Sunday morning. On Monday, factions of the crowd, perhaps led by Black Lives Matter, perhaps on their own, shut down traffic on Interstate 94. Dozens of the protestors were arrested.

Why?

Here is what we know: A young, unarmed black man was shot by a police officer during a 911 domestic abuse call. A lot of black men have been shot nationwide lately, often under suspicious circumstances.

Many people are angry and mistrust authorities.

That's pretty much it.

Given the volatile climate in which this shooting occurred, the police administration seems keenly tone-deaf to the need for basic but prompt information.

I was not on the scene the moment Clark was shot, and neither were you. If you were, you need to come forward, because we need the truth.

Until then, we have a set of conflicting reports, innuendo and rumors, which many people seem to confuse with facts.

Was Clark handcuffed when he was shot?

We don't know. Police say no, possible witnesses say yes. If you are not one of those people, you may think you know but you don't. You just believe you do, based on your experiences or simply because that is what you choose to believe.

Who shot Clark?

We don't know yet, but we will.

Was he resisting arrest?

We don't know.

Was Clark shot in the head?

Yes. Tuesday night, the medical examiner said he was killed by a shot to the head.

Are there videos of the shooting?

There are videos, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions (BCA) said Tuesday, but no one video that shows the whole event. Rumors are rampant that there were amateur videos floating around, but they are suspiciously slow to materialize. Don't believe in them until you see them. Even then, remember that what you see in them is likely dependent on what you believe.

The fact is that in the death of Jamar Clark we, you and I, know very little.

So it may come as a surprise that so many people in this city act like they know exactly what happened and are willing to say so in the press and particularly on social media. Maybe that's part of the problem: Knowledge is in the palm of our hand, and all we have to do is speak into your phone to find the capital of Bolivia or the net worth of Bill Gates or whether Michael Brown ever said "hands up, don't shoot" that day in Ferguson.

We think we know everything.

Actually, we still don't know that last one, even though it's all over the Internet. Several grand jury witnesses actually supported the police officer's story in that case, as did forensic evidence. Was the grand jury process flawed? It certainly seemed so. But "hands up, don't shoot"?

We still don't know. We believe.

There are, in fact, plenty of reasons to be skeptical of answers simply provided by officials. Passing the investigation of Clark's death along to the BCA was a logical first step. But keep in mind that the BCA was called in to investigate 83 shootings of individuals by law enforcement officers in the past decade and in all but one concluded that the use of deadly force was justified, according to a Star Tribune investigation. The one case was dismissed.

So Mayor Betsy Hodges made the right call in asking for a federal investigation. That satisfied one of the demands by Black Lives Matter, but it likely would have happened whether they wanted it or not in this case.

BLM wants answers now, of course. We all do. But I also want accurate information. Facts.

When Ramsey police shot Chaz Michael Havenor in August 2014, the BCA investigated and released the names of the officers involved within a couple of days, along with basic details of the incident. Havenor was white, Clark is black.

The clock is ticking, and it's making people suspicious.

Some of the people at the demonstrations, however, are suspicious of anyone who seems somehow establishment or official. This is nothing new. Remember "don't trust anyone over 30"? On Monday night, some activists were telling people not to talk to the "white mainstream media," whatever that means. I guess it's me.

These are the same people who thank us privately for showing up and covering events and digging up data on arrests and police malfeasance. But that message doesn't play to the crowd.

Early Tuesday, however, BLM sent out a news release boasting that the demonstrations had been picked up by the BBC, Los Angeles Times, the Guardian and major television stations — the very definition of the "white mainstream media."

"This won't go away," the release said.

No, it won't, as long as those people with the notebooks and cameras who roam among you continue to demand facts from those who keep them. Not rumors, not beliefs, but facts.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29132816/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim.

The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah

Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966456.shtml>

(with video)

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Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has released a statement regarding the officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning in Minneapolis. The statement reads, in full:

I want to provide everyone with an update to the situation regarding the officer-involved shooting and the protests in our city and community. Before I do, I want to thank people for expressing their opinions on such an important issue. I understand and respect the sense of urgency.

I am working within my scope of authority to make sure that we have a fair and just process for everyone,

and to both listen to and work with the community.

To that end I asked for an independent investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a review by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office. I made this request because I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned.

In addition, Chief Harteau and I have also been clear in our commitment that people be able to assemble lawfully and peacefully, and have communicated that.

In the big picture, I remain steadfastly committed to our ongoing work, through the groundbreaking National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, to enhance procedural justice, reduce implicit bias, and encourage racial reconciliation. For years, I've been working to make sure we have the best possible relationship between our officers and the community and that commitment remains.

Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the City's to release: it is in the hands of the BCA and the Justice Department, as part of their independent investigations. I cannot interfere with those investigations; nor, in the spirit of conducting an independent and thorough investigation, should I even appear to do so. I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law. Finally, I have been asked to require that Minneapolis police officers live in Minneapolis, and that we institute a civilian-review authority with disciplinary powers. Regardless of the merits of those requests, they are barred by state law. I hear people's frustration. This process is going to require patience on all of our parts, including my own. Thank you for your commitment to a fair and independent process moving forward.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-still-looking-over-details-of-deadly-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark is dead. He was shot by Minneapolis police officers during a struggle while they were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted.

BCA investigators said Tuesday this case is a top priority. They are pouring through video, interviewing witnesses and collecting forensic evidence, all in hopes of figuring out what led to the shooting of Clark and whether or not he was in handcuffs when he was shot.

Video evidence from the scene comes from the ambulance that treated the assault victim, cameras from public housing, Minneapolis police portable cameras and cameras operated by witnesses. Investigators say none of that video will be made public.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the video going public we would potentially taint portions of the investigation," Drew Evans with the BCA said.

Evans says so far, none of the video investigators have looked at show the entire incident, the struggle with officers and the shooting of Clark. What we do know is there are lots of questions about how things unfolded.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, something police deny. Investigators say they will have to use science to find the truth.

"What we're still undergoing is to exactly how handcuffs came into this scene there, were handcuffs at the scene at the time and we're still examining if they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they just fell out at the scene that's what we are trying to exert," Evans said.

WCCO took a look at Jamar Clark's arrest record. We found 10 arrests in Minneapolis since 2009. His crimes range from robbery and aggravated assault to DWI and running from police.

Most recently in Ramsey County, Clark is accused of terroristic threats and domestic assault. We spoke with the man who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 3 years old.

James Clark, who told me that no matter what his son did in the past, no matter what his arrest record says, he did not deserve to die like he did. James Clark says his son was shot once near the eye and the bullet was still there when Jamar was taken off life support.

The Hennepin County Medical Center released its autopsy of Jamar Clark's death Tuesday. The report says he died of a gunshot wound to the head and his manner of death is a homicide.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/17/bca-video-of-jamar-clark-doesnt-show-entire-incident/75947500/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Investigators say they do not have video that shows the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in its entirety.

In a media briefing on Tuesday, the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension gave an update into their investigation into the death of Clark, who died Monday evening after being taken off life support.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said they've collected several videos in their investigation, from the ambulance that was on scene, a stationed mobile police camera in the area, public housing authority camera and witness cell phone video. However, none of the videos show the entire incident, only portions, he said.

No dash cam video or body camera video were taken of the incident, according to the BCA. Evans said there wasn't a camera in the squad car of the officers on scene.

Evans would not elaborate on what the videos did show.

"(That) video will not be released at this time, as is normal protocol with our investigations," he said.

"Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently and it would impact the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation."

Evans said they do not want to taint the investigation by making that video public, as interviews with witnesses are ongoing. He said the video will not be released until the investigation is complete.

The BCA is working with the establishment across the street, the Elk's Club, to obtain their video, as well.

Handcuffs were recovered from the scene, Evans said, but it is unclear at this point how or when they were used, or if they were used at all. No weapons were recovered from the scene.

Evans said they are also working to piece together information regarding the initial domestic assault that took place between Clark and a person he knew, which is what the officers were responding to initially.

Authorities say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who had responded to the scene to help the victim.

Who is Jamar Clark?

The two officers involved in the shooting remain on paid administrative leave. Evans said they are working

to interview both officers in the coming days. Those officers will be identified after their interviews are complete.

Evans said the investigation is still very active -- they are awaiting autopsy results, forensic evidence tests and additional interviews. The typical timeline for this kind of investigation is two to four months, however, Evans said this case has been given top priority from the BCA.

Anyone who still has video of the incident -- or that witnessed the incident -- and has not yet contacted the BCA is asked to do so by calling 651-793-7000.

Clark's death has spurred outrage from the Black Lives Matter community, who have staged a protest at the Fourth Precinct office of the Minneapolis Police Department since Sunday. The group also marched on to Interstate 94 on Monday evening, shutting down the freeway between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue. Late Tuesday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a statement on the Clark shooting developments. <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-has-partial-video-of-jamar-clark-shooting/>
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — State investigators looking into the fatal police shooting of a black Minneapolis man during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police dispute. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

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The BCA is investigating the case, but Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera in the video, a public housing camera, surveillance video from an Elks Club across the street, and citizens' cell phones.

None of the videos capture the entirety of the shooting, said Evans. He said none of the videos will be released while the investigation is ongoing because it could taint the probe.

At a brief news conference shortly after the BCA announced Clark's death, Evans also said no police dash cam video existed. Authorities said earlier the officers weren't wearing body cameras. Evans declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them in the next day or two.

Evans also confirmed that Clark had no weapon. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans repeated that 2 to 4 months was typical but added the Clark case "has been given top priority."

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release any video they have of the incident along with the officer's identity.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/harteau-2-minneapolis-squad-cars-damaged-in-shooting-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said at least two squad cars were damaged Sunday night and one arrest was made Monday in the protests following the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

Clark was taken off life support Monday night, and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

Clark was shot early Sunday morning after police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as

Clark, assaulting a woman. On the way to the call, authorities were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics at the scene. When officers arrived, there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark. The two officers involved in the incident have been on paid administrative leave, and their names have not been released.

Witnesses of the incident said Clark was handcuffed at the time of the shooting, but police and investigators say a preliminary investigation shows that wasn't the case.

Members of the group Black Lives Matter, upon hearing about Clark's shooting, immediately gathered at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct and protested throughout Sunday night.

Jamar Clark Protest Vandalism
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Harteau said two police squad cars were damaged in Sunday's protest. One was an unmarked vehicle that had all of its windows smashed in, its dash camera was damaged and the tires on the vehicle were slashed by a knife or sharp object. An arrest was made Monday in that incident, Harteau said.

Harteau said the damage done to the two cars is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars.

Black Lives Matter continued its protests Monday night, taking over Interstate 94 just north of downtown Minneapolis and forcing traffic to come to a standstill. Members of the group have demanded since the shooting that video of the incident be released as well as the names of the officers.

On the freeway, protesters changed and blocked drivers from getting through for more than two hours.

When law enforcement made alternate routes for drivers, the protesters tried to block those as well by creating a human chain across the detour. More than 40 protesters were eventually arrested for unlawful assembly.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/driscoll?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked the U.S. Justice Department for a civil rights investigation into the Sunday shooting of Jamar Clark.

- Monday: 51 arrested in shooting protest that blocked I-94

Hodges says a federal investigation will promote "transparency and community trust."

Some protesters had already been calling for a federal investigation, saying they didn't trust state law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is currently conducting the criminal investigation.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the Justice Department under President George W. Bush.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/gov-dayton-says-highway-protest-was-extremely-dangerous/>
Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/clark-shooting-feds-launch-probe-me-report-released/75965928/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or BCA.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. The statement from the coroner listed the manner of death as "homicide."

And while that very word created a buzz in social media Tuesday evening, experts consulted by KARE said it was not surprising to see that in the report.

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi and veteran criminal defense lawyer Earl Gray both said the term "homicide" in coroner's reports applies to all killings, including accidents and those slayings later ruled to be justified by self-defense. The term "homicide" in the lingo of medical examiners is not interchangeable with the word "murder" -- it does not convey intent or motive.

Protesters involved in the Black Lives Matter movement Tuesday demanded that authorities share more evidence, including surveillance video collected from businesses and homes. They also asked investigators to release the names of the officers involved in Clark's arrest and killing.

"We'll identify the officers once they've been interviewed and we'll provide additional information at that time," Drew Evans, the BCA superintendent, told reporters.

Evans said investigators hoped to interview the officers in the coming days.

There are many due process protections built into state law for officers accused of misconduct or crimes.

The Minnesota Peace Officers Bill of Rights allows officers to have attorneys and union representatives on hand, and it permits officers to defer making any comments on the records until a formal complaint has been lodged.

Criminal attorney Fred Bruno confirmed Tuesday evening that he is representing the two officers.

Evans, when asked if he could confirm that Clark was unarmed at the time he was shot, simply said that no weapons were found at the scene other than the officer's guns.

According to Evans there are no police dash cam videos or body cam videos from the incident. And he said the surveillance camera footage doesn't show the incident in its entirety. So far no citizen videos have surfaced, but many witnesses have contacted the BCA offering to give personal accounts.

Some witnesses said Clark was already handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"There were handcuffs at the scene at the time, and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mister Clark or whether they just fell out at the scene. That's what we're trying to discern," Evans explained.

According to law enforcement sources the protocol in some police agencies is to handcuff suspects after they've been shot, as a precaution. It is not known yet whether that occurred in Clark's case.

"But the reality is whether he was handcuffed or not, how can we possibly justify an officer shooting him in the head when he was already on the ground?" Nekima Levy-Pounds of the Minneapolis NAACP told KARE. "There's simply no justification for that."

Levy-Pounds, an attorney who teaches at the University of Saint Thomas Law School, was among those who took part in the Black Lives Matter protest Monday night that blocked traffic on Interstate 94. She was among those who chose to stay and be arrested and jailed, rather than disperse when the Minnesota State Patrol arrived.

"As African Americans, generally speaking, it's very difficult for us to trust a system that has not been effective at meting out justice when it comes to officer involved shootings," she remarked. "We are tired of being killed at the hands of the police, and seeing a lack of accountability within the system."

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/clark-death-cameras?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/complaints-aplenty-after-freeway-protest/75961176/>
ST. PAUL, Minn. - In a press conference Tuesday, Governor Dayton expressed concern over the dangers of the Black Lives Matter freeway protest and said he discussed the situation with his staff.

"I am very uncomfortable with the fact it happened. I deeply regret it happened," said Governor Dayton. Dayton praised the Minnesota State Patrol for showing restraint and giving ample warning to the hundreds of protesters linking arms across 94 to block traffic during the sit-in.

"To put other lives at risk and shutting it down is extremely dangerous and I pray we will do everything possible prevent from happening again," said Dayton.

Minnesota State Patrol spokesperson Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said the protest was even more dangerous with low level light conditions, heavy traffic, wet roadways and light rain. She stated the Minnesota State Patrol responded as soon as they knew people were entering the freeway, and some 24 law enforcement agencies helped control protesters.

"In the United States, we have ample opportunity for first amendment rights to be honored and ample space for protesters to occupy space that's safe for them, and the freeway is not one of those options," said Lt. Schweigart.

Over loudspeakers, troopers gave protesters a 15 minute warning to disperse and exit the freeway. Lt. Schweigart said the protesters damaged trooper squad cars after throwing rocks and she said one trooper was punched by a protester who fled the scene.

"Even though I'm behind them, this is not the way to do it," said Pam Klocek, of Osseo, a driver stopped in traffic. "It puts a bigger divide between people and I think it's time they realize this is not the way to do it."

The 42 people arrested will now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrians on the freeway. Before many in the sit-in were arrested, they shouted, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

Civil rights attorney and University of St. Thomas professor Nekima Levy-Pounds stood before the protesters with her hands raised, waiting for troopers to arrest her first. Levy-Pounds has long been the voice and spokesperson of Black Lives Matter, and also serves as Minneapolis NAACP President.

"Hire some people of color on this force," she told the troopers. "This looks a scene from Selma, all white State troopers. We are Ferguson and we've been Ferguson for a long time. We are tired of this."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966313.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in response to an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning are continuing in Minneapolis for a third day.

Protesters continued to camp out Tuesday at the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis, and were blocking traffic on Plymouth Avenue. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protesters are demanding answers in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center. He was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner determined Tuesday Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head, and ruled his death was a homicide.

At issue is whether Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Protesters are demanding to see video evidence and they called for a federal investigation. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the video would not be released at this time because it might taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

The rain Tuesday did not slow the protesters down. At one point, they temporarily stopped a fire engine from passing. However, they quickly let it go through. Organizers then told protesters to let emergency vehicles through.

KSTP reporter Joe Augustine said, at one point, a vehicle sped through the crowd that was blocking the North Minneapolis precinct. The group chased the car. No one was hurt.

On Tuesday night, law enforcement were prepared for another protest like Monday night when 42 people were arrested after Interstate 94 was shutdown for three hours. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, bottles and rocks were thrown at squad cars, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

Many of those arrested now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway; both are misdemeanor offenses.

Gov. Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/blm-holds-vigil-for-clark-outside-of-police-station-in-day-3-of-protests/>

(with video)

The FBI said Tuesday it will start a criminal civil rights investigation into the death of Jamar Clark. That is one of the demands the Twin Cities Black Lives Matter group made after Clark's death on Saturday.

The group protested Tuesday for the third-straight night outside the 4th Precinct. They say they will stay until they see video of the incident, and know the names of the officers involved.

State troopers and city squads lined up near freeway ramps nearby to prevent a repeat of Monday night's shutdown of Interstate 94.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night and spent time in the Hennepin County Jail. They were released at about 3:30 a.m., but now face misdemeanor charges of trespassing and being a pedestrian on the freeway. Some of them returned here to the 4th Precinct to camp out again Tuesday.

But protestors did not go near the freeway; they said Tuesday night was about healing.

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<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/17/justice-department-to-probe-fatal-shooting-of-jamar-clark-by-police/>

(links and such)

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50697210-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jason Show tickets Minnesota Vikings Golden Gophers Ross Sveback Dale K Forest Lake News Team Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

"[We] don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

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"We're still examining whether [the handcuffs] were on Mr Clark or if they just fell out at the scene.

That's what we are trying to assert."

Photo Why Minnesota BCA isn't releasing Jamar Clark shooting video

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene.

BCA agents are arranging interviews with the officers involved in the shooting. The officers involved are currently on paid administrative leave and will not be identified until they have spoken with investigators.

The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

The BCA is asking anyone who has additional video of the deadly confrontation to contact the bureau at 651-793-7000.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/justice-probe>

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into Sunday's fatal police shooting in Minneapolis. But former federal officials are cautioning that the process can be a long process and can leave community members with dashed expectations.

Protesters took to the streets Sunday and Monday to demand a federal inquiry into the shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges made the request to the United States Justice Department saying federal review would promote "transparency and community trust."

But while federal civil rights investigations are appealing to local leaders because they often seem more independent than a local law enforcement investigation, they can also lead to unrealistic expectations that charges will be filed, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice under President George W. Bush.

The civil rights division has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, Driscoll added.

"There are lots of things that an officer can do that might not be what we'd call a 'good shoot,'" Driscoll said. "But that does not make it a federal civil rights violation, because if the officer acted negligently or made a mistake or acted contrary to rules, that is not enough."

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Most officer-involved shootings that lead to death or serious injury will also be investigated by a federal agency regardless of any local request, Driscoll said.

Federal officers often wait to see how the state probe unfolds before making their inquiries. Many of those federal investigations aren't publicized, he added.

It's often easier for federal officials to conduct an investigation into incidents like this without publicity, said Thomas Heffelfinger, the former U.S. Attorney for Minnesota.

"The goal is to be able to gather as many facts as possible as quickly and as reliably as possible,"

Heffelfinger said. "It allows the FBI and the U.S. attorney to move quickly and quietly to make a decision, either to commence a formal investigation or not."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3965950.shtml>

(with video)

A man shot by police over the weekend, sparking protests in Minneapolis, has now died.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says 24-year-old Jamar Clark of Minneapolis died Monday night. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting.

His body was taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy. The medical examiner determined Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head and ruled his death as a homicide.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. They did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation.

Investigators say the names of the officers will be released after the interviews are complete; both are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and Mayor Betsy Hodges has also requested a federal civil rights investigation.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said handcuffs were found at the scene, and investigators are working to determine whether they were on Clark at the time of the shooting or if they were just at the scene.

Evans says several videos have been obtained so far, but none of them capture the incident in its entirety. The videos are from the ambulance rig, a police camera in the area, the Public Housing Authority, and individuals with cellphones. Dash cam video and body cam video are not available.

Evans repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case, and by having the video being public, we would potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

U.S. Department of Justice Investigation

The calls had come from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Governor Mark Dayton and U.S.

Congressman Keith Ellison for a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) civil rights investigation into the shooting.

Read the statement Hodges issued regarding requests for external investigations here.

"When a member of our community is severely wounded, the circumstances must be investigated," wrote Rep. Ellison in a letter to United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

The DOJ has dual civil and criminal authority to investigate alleged civil rights misconduct by any local police department.

"It's not surprising given the situation here, that's very volatile, that the calls have come so early," said Rachel Paulose, former U.S. Attorney of the District of Minnesota.

Paulose also worked in Washington, D.C., in the same unit that handles civil rights investigations under former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"It's understandable that civil rights leaders, law enforcement authorities, and political leaders are calling for transparency to restore community trust," Paulose said.

The FBI is now investigating.

"The Department received a request yesterday from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asking the FBI and Department of Justice to initiate a criminal civil rights investigation into the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark. This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state's investigation. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark's death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes. We ask for cooperation from any witnesses who believe they have information about the shooting and we urge calm throughout our community while investigators seek to determine the facts. As the investigation is ongoing the Department will have no further comment," a statement read from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS reporter Eric Chaloux also sat down with former two-time U.S. Attorney Thomas B. Heffelfinger to discuss the weekend shooting of Clark.

"That is not an indictment or a criticism of the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension) or its ability to do job," Heffelfinger said. "But there are some elements of this particular case, I'm thinking of the handcuff issue, the potential differences of testimony between what police are saying and what other witness are apparently saying."

Heffelfinger said these types of federal civil rights investigations into a police department's actions require federal agents to piece together every detail of the case.

"They are very difficult, they are very public, very visible, emotions are high, and therefore they are difficult to do," Heffelfinger said.

The U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Division conducted 15 federal investigations into local police departments from 2009-2012.

Protests Sparked after Shooting

The shooting has led to multiple protests and the arrest of 42 people who caused Interstate 94 westbound to

close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis on Monday night.

The Minnesota State Patrol says one trooper was assaulted during the protest but was not significantly injured, and several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks.

Anyone with information or video is asked to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/minneapolis-naacp-president-speaks-out-on-i-94-arrests/>
(with video)

More than 40 demonstrators arrested in a protest that shut down a Twin Cities freeway have now been released.

Dozens of protesters blocked traffic on Interstate 94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue for about two hours in north Minneapolis Monday night. They're demanding police release more information about the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark's family says they took him off life support last night after a scuffle with two Minneapolis Police officers early Sunday morning. Investigators say Clark had attacked a woman, then got in the way of paramedics trying to help her.

Police say they tried to calm Clark, but got into an altercation.

One of the officers shot him during that struggle. Some eyewitnesses say that wasn't necessary. They say officers had Clark in handcuffs or at least restrained. Police dispute that. Amid the outrage, the city has asked the Justice Department to investigate.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested and charged with unlawful assembly. The Minneapolis NAACP president said she stood strong and spent hours in jail in the name of justice for Clark.

A video, posted on Twitter, showed the moments before she was arrested and taken to jail.

She said organizers warned protesters if they remained on the freeway, they could be placed behind bars.

Levy-Pounds said, at that moment, she led the group in prayer and felt a sense of peace and courage.

Protesters call their efforts necessary to get answers in Clark's shooting and eliminate what they describe as an uneven justice system that targets African-Americans.

"Initially, it was a tough decision because of the fact that I'm a mom," Levy-Pounds said. "I have to think about getting my son to school ... But in that moment, I thought about Jamar Clark. I thought about the witness accounts that I've heard. I thought about the fact that that could have been my son. And the emotions, the anger, the outrage rose up in me and I said, 'I have to risk arrest at this time.'"

Many of the protesters spent about five hours in jail, before being freed this morning. Among the people who were arrested were eight juveniles. The Minnesota State Patrol said Tuesday morning that 42 people in total were arrested, which was a reduction from earlier reports of 51.

More than a dozen people remain at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct on Tuesday, where they plan to stay until the names of the officers involved in Clark's shooting and any existing video are released.

The BCA says the investigation will take as long as needed to get a complete understanding of what happened.

A spokeswoman says agents are still interviewing people and examining evidence, but won't elaborate on specifics. Once it's complete, the information will be turned over to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

The names of the officers involved still have not been released.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50598505-story>

(with video - from 11/22)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Clark, 24, died Monday, Nov. 16 after he was removed from life support. Witnesses have said Clark was in handcuffs and unarmed at the time of the shooting, but Minneapolis police said preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed.

Initial police call

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

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Photo Jamar Clark shooting: What we know, what's next

Medical examiner's report

According to the Hennepin County medical examiner's office, Jamar Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. His death has been ruled a homicide.

Clark was unarmed, handcuffs in question

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Union chief: Clark was reaching for officer's gun and was never cuffed

recinct

Officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

Minneapolis Police Federation president Bob Kroll said handcuffs were never placed on Jamar Clark and that Clark was trying to take an officer's gun. Read more <http://www.fox9.com/news/51169866-story>

Video of incident

Evans confirmed his investigators have several videos of the incident, but none capture the entirety of what happened, and there is no police body camera footage or squad car dash cam footage. Evans said the videos will not be released.

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Officers identified

The BCA identified the officers involved in the shooting as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both officers have been with the MPD for 13 months and have been police officers for 7 years.

Occupation of 4th Precinct

Outraged community members and demonstrators with Black Lives Matter have occupied the vestibule of the 4th Precinct since the hours after Clark's shooting, while others have camped outside.

Demands of Black Lives Matter

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with "full disciplinary power"
5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

Mayor, police chief request DOJ investigation

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau have requested a Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark. The U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI responded with the following:

"This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state's investigation. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark's death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes."

I-94 protest

Hours after Mayor Hodges announced the DOJ investigation request, nearly 300 protesters shut down Interstate 94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis. According to State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m. Most of those arrested received misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Police reclaim the precinct

On the afternoon of No. 18, Minneapolis police began removing from the 4th Precinct. Chief Harteau said the department received complaints from the community about being unable to reach the police station. The chief said bottles and rocks were thrown at officers as they approached the 4th Precinct to remove protesters. PHOTOS - <http://www.fox9.com/news/51159040-gallery>

Gov. Dayton meets with Jamar Clark's family

"I have met this afternoon with members of Mr. Jamar Clark's family, with the leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, and with Congressman Keith Ellison. I expressed my sympathy to the members of Mr. Clark's family and his community for their loss.

"We were joined by telephone by Assistant United States Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the Department's Civil Rights Division and Anthony Newby of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change.

"The Assistant Attorney General repeated her statement last night that a release of any tapes now in the possession of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension would be "extremely detrimental" to the federal investigation.

"Accordingly, I asked the family and Black Lives Matter leaders to meet with the Department of Justice Attorneys, who will be flying to Minnesota tomorrow, to discuss the disposition of the tapes.

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Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges releases statement on protests (11/21):

“Minneapolis is grieving right now, and I share the sadness that many feel in our city this week. During this time, police officers have shown restraint and professionalism under very challenging conditions, and most protesters have gathered peacefully. I have asked officers and protesters to continue to exercise restraint and respect as we continue to balance the need to grieve and protest peacefully with the need to ensure everyone’s safety. Day in and day out, we ask officers to do the difficult work of keeping our city and our people safe. I know they will continue to do their best to protect neighbors and protesters from violent elements who are out only to do harm. ““I know that we have it in us, as a city and a people, to use this moment to recommit to transforming our city into the One Minneapolis we know we can and must become.”

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/williams2?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
The weekend shooting of an African American man by a Minneapolis police officer has once again sparked passionate protests.

City officials have asked state and federal authorities to investigate the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

This is not the first time the city has requested outside help at looking into a high-profile clash between police and residents.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Minnesota Public Radio reporter Brandt Williams about recent police shootings — especially in Minneapolis.

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(with video)

Authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark as protests roiled the city for a fourth day Wednesday and officers set up barricades at a north Minneapolis police precinct headquarters where hundreds of protesters were still on hand late into the night.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) identified the officers as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Each has seven years policing experience, including the last 13 months with Minneapolis.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, said the shooting happened after Clark allegedly tried to grab one of the officer’s guns when they responded to a paramedic’s 911 call for help early Sunday morning and scuffled with Clark. An autopsy said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau declined to discuss the assertion at a news conference Wednesday afternoon, but defended her order to break up protesters camped outside the department’s Fourth Precinct for safety reasons.

Tension remained high around the building late into the night, with police releasing pepper spray on at least two occasions to push crowds back. Police were spotted on the building’s roof on and off throughout the evening.

While some in the angry crowd called for a peaceful protest, others went nose to nose with police officers, yelling obscenities.

Minneapolis police appeared to begin moving protesters off the 4th precinct property Wednesday afternoon.

Video (00:11): Police begin to confront protesters outside 4th Precinct HQ

When an elderly neighbor using a cane came out to plead for quiet at what she said was her bedtime, the crowd turned down the volume. After a couple of protesters threw rocks, others urged them to remain nonviolent.

Earlier in the afternoon, dozens of officers streamed out of a side entrance, stormed a group of protesters huddled outside the station's main entrance and forced the group to move to the sidewalk. Moments later, a white van pulled up to the station, and several armored officers toting rifles with beanbag rounds and tear gas joined the blockade.

As the showdown between the two sides wore on, officers began dismantling sections of the protesters' makeshift camp, hauling away blankets, food and books in large plastic bags. Even so, about a dozen rain-soaked tents remained in place alongside the station.

Two black officers stood in front of the police barricade trying to calm the protesters. Some North Side residents, including several members of Clark's family, pleaded with protesters to remain peaceful.

"The decision was made to remove people who were blocking the entrance and covering the security camera within the vestibule," Harteau said at the news conference, where she was joined by Mayor Betsy Hodges. "We also received multiple complaints from residents who were unable to gain entry to speak with our officers and investigators."

Hodges later said on her Facebook page that she "firmly believes in everyone's right to protest." She and Harteau "are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully."

On Twitter, someone posted a photo of protesters standing in the mayor's house, apparently talking to her husband, Gary Cunningham. The tweet said Betsy Hodges was not at home.

Inspector Mike Friestleben said police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. Two others — one accused of throwing a water bottle at officers outside the precinct, and another wanted for allegedly slugging a state trooper during a protest Monday night that spilled onto Interstate 94 — were briefly "secured" and released, Friestleben said. He added that several officers sustained minor injuries after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

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Officers' history

Ringgenberg and Schwarze haven't had any disciplinary actions since they joined the Minneapolis department, said Kroll, of the police union. They have been on standard paid administrative leave since the shooting. The BCA, which is investigating Clark's death, met with the officers Tuesday night. The FBI is also conducting its own inquiry into whether the shooting of Clark, who was black, violated any civil rights laws.

Ringgenberg joined the Minneapolis force in September 2014 after 2½ years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments. Maple Grove police said Wednesday that Ringgenberg had two exemplary job reviews, received multiple internal commendations and had no disciplinary actions in his personnel file. Before that, he was a San Diego police officer from July 2008 to March 2012, working part of the time on a special team handling high-crime areas. In San Diego, he was sued in federal court in 2012 for his alleged rough treatment of a suspect resisting arrest. The suit was later dismissed.

Schwarze also became a Minneapolis officer in September 2014. He came from the Richfield Police Department after being on that force for almost six years. He also was a community service officer with the Brooklyn Park Police Department for two years, a Mall of America security guard for a month and a member of the Champlin Police Department's Explorer program for nearly three years.

In 2009, a federal lawsuit was dismissed that alleged Schwarze forced a man to become a police informant through false arrests and threats.

Conflicting accounts

Clark, of Minneapolis, was shot during what police described as a struggle with officers on the street in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. about 12:45 a.m. Sunday. Police have said Clark was interfering with paramedics tending to his girlfriend.

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Police spokesman John Elder said that police are withholding the identity of the woman and details about her condition because "it is tied into the officer incident."

The BCA said it has several videos of the shooting, but none show the incident in its entirety.

The 10-year-old son of Tequila Dillon said he witnessed Clark's death. At first, Dillon said, she didn't believe her son Ze'Morion, who kept telling her that "the police killed someone."

But Dillon said she saw Clark after he was shot, a handcuff clasped around one arm. Dillon didn't see

Clark fighting with police, but repeated what her son had told her: "They told the man to back up and he did," she said. "Something needs to be done. What would justify this?"

Gov. Mark Dayton on Wednesday evening said some of his staff have viewed video recorded from an ambulance showing the incident between Clark and police. "I've not viewed it," Dayton said.

Dayton said rumors that the National Guard would be called to the scene of ongoing protests at a police station in Minneapolis are false.

"Totally incorrect," he said, adding: "I've not given any consideration, given what I know now, to doing so."

Pleas for justice

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Clark's family members and their supporters spoke to the news media late Wednesday morning at the Minneapolis Urban League, with sister Javille Burns describing Clark as a man who would give children a dollar whenever they asked or take off his T-shirt to give it to someone who needed it to stay warm.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," said Burns, backed by others in her family. "He did not deserve to be shot down like an animal."

Clark's relatives have said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. He worked for a trucking company and started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

"He was a peaceful person, despite what people say about my brother," Burns said.

Burns said she holds no ill will toward the officers involved in her brother's death. "I'm not angry at them. I pray for them. I pray for their souls."

Lena Gardner, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said at the media gathering that she and fellow activists will stay vocal until they are heard by the authorities.

"We want them to stop killing us," Gardner said. "We have rung the bells loud. We are not going to take this anymore."

Interim Urban League President Steven Belton urged witnesses of the shooting to come forward and provide information. Belton vowed that the black community will remain united in the pursuit of justice for Clark and his loved ones.

"We have spelled out specific demands and requests," he said. "The bottom line is justice."

"A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened," U.S. Sen. Al Franken said in a statement Wednesday. "In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

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This morning I couldn't decide whether or not to wear my Black Lives Matter T-shirt to work.

Today I rode in a squad car with a white police officer and sat with a grieving black parent. I want to share my experience in the hope that it might help fists unclench.

I want to wear my shirt because I support Black Lives Matter. I have been to marches and protests, and am committed to a faith community that supports the BLM movement. I am a social worker at a school in north Minneapolis that has one of the highest rates of poverty and homelessness in our district. Many of my students struggle with emotional and behavioral challenges that profoundly limit their ability to find success in school or beyond. Many of their families suffer from generational poverty, incarceration, addiction and ongoing community violence. And most of them are black. Inequity, oppression, mass incarceration, discrimination and prejudice have deeply scarred many of the children I work with. Black Lives Matter. To me.

I don't want to wear the shirt because it necessarily puts me in opposition to the Minneapolis Police Department. My job is dangerous. In my school, our dedicated team works with highly traumatized, hypervigilant, and often aggressive children who have been shown to be a danger to themselves or to others. Despite best efforts to end the "school to prison pipeline," the district has given us a school resource officer (SRO) to assist us with students who escalate out of our control. The SRO has helped me find runaway middle-schoolers, make welfare checks on truants, calm frantic parents, and transport children in crisis, and has helped me navigate the dangerous parts of the neighborhoods my students call home. My SRO does his job well, and I rely on him to help me do mine.

Today he drove me by the protest over Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police. The officer shared his thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to his point of view, grateful that he was willing to speak honestly about his frustration with BLM in general and this situation specifically. He defended the

officers and the department against what he felt were unfair accusations. I was uncomfortable, but I listened. We were on our way to help a mother find her 12-year old daughter, who never came home last night. We found the student and saw an emotional reunion. The parent was deeply grateful to the officer. A few hours later, I was sitting with a mother whose 10-year-old son, another of our students, had witnessed Sunday's shooting when he ran outside his house. She described how he was "extra clingy" since then and asked that he be excused from school for an extra day. She shared her thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to her point of view, grateful that she was willing to speak honestly about what had happened at her doorstep, how it affected her family, her exhaustion and her rage. We will welcome her son back to school when he is ready and try to help him heal, being present to the fear he and his peers grow up with.

My job puts me in the middle of this storm.

I support #JusticeforJamar. Black Lives Matter. I want the racial wounds of this nation to be acknowledged. I want the cycles of violence that harm our black children to be stopped. I want white privilege to be dismantled. I want freedom and justice for all. But I also want to recognize the allies in the ranks of those we may label as enemies. Our white resource officer does more to protect the lives of my black students than anyone else I know. He offers them support and friendship in school and in the community. He supports parents, and he supports me.

His negative views of Black Lives Matter discourage me. As do the negative views many black parents and children hold toward white police officers trying to protect and serve.

The storm swirls around us all, deafening, unless we take time to listen to one another.

Rebecca Stewart, of St. Paul, is a school social worker.

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This week is not the first time police and protesters have squared off along Plymouth Avenue in north Minneapolis. In 1967, the very same street saw some of the most destructive riots in city history. The legacy that persists from those clashes is something all sides should remember in the coming days and weeks.

That summer, 150 National Guard troops were deployed to the area. More than 30 fires blazed over three days. At least three people were wounded by gunfire, according to newspaper accounts.

While those events paled in comparison with the devastating riots that swept Detroit the same week, the Plymouth Avenue unrest had a similarly lasting impact on the community.

The most enduring effect hides in plain sight today, obvious only if you look at photos taken before the unrest. Of the dozens of storefronts that once lined the street, not one remains. Butcher shops, bakeries, a bowling alley. Koval Appliances and the Homewood Theater. All gone.

Whatever didn't burn that week would quickly fall in the name of urban renewal. By the mid-1970s, when I was growing up nearby, Plymouth was an avenue of empty lots. For a full mile between the alphabetically ordered cross-streets of Aldrich and Penn Avenues, there is exactly one pre-1967 building still standing.

Gaps have been partly filled in with cheap apartments, or with social service and government buildings, most notably the Fourth Precinct police station built in 1988. But from Aldrich to the city line at Wirth Park, there are just three commercial establishments — a liquor store, a barbershop and the Estes Funeral Chapel. From the corner where Jamar Clark was shot, it's a 20-minute walk to buy a carton of milk.

It's true that Plymouth Avenue was already declining by 1967, as many of the area's Jewish businesses followed their customers to the suburbs. But that was happening elsewhere in the city, too. What the riots destroyed forever was the original, pedestrian-friendly streetscape — the sort of community infrastructure that has helped to anchor and revive so many other Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods.

There were charges of police brutality before the 1967 riots, too, and those troubles have remained. As a teenager in the 1980s, I was once stopped by a Fourth Precinct cop who didn't give me a ticket but wanted to know what a white guy like me was doing living "up here with these animals."

Activists this week warned that north Minneapolis is ready to burn, that the neighborhood is just one bullet away from Ferguson or Baltimore. History gives a loud warning of what can happen to a community once that match is struck. Scorched earth does not easily regrow.

Residents and community leaders trying to keep the pressure on for justice should do all they can to keep the protests as peaceful as they are purposeful.

And for the mayor and the police, the job should be to get to the truth of this weekend's events as quickly, honestly and transparently as possible — no matter where the trail leads.

Don't let Plymouth Avenue burn again.

Jon Coifman, of New York, was raised on the North Side and returns regularly.

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MINNEAPOLIS — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, the police union leader, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

A gathering Thursday night was more peaceful, the Star Tribune reported. Two men were arrested on preliminary charges of felony damage to property after profanities were found spray-painted on the precinct building, the police department tweeted.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

-http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29133929/

Authorities on Wednesday released the names of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man over the weekend, and police later made a show of force outside a precinct where protesters have been encamped for days.

The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of Sunday's shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, identified the officers involved as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

Police released the officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law. However, police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Hours after the release of the names, which demonstrators had been demanding for days, officers lined up outside a North Side precinct where protesters set up camp. They removed a shelter canopy and dumped water on a campfire, but left the roughly 18 tents untouched before forming a wall in front of the precinct's entrance.

The several dozen protesters at the site jeered the officers, chanting "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly relit.

Chief Janee Harteau said the department has no plans to clear the area and stop the protests as long as they are peaceful.

"We will not tolerate property damage or acts of violence against anyone," she said. She said the building's entry must be kept clear for reasons of safety and access.

But at about 7 p.m., police made what appeared to be an attempt to clear protesters off the west front lawn of the precinct station. They burst out of a side door of the front vestibule and pushed their way out to the curb, knocking down shelters and forcing back protesters as they moved.

Police held the line at the curb for a couple of minutes while protesters pushed back against them. Some protesters grew hostile and tried to rush the line but were pushed back by police batons and pulled back by fellow protesters. Police soon retreated, protest leaders helping to cover their retreat from more aggressive members.

About an hour later, police moved to reclaim fence gates where protesters had hung tarps to shield themselves from chemical spray. Police pushed their way out the west gate, spraying chemical irritant at protesters who tried to keep them from removing the tarps.

Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said. And the department said via Twitter that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers suffered minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

Eventually, the protesters abandoned all three fence gates and focused their numbers on the front of the station. However, groups of protesters later reoccupied the fence gates, saying they wanted to keep officers from going home for the night.

Demonstrators get maced as they confront bicycle police at the western gate of the Minneapolis Police Departments 4th precinct building on Plymouth Avenue

Demonstrators get maced as they confront bicycle police at the western gate of the Minneapolis Police Departments 4th precinct building on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Police say Clark, a suspect in an assault, was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim early Sunday, and was shot when he scuffled with police in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Some community members have alleged he was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the BCA's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the president of the Minneapolis police union told KARE-TV and KSTP-TV that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the scuffle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. The scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said that Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that Ringgenberg and Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

Kroll said that the two officers were interviewed Tuesday night.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said.

Kroll said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter." He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Evans said investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Asked whether any of the video shows Clark in handcuffs, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that it captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

Protesters had vowed to remain outside the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred until authorities release any video.

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The DFL governor said he is "very concerned" about the situation. He said he hopes for peaceful protests and assured protesters that the state and the city of Minneapolis join them in wanting a thorough investigation.

"We take this matter very seriously," Dayton said. "I am hopeful that that demonstration of shared concern will be recognized."

Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges used her Twitter account to dismiss an NBC News report that said she had requested the National Guard's assistance.

Also Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken said he supported the federal investigation into Clark's death

This article includes Pioneer Press staff reports.

-<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/11/18/national-guard-not-called-minneapolis-governor-mayor-say/>

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For days, Minneapolis has simmered with protests after the police shooting of Jamar Clark Sunday night.

Despite several clashes, and a news report claiming otherwise, neither Dayton nor Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges say the Guard has been called to assist.

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On Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken joined with officials from the city and state, as well as U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, in urging a federal investigation into Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said in a statement. "I support the decision of Mayor Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau to call for an independent investigation."

-<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3967530.shtml>

(With video)

The Minneapolis Police Department is responding to protesters who have stationed themselves at the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday.

During an afternoon news conference, Harteau said protesters have the right to have their voices heard but that public safety is the "number one priority."

She added that bottles and rocks were thrown at officers and that "violence will not be tolerated."

However, while officers warned four women Wednesday that they would face arrest if they did not leave the building's vestibule, Harteau said officers have no plans to stop protests, so long as they are peaceful. Meanwhile, Inspector Michael Friestleben said in addition to bottles and rocks being thrown, gunfire was investigated near the precinct. Friestleben said police cars have been damaged in the protests; one had its tires slashed and windows broken.

"Officers have remained calm and they've worked hard," Friestleben said about officers' responses to the protests.

He added that extra enforcement has been brought in to monitor and respond to the situation.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at the afternoon news conference, said "emotions are running high in the community and they are running high for everybody in the city right now" and asked for patience with the investigation.

"It's important for the community to be able to move forward together effectively in the coming days and weeks and months," Hodges said.

Earlier in the day, protesters shouted at police as officers pulled down an awning at the 4th Precinct, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Read more about the protests here.

Read more about the investigation here.

-<http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/11/to-bear-witness-in-the-4th-precinct/>

(numerous tweets, not copied in)

The day may yet come when the need for a healthy news media is eclipsed by the technology that makes them irrelevant. But last night's assault on protesters by the Minneapolis Police Department showed we're not there yet, not nearly so.

Twitter proved again last night that it — not radio, not TV, not newspapers, not blogs — is the most effective medium for covering the reality of events on our streets.

And it's true that a smartphone and a pair of eyes can make anyone a journalist, able to tell their story as they see fit.

But it's difficult to sort out the spin. That much was made clear by this tweet last night from the Minneapolis Police Department, which, like its enemy in the street, attempted to control the story in a tug-of-war on Twitter. But you can't tell a story from somewhere else.

Journalists, some of whom were maced by police, immediately offered a confirmation that the police were at least partially responsible, a confirmation that the MPD eventually acknowledged.

Protesters tweeted, too, that they weren't provoking the cops. But some were. Journalists' tweets showed some throwing rocks.

KARE 11's Ben Garvin was one of those with a seat at the Twitter fight for the soul of the narrative.

By mid-evening a small army of reporters reliably told the whole story, armed with their smartphones and their most potent weapon: trust.

There is value, of course, to the social media of participants, who now have the freedom to raise voices previously muzzled.

But it has not yet eclipsed — not nearly so — the value of a courageous storyteller.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/nation-now/2015/11/18/minneapolis-police-death/76008458/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis officers removed activists, who had been camping out three days to protest the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of police, from the front of their 4th Precinct station Wednesday after releasing the names of officers involved in the incident.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze were among those who responded to reports of a domestic assault in north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. CT Sunday, according to Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of the shooting. When authorities arrived, Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, who was a suspect in the assault, was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said.

Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze have been with the Minneapolis department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years, state officials said. Police released the two officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law.

The officers were interviewed Tuesday night. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said Wednesday that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said of the investigation. Both officers are on paid administrative leave pending the probe's outcome.

While Kroll said that neither officer had faced disciplinary action while working for the Minneapolis police department, Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while working as an officer with the Richfield, Minn., Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge with prejudice.

Riggenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove, Minn., before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Hours after the officers' names were released — one the activists' demands — police stormed their encampment and created a human chain between Black Lives Matter activists and the 4th Precinct building.

Police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to demonstrators starting about 1:30 p.m. CT, moving them away from the station. SWAT teams dressed in camouflage who jumped out of vans quickly followed the first line of officers.

"We don't die, we multiply!" some protesters chanted as they stood directly in front of the officers. Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street.

Clark died Monday evening, a day after police shot him during the early Sunday struggle. Some community members have alleged that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot but later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the state agency's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

Clark has convictions that include aggravated robbery and terroristic threatening but had no weapon that night, investigators later said.

Clark's sister Javille Burns said Wednesday that she wanted to dispel misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. At a Minneapolis Urban League press conference, she spoke of Clark as generous, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store.

He was a decent person whose life and death will not be forgotten, she said.

"He will not die in vain," Burns said. "His voice will be heard across the country."

Protesters have had three demands since they learned of the shooting:

Release the names of the officers involved

Request a federal civil-rights investigation and

Release any associated video.

Now they and others also want a meeting with federal Justice Department officials, who in the spring had selected the city for a program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

The FBI agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation, but on Tuesday state investigators said they would not release video while their probe was ongoing because no dashboard or body camera footage existed.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

On Wednesday as police cleared the encampment in front of the 4th Precinct near Sunday's shooting, images from KARE-TV's news helicopter Wednesday showed a crowd of more than 100 with more arriving by the minute.

More police crews also arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area.

Some chaos ensued, including a moment when multiple officers chased a demonstrator for unknown reasons. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested.

The decision to retake the precinct building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety because protesters were blocking the entrance to the precinct building and not allowing the public inside, she later said.

As protesters were shouting down police in the afternoon, Burns drove by the police station, clearly angry

after speaking calmly at the Urban League press conference about wanting justice for her brother.

"You're pissing people off," she yelled at the activists. "These officers can't do nothing for you."

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-<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-force-black-lives-protesters-to-move-off-precinct-7844221>

The very day Jamar Clark was gunned down in North Minneapolis by police, about 20 Black Lives Matter activists crowded into the vestibule of the fourth precinct police station. An overnight sit-in swelled into a campsite, and four days later the 1900 block of Plymouth had become a shanty-town replete with fire pits, port-o-johns, hot food and donations of blankets and fresh socks.

Protesters vowed to stay until three demands were met: a federal investigation, release of video footage, and termination of the two officers involved.

So far, they've only gotten one of those things. Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for and received the U.S.

Department of Justice's pledge to investigate what happened the night of Clark's death. Cops claim Clark reached for an officer's gun while interfering with paramedics trying to treat a domestic assault victim. A number of witnesses claim he had been lying on the ground, bound with handcuffs, when a cop shot him in the head for no apparent reason.

On Wednesday Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau decided that enough was enough, and ordered the protesters' eviction. They were blocking off the entrance and preventing citizens from reporting crimes, said Sgt. Steve Mosey.

Infuriated, protesters accused Hodges of conspiring with the police, luring leaders of BLM into a meeting just as cops moved in. Hodges' office denies the claim — the mayor met with a handful of BLM organizers and members of the Clark family in the morning, while the clearing of the vestibule began at about 2 p.m. As protesters screamed bloody murder and "Fuck the police," cops in riot gear attempted to tear down their tents, leading to a tense exchange on the lawn.

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At one point James Hill, Clark's father, confronted an officer, saying, "They already killed my son, what can they do to me?" — to which the cop laughed and responded, "I appreciate you, I appreciate you."

For hours the crowd outside the station grew as protesters called for reinforcements and refreshments.

Police guarding the door, watching from the roof and surrounding streets ignored protesters taunting them to shoot, but did engage in sporadic debates about justice and due process. Protesters linked arms and encircled the building. Officers changed shifts.

As night fell, protesters claimed to have been maced and shot with rubber bullets. Minneapolis Police confirmed they did fire a marking round at a man who had been throwing rocks.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/police-storm-4th-precinct-remove-protesters/76005158/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - As night fell over Minneapolis Wednesday, tensions between protesters and police rose to a new peak.

Around 6:30 p.m., protesters began surrounding the precinct, continuing chants, demanding justice in the shooting death of Jamar Clark. Police say protesters began throwing rocks, bricks and bottles at officers.

Police say officers have been hit, but none have needed medical attention. Shortly before 9 p.m., chemical irritants were deployed, both from officers and protesters.

Police fired at least one "marking round" at someone who they say threw a brick which hit an officer. They say the suspect ran away and has not been arrested.

One protest organizer told KARE 11 those throwing bricks or bottles at officers are not part of the organized protest and that "there are angry people showing up and causing trouble and making the rest of us look bad."

Earlier Wednesday, police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to Black Lives Matter demonstrators, moving them away from the building in the process. The first line of officers was quickly followed by SWAT teams that jumped out of vans dressed in camouflage.

More crews then arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area. There was some chaos, including one moment when multiple officers chased a man who allegedly threw a bottle at an officer. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested. Later, she backed off that statement, saying protesters were allowed to peacefully protest in the area but they had to stay away from the entrances to the precinct.

KARE 11 photojournalists captured images of demonstrators standing directly in front of police officers, chanting "We don't die, we multiply!" Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street.

Images from SKY 11 showed a crowd of more than 100, with more people arriving and the noise increasing as the afternoon unfolded.

Harteau met with the media Wednesday afternoon and told reporters that the decision to retake the precinct

building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety -- and was a decision she made as chief. She said her department recognizes the public's right to protest, but said members of Black Lives Matter and other groups were sleeping and spending time in the precinct entry, blocking residents from getting in to see officers.

Fourth Precinct Inspector Mike Friestleben says four female protesters were occupying the entryway Wednesday afternoon and were asked to leave. When they refused, the women were cited for trespassing. As officers were moving the women out Friestleben says the crowd became agitated and violent, and started pelting officers with rocks and bottles. At that point tactical squads were called in armed with guns that fire beanbags.

During the uproar officers were able to identify and arrest a man suspected of punching a Minnesota State Trooper in the face on Monday night. They also chased down and arrested a protester who hit an officer with a bottle.

Both Chief Harteau and Inspector Friestleben commended officers for their poise and restraint, dealing with demonstrators who have at times been verbally abusive and physically violent, throwing rocks and bottles from the time the "occupation" began Sunday night. The chief says that protesters have become increasingly bold and comfortable as the demonstration went on, even smoking pot and sleeping in the entrance of the precinct.

Jamar Clark's sister confronts protesters KARE

Earlier Wednesday afternoon, there was an interesting moment as Jamar Clark's sister drove up on the scene as protesters were shouting down police. Javille Burns opened her window and addressed protesters, clearly angry, asking them what their goal was. "You're pissing people off," she shouted. "These officers can't do nothing for you... you're ignorant." When one protester tried to engage her, Burns jumped out of the car and ran at him. "That's my brother that got shot... my blood (expletive) brother!"

-<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/shooting-jamar-clark-what-we-know>

Early Sunday morning, on the city's North Side, a Minneapolis police officer shot a 24-year-old man named Jamar Clark in the head. In the three days since, the incident has made national headlines, led to state and federal investigations and inspired a protest that shut down one of the busiest highways in the state, resulting in dozens of arrests.

As of this moment, however, information about the incident itself is scarce, and in some cases, conflicting. Here's what we know so far — and what we don't — about what happened (note: this story was last updated November 20 to reflect new information):

How did this whole thing start?

Shortly after midnight, two Minneapolis police officers responded to a call for assistance from paramedics reporting a man interfering with their ability to help an assault victim, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The officers arrived at the scene, on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, and got into an altercation with Clark, who was a suspect in the assault. In the course of this encounter, one of the officers shot Clark.

Was Clark handcuffed when the officer shot him?

This is in dispute. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau says he was not. However, some witness accounts say otherwise. The group Black Lives Matter posted a video yesterday morning featuring a woman who says she saw the officer shoot Clark while Clark was in cuffs.

Did Clark die as a result of his wounds?

Yes. Despite some initial reports, Clark did survive the shooting, though he was in extremely critical condition. He died Monday night and his body has been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

What do we know about the officers involved?

The BCA released their names Wednesday morning: Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been police officers for seven years, and both have been with the Minneapolis Police Department for a little more than a year. Schwarze has faced two internal affairs complaints in his time on the force. One was dismissed with no discipline earlier this year; the other is still open. Police won't release any details on the nature of the complaints. Ringgenber has not had any complaints.

Was the shooting caught on video?

Yes. On Tuesday, the BCA acknowledged that footage of the incident does exist, including from an ambulance, bystanders, a police mobile video station and a public housing building. None captured the incident in full, so it's yet to be seen exactly what the video will show. Minnesota Public Radio has posted audio from the BCA press conference.

Why is there no police body camera footage?

The officers weren't wearing them. The Minneapolis Police Department hasn't officially rolled out its body camera program yet, though it expects to in early 2016. The department did run a pilot project, but it ended earlier this year.

How have critics responded?

Black Lives Matter and others assembled promptly after reports of the shooting and have since been camped outside the MPD's fourth precinct station. On Monday, the group issued a "list of demands,"

including that police release footage of the incident, which the protestors believe will confirm Jamar was handcuffed during the incident. The group also asked for an independent investigation into the shooting, saying the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension wasn't capable of being impartial. On Monday night, hundreds of protestors took the streets and blocked westbound traffic on I-94. Police arrested 51 people on various minor charges.

What's been the response of city officials?

Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference Monday night with several other city leaders, where she announced the city had asked the federal Department of Justice for an independent civil rights investigation, which will occur in concurrence with the state's BCA investigation. In her letter, Hodges said she and Harteau have "utmost faith" that the BCA can conduct a proper investigation, but "believe it assists the interests of transparency and community confidence" to have the DOJ step in too. Harteau added that the investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

What will be the DOJ's role?

The DOJ agreed to take the case Tuesday. The federal agency will make determinations on the case independent from the state, says Mark Osler, former assistant U.S. Attorney. The department also brings investigators with national experience in these types of cases, which the state doesn't have. If the DOJ does find criminal wrongdoing, the officers could potentially face federal charges (though, as FiveThirtyEight points out, that's proven to be historically rare). But that's not the only possible outcome, says Osler. Another would be issuing a report identifying problems in the system and making recommendations to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau

MinnPost photo by Peter Callaghan

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau stated at Monday's press conference that the BCA investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

Was this Jamar Clark's first encounter with police?

No. Clark has faced several criminal charges in the past. He was convicted of first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010 and terroristic threats-reckless disregard risk earlier this year, both felonies. In an interview with KARE-11, Clark's brother said Jamar was "trying to get his life back together."

How often do Minnesota police officers fatally shoot suspects?

Between 1994 and 2014, 115 people died in police shootings, according to data reported by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (though the Pioneer Press recently pointed out that this dataset may be incomplete). The deadliest years over that 20-year period were 2009 and 2010, with 11 officer-related shootings each year. In 2014, seven people died in police shootings, according to the data.

So why is this one getting so much more attention?

Partly due to the circumstances, but also because of the response from groups like Black Lives Matter. Many community leaders have likened the event to others around the country involving black victims, such as the case in Ferguson, Missouri, in which a white officer shot an unarmed black man.

Why haven't we seen the videos?

They're not public yet. As the Minnesota Coalition for Open Government points out, any video obtained by police falls under private "criminal investigative data." That doesn't mean we won't see the footage eventually. When the investigation ends, the videos will automatically become public. Given the high demand for the video, however, it's probable that investigators will release the footage once they've made a determination in the case.

Have the protests turned violent?

For the most part, the protests have been peaceful, but there have been some reports of violence. Harteau said in a press conference Thursday that some demonstrators had thrown bottles, rocks, bricks and Molotov cocktails at officers and squad cars, causing serious damage to 12 police vehicles, two portable cameras and the Fourth Precinct building. There was also a report of shots fired near the protest site. In response, police have used measures like chemical irritant spray and non-lethal marking rounds, which are supposed to identify agitators. Some protestors have alleged further abuse by the police. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP, said Thursday that cops beat up two women in an alley. Levy-Pounds said there was video of the incident, though none has come to light so far.

Has Clark's family responded?

Clark's sister, Javille Burns, criticized protestors who have been destructive in a sit-down interview with KARE-11. "Violence begets violence," she said. "I do not condone the people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property — any of those things are not getting our message across, period." She said the officer who shot her brother should be "tried and convicted as a murderer."

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51138169-story>

(with Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Minneapolis police officers began removing demonstrators protesting the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark from the Fourth Precinct Wednesday afternoon. The

demonstrators had been camped out in front of the building since Sunday, saying they intended to stay there until video footage of the incident was released. Chemical irritant was fired from both sides. Chief Janeé Harteau arrived at the Fourth Precinct early in the afternoon with several dozen officers to clear protestors away from the front entrance, a space they had been occupying for several days. The tense situation escalated when police in tactical gear arrived in an unmarked van across the street near an alleyway. Protesters confronted them, cursing and yelling.

Some protestors threw rocks and bricks at officers. Officers sprayed a chemical irritant into the crowd, along with several non-lethal marking rounds.

By evening, the situation calmed down until protestors moved to block the entrance of the police parking lot. Officers in tactical gear arrived again. Moments later, police say a man threw a brick at an officer, he was shot with several non-lethal marking rounds and then ran away.

At a press conference Thursday, Harteau said most protestors remained peaceful, but there were several anarchists in the crowd that were focused on mayhem.

Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were also fired at police during the standoff.

"We support first amendment rights [and] peaceful demonstrations, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that puts the public at risk in Minneapolis," Harteau said.

Both The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI are investigating the deadly confrontation that led to Clark's death. The BCA announced Tuesday they would not be releasing video footage of the incident until their external investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/police-remove-black-lives-matter-protesters-from-4th-precinct/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Officers and Black Lives Matter protesters clashed Wednesday night outside of a Minneapolis police station after a very tense day.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the Fourth Precinct building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him.

The rounds are essentially paint balls that mark clothing so suspects can be singled out for arrest. Police say the man fled the area and has not been caught.

Police also used chemical irritants on some of the crowd. WCCO's Reg Chapman was hit by the spray, but says he did not know where it came from. Chapman says protesters insisted that it came from police in the precinct's parking lot.

Police officials repeatedly denied this claim through the night. It was only after Chapman's report aired on the 10 p.m. news that police acknowledged he was "more than likely" hit by residual spray from an officer. Police officials also said several squad cars parked in the precinct's lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

A number of officers removed Black Lives Matter protesters Wednesday afternoon from the vestibule of the north Minneapolis police precinct where people had been staying since a fatal police shooting sparked protests over the weekend.

The removal led to a noisy stand-off between police and protesters. Police said rocks and bottles were thrown and that they took two people into custody, arresting one and releasing another. Some officers in riot gear eventually responded to the scene.

The recent protests stem from the Sunday shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who police say was a suspect in a domestic assault call. Community members say Clark was in handcuffs when a police officer shot him in the head. Police have said he was not in handcuffs.

For four straight days, groups of protesters have camped around the 4th Precinct and inside the building's vestibule. Chief Janeé Harteau said she made the call to remove people from the building.

"We have a responsibility to maintain public safety," she said at a press conference Wednesday afternoon. She said that after the shooting, a group of women had been staying inside the vestibule. As the days went by, more people were showing up – even smoking marijuana – and making it difficult for people to get into the building.

Shvonne Johnson, the former assistant dean of students at St. Catherine University, told WCCO-TV she was inside the vestibule with students when officers came to get them out. She said as they were donating supplies and taking photos of the entrance way when officers charged at them in a threatening way.

At the afternoon press conference, police described the event differently.

Inspector Michael Friestleben said officers in regular uniforms had planned to ask the women politely to leave the vestibule when a chaotic scene erupted.

"As we approached the door, people were throwing rocks and bottles at officers," he said. "As we opened the door, all the young ladies ran out."

Police then took down a banner that said "Black Lives Matter" and used a barrier to block protesters from the building.

Black Lives Matter called out on Twitter for people to come down to the precinct. Protesters chanted and eventually made a human chain along the front of the precinct.

Friestleben said that police arrested one man outside the precinct who'd punched a state trooper in the face during a protest on Interstate 94 Monday night.

Officers also brought a man into custody who threw a bottle at police during Wednesday's protest. He was released shortly after.

Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at Wednesday's press conference, said she stands by the police department's decision to remove protesters from the building.

"I completely support peoples' rights to assemble," she said. "That said, we have to balance that against public safety."

Protesters say it was Hodges who made the call to remove protesters.

"We think that it was a direct call from the mayor, because we just recently had a meeting with her, probably an hour before police descended on these peaceful protesters," Michael McDowell of Black Lives Matter said.

Another protester said they want the mayor to take action.

"We're really not seeing a response that we feel like is the mayor holding these cops accountable, holding them to the truth of what happened, and really standing up for this community," Lena K. Gardner of Black Lives Matter said.

Following the press conference, protesters were still gathering outside the 4th precinct. Police said they will be working with protest organizers to make sure they have a place to demonstrate.

Mayor Hodges released a statement on the night's protests later in the evening:

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today. I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. We also want to ensure everyone's safety. Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully. I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

-<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3967385.shtml>

(Didn't grab raw video)

Officers have lined up in front of the 4th precinct in Minneapolis where protesters have been camped since police fatally shot an unarmed black man on Sunday.

Protesters shouted at police Wednesday as officers pulled down an awning at the site. Police haven't made any move against some 18 other tents set up outside the 4th Precinct station, but officers did dump water on a campfire to extinguish it, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly re-lit. Besides officers blocking off the front of the station, orange barricades were set up on one of the street in front of the station and bicycle officers were blocking off the other end.

Protesters formed a human chain around their tents.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police have disputed that. A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

The Associated Press Contributed to this report.

-<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3967500.shtml>

(With video)

Protesters are clashing with police officers Wednesday during their demonstration at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis.

Protesters are demanding more answers in the death of Jamar Clark, who was shot during a struggle with police on Sunday. Clark is a suspect in an assault that happened that night.

Officers lined up in front of the precinct where protesters have been camped since the fatal police shooting.

As our cameras were rolling, something was thrown at the police officers who were facing the precinct.

Police officers then chased a man who they thought may have been responsible for throwing the item.

Police say they tagged that man and released him "to be nice."

Protesters can be heard taunting police officers.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police officials have disputed that. Minneapolis Police Union head Bob Kroll says Clark was never cuffed and was shot while reaching for an officer's gun.

A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/photos-black-lives-matter-protesters-surround-4th-precinct>
(photo slideshow)

-<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/18/police-begin-clearing-protesters-from-4th-precinct-in-wake-of-jamar-clarks-death/>

(Tweets and links to other stories)

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/urban-league-press-conference-echoes-communitys-call-for-justice-in-clark-shooting/>

The Minneapolis Urban League held a media press conference concerning the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday morning.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Around 10 a.m., members of the Urban League and north Minneapolis community held a press conference to discuss the events that have unfolded since the shooting and outline what actions they believe still need to happen.

Urban League president Steven Belton opened the press conference, calling for a prayer from a community member. Belton then spoke about the community's anger surrounding the accounts of the shooting. He said there have been two different accounts, the official's and the community's, and only one has changed over time. He said that as information has been released, the narrative has changed and has allowed bias to come into the situation.

"By failing to state immediately that he was unarmed, they have invited the assumption that the shooting was justified," he said.

Belton once again called for the names of the police officers to be released. Minutes later the BCA released the names of two officers who were involved in the shooting.

He said the Urban League is also demanding a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to elicit an explanation for why Minneapolis officials have not joined in any mediation discussions.

Civil rights activist Spike Moss echoed Belton's call for the U.S. Department to call on Minneapolis officials to be active in discussions about ways to curb tensions between the community and police officers.

Moss said the biggest issue with Clark's shooting wasn't whether there were handcuffs present or not; it was about discrimination.

"I don't really care about the handcuffs. That's their argument. I care about the fact that you murdered another black person that was unarmed in Minneapolis," he said.

Among the other speakers were Communities United Against Police Brutality, Michelle Gross, a friend of Clark, and Clark's sister Javille Burns.

Each spoke about the concern for the community and the need for members to come together. Gross once again called for a federal investigation of the crime, as well as the treatment of the witnesses.

Burns said that while the anger is understandable, what her family is really asking for is justice.

"Yes black lives matter, white lives matter, Chinese lives matter, everybody lives matter because God gave it to you. Justice for all is what we need," she said.

Belton and Gross invited witnesses of the shooting that perhaps are too afraid or frustrated to speak to police to visit the Urban League on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. Lawyers would be on hand to help prepare statements.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, has said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter."

He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51169866-story>

(With video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KSMP) - The head of the Minneapolis police union said Wednesday that Jamar Clark was disarming one of the officers and not wearing handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head on Sunday.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, told reporters that "the suspect has a violent history" and "the officers have no discipline on their records." The union also referenced the last local officer killed was Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Sandberg, who was disarmed and killed with his own gun.

-<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-union-president-jamar-clark-was-a-justifiable-shooting-7841420>

Minneapolis police union President Bob Kroll says Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old man who was shot in the head by police over the weekend, was "actively resisting arrest" and that "no handcuffs were applied" when the fatal bullet struck.

"... The shooting wasn't a misfire," he says. "It wasn't an accident. The officer intended to shoot this guy and the handcuffs were not on him at all."

The shooting ignited protests earlier this week after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when shot. Kroll's version of the Sunday morning events on the north side follows the same narrative put out by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"The paramedics are dealing with a person that was injured, who either was the victim of an assault or was

injured in the breaking up of an assault," says Kroll. "So the paramedics are dealing with that person in the rig when the suspect came to the rig and the paramedics called police for help. When the cops got there... a struggle ensued."

At the time, paramedics believed that Clark had assaulted the woman they were trying to help.

Clark was shot in the melee, according to Kroll, who adds, "I am very confident that it's going to be [determined] to be a justifiable shooting."

The Hennepin County medical examiner announced yesterday that a gunshot to the head killed Clark. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans has said there's no footage from officer body or police dash cameras. The BCA does have video from the ambulance, a stationed police camera in the area, a public housing authority camera and a witness cell phone. But Evans says nothing shows the entire event, and that investigators won't release it for fear it will taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked federal officials to also investigate the shooting.

Clark's family is scheduled to address reporters later today.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/jamar-clarks-family-calls-for-peaceful-protest-justice/>
(With Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Jamar Clark's family says Wednesday night they want closure and justice.

As Black Lives Matter supporters chanted outside the Fourth Precinct in a tense night of protest, Eddie Sutton — Clark's brother — said they will hold their ground.

"This is what this is all about, you know," Sutton said. "Standing for what you believe in."

The family wants the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to release the videos they are reviewing of the shooting that killed Clark.

At a press conference earlier Wednesday, Javille Burns — Clark's sister — said her brother was loved in the community. She called him the type of person who would lend a stranger the shirt off his back.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," Burns said. "Just like your brother or your cousin or your son does not deserve to be shot down in the street like an animal."

Clark's family says he was non-violent.

"I do want peace because guess what? He was a peaceful person, despite what the people are saying about my brother," Burns said.

It was that same peace the family called for as tensions grew outside the Fourth Precinct into the night. The family says they are grateful for the community support.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/clarks-sister-i-dont-believe-in-violence/76030796/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, says she wants justice for Jamar as well as peace.

In an exclusive interview with KARE 11's Camille Williams, Burns made it clear that she and her family do not believe in violence and do not support any violent actions.

"I do not condone people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property, any of those things are not getting our message across, period. I don't believe in violence," said Burns.

On Wednesday afternoon, Burns brought pictures of her little brother and shared her memories of him.

She says she and her family want justice for her brother and appreciate all the support from organizations that have come forward in support. However, she is passionately pleading that all actions to support her brother stay peaceful.

Scores of protesters are massed outside the 4th Precinct headquarters in north Minneapolis. Police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of protesters. Police spokesman John Elder says chemical spray has been coming from both police and the crowd.

Earlier Wednesday, police cleared the entryway where demonstrators had camped out since the shooting of Clark, 24, early Sunday. Clark died a day an officer shot the unarmed black man.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/union-official-officers-in-clark-shooting-interviewed/75982902/>

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis police union says two officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man have given statements to state investigators on the confrontation that led to the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Union president Lt. Bob Kroll says the officers met Tuesday night with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Kroll says he hopes the investigation moves quickly now. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that the names of the officers involved in the shooting would be released once they were interviewed.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say Clark was interfering with paramedics who were treating an injured woman, and have disputed that he was handcuffed.

Kroll says he hopes people who are making the handcuff allegations give statements to the BCA, and that they are charged with a crime if the statements turn out to be false.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/coalition-demands-transparency-in-clark-shooting/75993382/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - A coalition of activists and neighborhood groups is demanding answers and

transparency in the investigation of the fatal police shooting of north side resident Jamar Clark. Acting Minneapolis Urban League President and CEO Steve Belton says there is a disconnect in two narratives surrounding Clark's death early Sunday morning: One, he says, is being pushed by Minneapolis Police and investigators. Belton says that narrative has changed as days have passed, while he maintains the story being told by neighborhood residents has been consistent. Belton asserts that witnesses have reported that Clark did not resist, was unarmed, and restrained in handcuffs at the time of his altercation with the two officers that led to the fatal shooting.

"The convergence of these two narratives demands a response, an official response," Belton stated forcefully at a press conference Wednesday morning.

The response Belton and the coalition want includes a laundry list of demands.

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice, as they assert that the feds abandoned a mediation process between residents and Minneapolis Police that was ordered in the wake of racial complaints against the department.

The release of the names of the two officers involved in the fatal shooting of Clark. Those names, Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were released by the BCA while the press conference was going on.

The release of all videotape of the incident in BCA possession so residents can decide what happened for themselves.

A call for investigators to stop releasing information in "piecemeal" fashion. Belton alleges that Minneapolis Police and the BCA have been releasing bits and pieces to support the department and its officers.

Veteran activist Spike Moss spoke fervently about his frustration that after what he described as 54 years of fighting for equality in the community that young black men are still dying in confrontations with authorities. "They're still the jury, judge and executioner," he said describing Minneapolis Police officers, "shooting us in the street."

"The same thing you found in Ferguson, you're going to find in Minneapolis, Minnesota," Moss said, referring to the fatal officer-involved shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown at the hands of police. He vowed that his fight, and the fight of the black community will continue. "I'm gonna stand up right now, I'm gonna fight back right now," Moss shouted.

Clark's sister Javille Burns wanted to dispel what she described as misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. She spoke of Jamar as generous, giving, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store. She says he was a decent person, whose life... and death... will not be forgotten. "He will not die in vain, his voice will be heard across the country," she insisted.

Burns also cited the need for forgiveness, saying she does not hate the officers who ended his life. "I don't hate you," she said in a message to the two Minneapolis officers. "I hate what happened to my brother. We don't want revenge, we want justice."

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/bca-names-officers>

The head of the Minneapolis police union says Jamar Clark was not handcuffed during a confrontation with Minneapolis police and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault, Lt. Bob Kroll said in an interview Wednesday with MPR News partner KARE 11.

Kroll's remarks stand in sharp contrast to what community members say happened during a Sunday morning confrontation in north Minneapolis. They came on the same day state investigators Wednesday named the officers involved in the shooting.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are each seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the pair responded to a request for help from paramedics reporting that a man, later identified as Clark, was "disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim at that location."

Citing Minneapolis police, the BCA said Clark was a suspect in the assault and that "at some point" during an altercation between the officers and Clark, "an officer discharged his weapon, striking Mr. Clark." Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, died of that gunshot wound to the head, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

The shooting led to an outcry in the community, protests and calls for justice.

That continued Wednesday as leaders of the Minneapolis Urban League and other community groups renewed their demands that officials release all video they've gathered of the incident so far.

BCA officials have said they do not have complete video footage of the incident and will not release what they do have until after the investigation concludes, saying they fear early release will taint the investigation.

Community leaders, though, said the need for transparency outweighs any investigative concerns.

"This situation begs for explanation," Urban League Interim CEO Steven Belton told reporters. "The

family deserves answers. They deserve clarity. They deserve closure but most of all they deserve justice." He urged investigators to not release information piecemeal: "Don't comment a little and then say, 'We can't say anything.'"

The BCA said both officers remain on standard administrative leave. The agency did not release any other data on the officers and did not indicate which officer fired the shot that ultimately killed Clark.

Witnesses to the shooting also said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry as well for possible federal civil rights violations.

Belton and other community leaders Wednesday called for the release of the officers' service records.

Belton also said the Urban League is inviting witnesses in the neighborhood who are "unwilling or afraid" to speak directly to the police to come to its offices to make statement before a lawyer.

"We don't want revenge. We do want justice," Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, told reporters during the Urban League briefing.

Burns said she is praying for the officers involved.

"I don't hate you. I hate what happened to my brother and I hate what happens to a lot of us," she said.

Clark, she added, didn't deserve to be killed, adding, "we want my brother's voice to be heard."

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/names-of-officers-in-clark-shooting-released/75991472/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The President of the Minneapolis Police Union says the man shot and killed by officers Sunday was trying to take one of their weapons.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Minneapolis Police Federation, told KARE 11's Lou Raguse Wednesday afternoon that Jamar Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault.

Kroll says handcuffs were never put on Clark, and emphasizes that his officers, identified by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, have no disciplinary incidents on their records while Clark has a history of convictions, some of them violent.

Ringgenberg and Schwarze were interviewed and gave statements to the BCA Tuesday night, according to Kroll. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans promised the names of the officers would be released after their official interviews.

Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department. Schwarze also has seven years of experience as a police officer, with 13 months on the Minneapolis force. Both men are on paid administrative leave following the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday morning.

An internet search reveals that Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while he was working as an officer with the Richfield Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge, with prejudice.

Ringgenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Investigators say Clark was shot by police after a scuffle with the officers. Police were initially called to the scene for a domestic assault where Clark was considered the suspect. Police say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who were tending to the victim in that assault, which prompted a call to authorities. Few details have been released about what happened in that alleged assault, and Evans said they continue to compile witness statements and piece together what happened.

Evans said on Tuesday they have several videos from the scene but none show the entire incident. Several members of the community allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot but police have disputed that claim.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner released their report Tuesday night, which states Clark died after being shot once in the head.

A federal civil rights investigation has also been launched.

-<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/18/minneapolis-police-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting-identified/>

(links, tweets, etc)

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/2-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting-identified/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Union officials with Minneapolis police say an investigation shows Jamar Clark was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot early Sunday morning in north Minneapolis. The police union also says Clark was not handcuffed when the shooting took place and handcuffs were never on. Clark was shot during a struggle with officers who were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted. Clark allegedly was preventing emergency responders from providing medical care when the struggle ensued. The police union also says Clark has a violent criminal history.

The police union said Clark reached for an officer's gun, and that officer's partner shot Clark. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension identified Wednesday the two officers involved in Clark's shooting as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Both have been officers for seven years, and have both been with the Minneapolis Police Department for 13 months. Both also have clean records, free of any disciplinary actions.

Ringgenberg has previously worked as an officer in Maple Grove, Osseo and San Diego, California. He went to college at St. Mary's University in Winona, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice.

Schwarze was an officer for Richfield Police before coming to MPD, and he was also a community service officer with Brooklyn Park Police. A 2005 graduate of Plymouth's Armstrong High School, Schwarze has a degree in law enforcement from Hennepin Technical College.

Both are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure in situations of this kind.

Twenty-four-year-old Clark was shot early Sunday. The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation.

The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

Clark wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs. Clark was taken off life support Monday night and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

The Hennepin County Medical Center determined Tuesday that he died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Minnesota Sen. Al Franken said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon that he supports an independent investigation of Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said. "A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened. In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

Protesters held a night of unity outside the police precinct on Plymouth Avenue, and it was a peaceful demonstration.

The protesters say they will stay at the police station until they have the officers' names and see the video. The BCA says the investigation could take from two to four months, but one of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

The protesters did not make their way towards Interstate 94 as they did the night before, but a number of squads parked near the interstate Tuesday night.

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51067870-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released on Wednesday the names of the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

-Officer Mark Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

-Officer Dustin Schwarze has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

Both officers were placed on standard administrative leave.

The BCA is still asking anyone who witnessed or captured video of the shooting contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Tuesday night, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. BCA officials confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

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Clark was shot during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

"[We] don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

Evans confirmed handcuffs were found at the scene.

"We're still examining whether [the handcuffs] were on Mr Clark or if they just fell out at the scene.

That's what we are trying to assert."

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene. The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/bca-has-interviewed-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minneapolis Police officers who tried to arrest and ultimately shot Jamar Clark have been interviewed by state investigators.

The head of the Minneapolis Police Federation said the interviews wrapped up late Tuesday night.

The 24-year-old was shot by Minneapolis Police early Sunday.

The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation. The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

The FBI is also conducting an investigation, after being asked by Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau.

One of the looming questions is whether Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. He wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs.

Protestors held a night of unity outside the police precinct on Plymouth Avenue, and it was a peaceful demonstration.

The protesters say they will stay at the police station until they have the officers' names and see the video. The BCA says the investigation could take from 2 to 4 months, but one of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

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-<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3967984.shtml>
(with video)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Harteau said most of the protesters were peaceful, but some were violent and threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and about a dozen large-scale bricks.

Harteau said 12 squad cars have "significant" damage at an estimated \$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said.

"We support the First Amendment right. We support peaceful demonstration, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis," Harteau said. "We will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers, and I will hold those responsible for doing so. They will be held accountable."

Late at night after many of the protesters left, Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and that several shots were simultaneously fired just east of the precinct. Harteau said they have not yet identified any suspects but that they are looking at video.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw," Harteau said. "We believe people from outside of the community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau said officers used marking rounds to help them identify the ones who hit police with rocks, and they ultimately used a chemical irritant once things began to escalate.

Harteau urged peace, citing the police department's previous willingness to keep protesters safe.

"As you know, we have a history of helping facilitate peaceful demonstrations," Harteau said. "We've done it in the past specifically with Black Live Matter and other organizations."

"We love Minneapolis," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect."

"I love this city and I love the north side. But I've seen actions that are corrupt. I applaud Mark Dayton for having National Guard troops," longtime community activist Ronald Edwards said.

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner ruled Tuesday that Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. The

head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark tried to disarm one of the officers, prompting the shooting.

Police did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation. The condition of the woman has not been released. Attorneys and the Presidents of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis say the woman had a broken ankle and other injuries, and this was the second domestic incident Clark has been involved in.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and there will also be a federal civil rights investigation at Hodges' request.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will continue alongside the investigation already being conducted by the BCA.

Demonstrators continued to be out Thursday in cold and blustery conditions. Minneapolis Urban League interim President Steve Belton said they are asking for the following:

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to get an explanation why a mediation agreement between the DOJ and Minneapolis Police Department in 2003 was abandoned without penalty or consequence.

Release of the videos the BCA has.

An end to the piecemeal release of information.

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/protest-continues-north-minneapolis>

A gathering of hundreds of protesters at a north Minneapolis precinct grew tense Wednesday night, after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Sunday after Jamar Clark was shot by police.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

By late afternoon, around 300 Black Lives Matter protesters stood in a cold rain outside the precinct. When police removed a few of them from inside the vestibule, the protest grew outside.

The protesters demanded city leaders and investigators release video footage of the fatal police shooting of the 24-year-old African-American. Police had responded early Sunday to a suspect who was interfering with EMS personnel tending to a victim.

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

On Wednesday, a top Minneapolis police union official said Clark had reached for one of the officers' weapon when he shot. The union also contends Clark was not handcuffed, as some community members have said.

The BCA identified the officers Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

The fourth day of protests was mostly peaceful with a few confrontations between protesters and police officers. At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

It's not clear how many people were hit by pepper spray or the marking round. One man, who declined to identify himself citing safety concerns, pointed at green residue on his gray glove from the marking round as he described the painful hit.

Protesters with the Black Lives Matter helped each other pour milk in their eyes after police sprayed them with pepper spray through a fence. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Minneapolis police say several officers sustained minor injuries. Inspector Mike Friestleben said the officers were hurt after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges issued a statement asking protesters to remain calm. She said she and Police Chief Janeé Harteau asked officers to "exercise maximum restraint."

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today," Hodges said. "I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully."

Black Lives Matter protesters blocked a gate outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said

officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

-http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/the-officers-in-the-jamar-clark-shooting?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

- Where it stands: The shooting of Jamar Clark

The Minneapolis Police Department has declined to disclose the races of two officers. The department released personnel records but redacted information on race, which the public isn't entitled to under state law.

- Tensions high: Protesters, police clash after officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark was trying to disarm an officer and was not handcuffed when he was shot. "Cuffs were never on," he told The Associated Press. But some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Department of Justice has launched an inquiry into the case.

What do we know about officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg

Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

Ringgenberg was hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Ringgenberg's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. While in California, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of using excessive force in 2012, according to the AP. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

A records summary released Friday by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He had no disciplinary action taken against him in Maple Grove, according to a former supervisor.

Officer Dustin Schwarze

Schwarze was also hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Schwarze's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Richfield, Minn., from 2008 until 2014.

According to a records release from the Minneapolis Police Department Friday, Schwarze has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him.

How does an investigation like this work?

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted and yelled at police outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

It took several days for the BCA to interview the officers following the shooting. Does that mean the statements they get from the officers will be less accurate than if they talked to them sooner?

Several people who are very familiar with officer-involved shooting investigations and said it's generally best to talk to an officer while their memory of the event is fresh.

But attorney Gregg Corwin, who has represented officers involved in critical incidents, said sometimes it's best to wait until an officer's adrenaline has subsided.

Corwin said officers are often very agitated, especially after having to use lethal force and it's hard for them to collect their thoughts.

What happens when the BCA investigates an officer-involved shooting?

MPR News reporter Brandt Williams reviewed interview transcripts from a few other BCA investigations. One that stands out, he said, is the 2012 investigation of three Woodbury police officers who shot and killed 19-year-old Mark Eric Henderson. The officers were questioned on the same morning of the shooting. The interviews were digitally recorded and lasted between 30 and 40 minutes. But the BCA, Williams said, only released summaries of the interviews and did not release the full transcripts, nor the recordings.

After the BCA finishes its investigation, what's next?

The agency will turn over all its findings to the Hennepin County Attorney's office, which will decide if it will file charges.

What if the BCA or the FBI investigations don't result in criminal charges?

If no charges are filed, the officers could still face disciplinary actions from the chief if it's determined

either of them violated department policy.

The family of Jamar Clark could also decide to file a civil suit, which could result in either a financial settlement or jury award for the family.

There's also the possibility — which has happened before — that the city could pay out millions of dollars, but the officers face no penalty. That was the case in the 2006 shooting death of Dominic Felder, who was killed in a struggle with two officers. A federal jury found the officers liable for wrongful death and awarded the family more than \$2 million. But the officers were not sanctioned by the Minneapolis Police Department.

The Associated Press and MPR News reporter Brandt Williams contributed to this report.

-<http://socialistworker.org/2015/11/19/on-the-road-for-justice-in-minneapolis>

Ryan Green reports on the protests that have followed in the wake of case example of police violence in the Twin Cities, as activists demand to see the facts for themselves.

MORE THAN 50 people were arrested in Minneapolis for blocking Interstate 94 as anger erupted at the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on November 14.

As this story was being written, large numbers of police had arrived to begin clearing an activist encampment set up on the lawn in front of the Fourth Precinct since the day Clark was killed. The occupation was designed to pressure authorities to meet a series of demands, including releasing video footage of the incident.

Clark was shot in a confrontation with police on a residential street in North Minneapolis. The cops claim they stopped Clark in connection to an assault, and the head of the police union is claiming to reporters that Clark went for the weapon of one of the two officers involved. But witnesses tell a very different story--with many insisting they saw that Clark was handcuffed when the officer's gun was fired. Clark died on Monday night after being taken off life support at a local hospital.

There is video of the shooting from several sources, including public housing security cameras and cell phone footage from witnesses. But the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), which is investigating the killing, has defied calls from activists to release the footage it has gathered, claiming that this might interfere with its inquiry.

In addition to calling for the release of the video footage, activists are calling for an independent organization to investigate the shooting, rather than BCA; for media representations that include the testimony of witnesses, instead of just police; for community oversight of the police; and for police to live in the communities where they are assigned.

BEFORE THE sit-in on Interstate 94, several hundred people gathered for a rally before marching to the highway, which was shut down for several hours.

Quay, a young woman who would be among those arrested in a few hours, said she was at the protest because she worries about her two younger brothers, one of whom is frequently approached by the police for reasons of "mistaken identity." She emphasized the importance of the BCA releasing the footage so people can see what really happened.

Mona Abdi, who originally hails from Nairobi, Kenya, says she worries about her two sons, aged eight and ten, who live in the same neighborhood where Clark was killed. "This could have been them," she said.

Nearby was Gayla, who wore a sweatshirt with a silk-screened picture of her son, who she came to the protest to honor, she said. In 2012, he was killed six days before his 21st birthday, shot in the back of the head by a police officer in neighboring St. Paul. Though reluctant to go into detail since she has filed suit against the authorities, Gayla said that her son was killed while allegedly robbing a store, but that witnesses dispute the police version of the shooting, just as they do in Jamar Clark's case.

One major concern among both speakers and those listening in the crowd is the media's representation of the Black community. One woman used the bullhorn to express anger that Blacks are routinely described as "criminals" and "thugs." She said that information about the day's protest would be spread alternatively, through Twitter, Facebook and a livestream being provided by Unicorn Riot.

The rally ended with a plea for people to remain vigilant against police violence and ready to provide support when police inevitably tried to clear the Fourth Precinct occupation.

The crowd then marched to Interstate 94 and a group of protesters blocked traffic. The demonstrators faced a force of more than 100 state troopers, who eventually moved in and made arrests after giving a warning.

Those who made the decision to leave the freeway before arrests began marched back to the Fourth Precinct, stopping to join hands and share a moment of silence at the place where Jamar was killed.

Among those who were arrested, spending the night in a jail cell turned into a bonding experiences--one that quickly turned strangers into comrades. The arrestees, which included eight people under age 18, were loaded onto police buses and taken to a downtown precinct.

There were conversations about a variety of topics throughout the night: whether Jamar Clark's murder would spark a movement like Mike Brown's did in Ferguson; what kind of role did police play; how was the issue of the violence of militarized police connected to U.S. wars overseas; what had happened in the attacks in Lebanon, Paris and Lebanon.

By 5 a.m., all of those arrested had been released. Outside the precinct, they were greeted by a "prison

support" team. The feeling among people in those early morning hours was that a corner had been turned--and that the movement to win justice for Jamar Clark would continue.

Thursday, November 19th

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-mayor-takes-heat-over-handling-of-clark-shooting/352005461/>

The uproar over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark is turning into a political crisis for Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, whose handling of the situation put her at odds Thursday with some of the progressive allies who helped propel her into office in 2013.

A day after a marathon standoff between activists and police at the Fourth Precinct in north Minneapolis, the state council of one of Minnesota's largest labor unions, the SEIU, called on Hodges to "engage directly to de-escalate the current situation brought on by the police." Activists, some of whom went searching for Hodges at her home Wednesday night, confronted her for not responding to their demands and for allowing police to physically disperse protesters.

"You're supposed to be this different mayor, right? Everybody told me to vote for you. And I just didn't believe that you were ready," North Side activist Roxanne O'Brien told Hodges at her office Thursday. O'Brien also criticized Hodges for requesting patience with an investigation process "designed by people who have historically traumatized us." The exchange was streamed live on social media.

Meanwhile, the chief of the police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, faulted Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau, saying they did not support the officers involved in the Clark shooting. "Someone has to stand up for the officer," Kroll said at a late afternoon news conference Thursday.

Clark's death also has exposed political tension at City Hall, punctuated by the presence of five council members alongside activists at the precinct Wednesday night. One, Lisa Bender, acknowledged that she stepped in front of an officer and told him to put his gun down. Another, Alondra Cano, publicly called for police to stop Macing protesters.

Thursday evening's protests at the Fourth Precinct station in Minneapolis were more mellow and festive at times.

Video (01:23): Thursday night's protest had peaceful moments

None of them stood alongside Hodges, the police chief and the two North Side council members at a news conference Thursday afternoon largely focused on the previous night's violence.

"My first and foremost consideration is the safety of the people of the city of Minneapolis," Hodges told reporters. "And my first and foremost consideration is making sure that people can also express their constitutional rights peaceably. So to that end, I have been working every day to make sure that we have the best situation possible."

Council President Barbara Johnson called the situation with other council members "very awkward." "It's not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief," Johnson said.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents the North Side, said in an interview that justice requires letting the process play out and gathering all the facts. "My colleagues going out there ... and just kind of taking one perspective, I don't think that helps anybody."

Hodges said some activists will not be satisfied until she calls for a release of tapes that may show the encounter between Clark and the two police officers. Those tapes are now controlled by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"I am committed to meeting the request for an independent investigation," Hodges said. "And ... doing so requires that I not give any appearance of attempting to influence the process or the outcome of that investigation."

Activist Ashley Fairbanks told Hodges in the meeting that they traveled to her house hoping she would "break through this shell."

"[We were] really hoping that we would see the side of you that really cares on a human level about this," Fairbanks said. "And you're kind of repeating the press conferences."

Hodges said anyone who doubts her concern should examine her record at City Hall.

"By God, I give a damn. By God, I'm out there doing the work every single day to the best of my ability," Hodges said. "Perhaps I don't show emotion the way people expect a woman to show emotion."

<http://www.startribune.com/news-guide-unrest-after-minneapolis-cop-shot-black-man/351901021/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to

help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct. Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it "agonizing for me to see." Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NACCP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.startribune.com/latest-naacp-to-hold-vigil-at-minneapolis-police-station/351851831/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

12:45 a.m.

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

The Star Tribune reports the scene was mostly peaceful Thursday night. A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

8:15 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

5 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers. The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Union head Bob Kroll says officers are under fire in a chaotic situation and no one has been arrested. He says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

Chief Janeé (juh-NAY') Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

2:30 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison is upset with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside a Minneapolis police station over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The Minneapolis Democrat, who is black, posted on his Twitter account Thursday that a Star Tribune photo showing his son and an officer in riot gear was "agonizing" to see. He says it shows his son was peacefully protesting with his hands up, while the officer is shouldering a gun.

The photo has been circulating on social media. It was taken Wednesday night amid protests taking place at the station since another officer shot Jamar Clark in a confrontation Sunday.

It's not clear if the officer shown in the photo was pointing the gun directly at Ellison's son.

1:45 p.m.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

Police used a chemical irritant to control protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where a makeshift encampment has been set up and hundreds of demonstrators have gathered since Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, told reporters Thursday it shows there's been a "militarization" of the department. She asked the community to exercise restraint, too.

1:30 p.m.

The NAACP is organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening outside a Minneapolis police station that's been the scene of protests since the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Speaking at a news conference outside the station Thursday, Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, called for a candlelight vigil and march there starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday. He said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot by an officer Sunday.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-to-speak-on-jamar-clark-s-death-after-night-of-clashes/351803771/>

With moments of high tension on the fifth night of a vigil at a north Minneapolis police precinct, the head of the national NAACP said Thursday that a "criminal justice crisis" is bringing him to Minneapolis, where he will join with activists angered over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, a black man who was unarmed when he scuffled with police.

Cornell William Brooks, president of one of the nation's oldest and most influential black civil rights organizations, will attend a rally and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters, where activists have been maintaining a presence since Clark's shooting a few blocks away early Sunday.

The scene was mostly peaceful Thursday, with a few protesters tagging the police station's walls and windows with profane messages or words supporting Clark. After someone spray-painted over a security camera lens, police gave chase and several protesters followed behind the officers, hands raised in a "don't shoot" posture.

Two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property over the profanity, Minneapolis police said early Friday via Twitter, adding they were the night's only arrests.

The vigil attracted multiple City Council members and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose district includes north Minneapolis.

Ellison and Council Member Cam Gordon spoke to a crowd of several hundred demonstrators about 7:45 p.m. Both pledged support for the protesters' cause and commended them on pushing public officials to meet some of their demands, including an independent investigation into Clark's death and naming the officers.

Local and national NAACP join together for rally on Friday.

Video (01:20): National NAACP leaders coming to Minneapolis

In an interview, Ellison said he might not have known the extent of the situation if not for a Star Tribune photo showing officers pointing a weapon at his son Wednesday.

Ellison's adult son and daughter, who live in the area where Clark was shot, have been involved with the protest and want to make sure it stays on track, he said.

Ellison said he's concerned about their safety, but praised Black Lives Matter organizers for trying to keep the situation peaceful. Ellison also spoke about people from outside the community, some of whom have been blamed for rock throwing and other violence during the protests.

"You're going to [have] some people who weren't invited, who don't share the same goals, and that may be distracting," he said. "But I hope the public doesn't get distracted."

The events have grabbed national and global attention.

"We are watching the Minneapolis Police Department," Stephen Green, national youth and college division director for the NAACP, said in a media briefing earlier Thursday outside the police station. "We may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice."

Brooks said he is "bringing the full weight of the NAACP to bear. This latest incident is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

He said that the NAACP has been in touch with the U.S. Justice Department about Clark's death and that he wants to meet with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton while in Minnesota to insist on an "independent, transparent and timely investigation."

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"I'm here to lend body and spirit, both moral and legal, to those people on the ground" protesting outside the Fourth Precinct headquarters, he said.

He also wants to see that protesters are given a full opportunity to exercise their free-speech rights and hopes that they do so nonviolently.

Protest disputes

Throughout Thursday, the local NAACP, city leaders and the police union held news conferences to give their versions of Wednesday night's events, when protesters clashed with police and officers forced the activists from in front of the station on Plymouth Avenue N.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter, listed abuses that she maintained occurred at the hands of police. She alleged that "two protesters, both women, were beaten in an alley" by police. She said she'd heard that the violence was captured on video.

Levy-Pounds also alluded to a gun being pointed at Ellison's son. She said three City Council members had a similar experience. "It's hard to tell if these are real guns" or ones that fire something less lethal than bullets, she said.

In response, Police Chief Janeé Harteau said that no such allegations have been brought to her attention. She noted that unruly elements among the 400 or so protesters — some of them "people outside the community" whom she characterized as "anarchists" — hit police with pepper spray and threw objects, including rocks and three Molotov cocktails, at officers.

The chief hoisted a large rock above her head to drive home the point before ticking off the damage: 12 squad cars damaged (\$25,000), portable cameras damaged (\$13,000) and minor damage to the station's building and fencing. She praised her officers for acting "appropriately and with maximum restraint" under the circumstances.

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More

Hodges said the city is facing something that no community wants to face. She stressed the need to keep officers and the neighborhood safe and requested calm. She said she understands the importance of "hearing everybody's voices" and that "we have many things to get right."

Two longtime North Siders spoke at the mayor's news conference. Ezra Hyland said he saw protesters throwing rocks at officers. Some argued with members of Clark's relatives about "who is his true family," he said.

Ron Edwards, a longtime activist and sometimes critic of City Hall, said city leaders "have developed a plan and are taking every course of action to not allow" Minneapolis to be torn apart by the same unrest

over police shootings that recently scarred other American cities.

The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

Under investigation

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, offered more specifics Thursday about the fatal shooting, saying the officers told a union attorney that Clark spun one officer's gun belt and had "manual control" of the weapon by the handle.

"Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist," Kroll said. "Instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head.

Before the shooting, Clark had an altercation with a woman, and her ankle was broken, Kroll said.

The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has several videos of the shooting but none showing the event in its entirety. The videos will not be released until the investigation is finished.

<http://www.startribune.com/father-5-year-old-son-shot-in-minneapolis/352157091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Authorities say a father and his 5-year-old son were shot in Minneapolis less than a block from where an unarmed man was recently killed by police.

Investigators say there's no indication the shooting Thursday is related to ongoing protests over the death of Jamar Clark.

Police say the 40-year-old father was shot in the arm and behind while the boy was shot in the leg. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. Officials say the shooter fled in a blue Cadillac.

The shooting is several blocks from the police precinct station where demonstrators have gathered over the fatal shooting of Clark.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29141132/

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The Minneapolis police chief on Thursday blamed "anarchists" from outside the community for stirring up trouble Wednesday night, using the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to sow violence against officers.

Meanwhile, protesters demanded federal action, accusing police of abuse following the weekend shooting of Jamar Clark, 24, during a confrontation with two officers. Clark, who was shot in the head, died Monday.

At a Thursday news conference, Minneapolis police Chief Janee Harteau holds a chunk of pavement that she said was thrown at officers outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night on the city's North Side.

Harteau said outside anarchists were to blame for the most violent actions during clashes with people protesting Sunday's fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24. At right is Minneapolis City Council Member Blong Yang. (Photo courtesy Minneapolis Police)

Speaking with reporters about Wednesday night's clashes between police and protesters, Chief Janee Harteau said that several Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers at the Fourth Precinct station in North Minneapolis.

While many in the community are not happy with police, Harteau blamed outsiders for the most violent actions.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists," Harteau said of Wednesday night's unrest, which broke out as police tried to control the growing crowd of up to 400 protesters. "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to promote violence."

Harteau said chemical irritants were sprayed at officers, resulting in one needing medical treatment.

While "most people were peaceful," hundreds of rocks, bottles, full-size bricks and chunks of pavement were thrown at police.

Officers responded by spraying chemical irritants at the throwers, Harteau said.

Several officers suffered injuries from the thrown objects, and thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to cars and other police property, Harteau added.

While she was blaming outside agitators for the night's problems, protest organizers said police were abusing them.

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Nekima Levy-Pounds, center, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release videos of the fatal shooting by Minneapolis police of Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, while speaking at the Black Lives Matter encampment outside the Minneapolis police department's Fourth Precinct, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis alleged several cases of police abuse, including using chemical irritant on a young woman and a WCCO-TV reporter; brandishing weapons at several "peaceful protesters,"

including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's son; and making "false claims" that protesters sprayed chemical irritants at them.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said the police department cannot fix itself. "We are also asking for the Minneapolis Police Department to be placed under federal receivership," she said Thursday. "What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg."

Levy-Pounds alleged that police beat two female protesters and pointed guns at others who were chanting peacefully.

Police say Clark was a suspect in an abuse case and interfered with paramedics trying to treat the abuse victim early Sunday in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. All agree that Clark was not armed, but witnesses disagree about whether he was handcuffed.

Some who reported seeing the shooting say Clark was not struggling and was handcuffed at the time.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said that handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

Authorities have said Clark was not carrying a weapon but have said little else about the incident, saying they do not want to compromise the investigation by state and federal officials.

However, the president of the Minneapolis police union has said that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the struggle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP-TV that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. A scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

A major point of contention with protesters is the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's refusal to release video from several sources showing the shooting incident. BCA officials said release of the video, which does not show the entire incident, would "taint" future interviews in the case. The officers were not wearing body cameras, and there is no video from police cars. The video sources include an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

Since shortly after the shooting, protesters have camped out at the Fourth Precinct, with a tense relationship between them and police.

"Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint and are asking protesters to act peacefully," Mayor Betsy Hodges said Thursday. "I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

The NAACP's Levy-Pounds also asked the community to exercise restraint.

And by Thursday evening, the mood had indeed relaxed significantly, with dozens of protesters milling about on the street and sidewalk in front of the precinct while sharing coffee, fruit and chili in near-freezing temperatures. Portable campfire rings helped to keep them warm.

About a dozen police officers stood outside the door of the precinct in standard uniform, and at least one chatted amiably with a protester across a short metal barricade.

Some participants brought their small children. But despite the lighter atmosphere and wintry weather, protesters said they were no less committed to holding police accountable for Clark's death.

An activist supporting the Black Lives Matter-backed protests posted a Twitter news media photo of one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line Wednesday night. It was not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured.

A helmeted police officer has a weapon shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be pointed directly at Ellison's son.

"My son is peacefully protesting w/hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" the Minneapolis Democrat said on his Twitter account.

NAACP national President Cornell William Brooks was en route to Minneapolis to lead a Friday afternoon rally at the Fourth Precinct.

"Our goal is to come to a resolution," NAACP spokeswoman Raquel Coombs said.

Similar situations in which officers killed a young black man, such as in Ferguson, Mo., have resulted in violent and sometimes-deadly clashes between police and protesters.

"We don't want it to get to that," Coombs said.

This article includes Pioneer Press staff reports.

<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/11/19/rep-keith-ellison-agonized-photo-son-facing-police-protest/>

The son of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison was among the protesters facing down Minneapolis police Wednesday evening during a tense showdown in response to the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, an African-American.

Activists on Twitter have shared a photo by taken by the Minneapolis Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider that shows one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line. It's not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured. A helmeted police officer has what appears to be a gas-launching gun shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be

pointed directly at Ellison's son.

One tweet containing the photo has been shared on Twitter almost 1,700 times — including by Ellison himself, who commented that the photo was “agonizing for me to see.” “My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?” Ellison tweeted.

Ellison's own tweet has been shared on Twitter more than 1,800 times.

Neither the Minneapolis Police Department nor Ellison's office responded immediately to a request for comment Thursday.

In an afternoon news conference, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said police have been using long guns, which look like rifles, but contain non-lethal marking chalk at protests.

Ellison's district includes the entire city of Minneapolis, where Clark was shot and where protesters have rallied in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct for several days.

On Monday, Ellison called for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Clark's shooting, a step he said was “necessary to restore trust.”

“At a time when the relationship between law enforcement and the people they protect has reached a crisis point, a federal investigation has the potential to instill a level of trust and confidence people expect when they give authority to government,” Ellison wrote in a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch. “A Department of Justice inquiry would send an important message to the people of Minneapolis and the country: our top law enforcement agency is committed to the transparency and accountability that justice requires.”

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also called for a Justice Department investigation. On Wednesday, the Justice Department agreed to investigate the shooting.

UPDATE: This story has been changed to credit the Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider with the photo and to remove the embedded image.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/20/hodges-confronted-by-demonstrators-as-she-visits-4th-precinct>
Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges visited with demonstrators Thursday night outside the city's 4th Precinct police station, where residents angry about the police shooting of Jamar Clark have camped for nearly a week.

A police officer shot and killed the 24-year-old African-American man early Sunday.

Hodges got a chilly reception as temperatures fell and gusty winds beat the sides of protesters' tents. One person told Hodges he felt terrorized by police.

Protester: "We as the people want to know what are you going to do?"

Hodges: "Do you want to know what I've been working on?"

Protesters: "No! What are you going to do? Answer the question that has been asked to you! See all this rhetoric! She works for them now!"

Hodges: "What I'm going to do is what I've been doing..."

Hodges then said she's gathering resources from around the city and country to help resolve longstanding issues of racial inequity. Protesters weren't satisfied with that answer, booing the mayor and saying her visit was only a photo op.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison spoke to the crowd, saying he supported the demand to see any footage of the Jamar Clark shooting. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Rep. Ellison urges release of shooting video

Meanwhile Thursday, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., called for state investigators to release video that may shed light on the shooting death of Clark — a move not echoed by Hodges.

"I'm in favor of transparency and disclosure," Ellison said. "I urge the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Department of Justice to release video or audio recordings in their possession of the incident that resulted in Mr. Clark's death. This would send a message to our community that the process will be transparent and open."

Ellison urged protesters to focus their message on getting "justice for Jamar Clark" but urged them to keep their emotions in check. The group Black Lives Matter is also demanding that the BCA release video of the shooting

Harteau: 'We are dealing with anarchists'

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janeé Harteau said some protesters threw Molotov cocktails, bottles and bricks at officers, and sprayed chemical irritants at them late Wednesday night. And she said demonstrators did thousands of dollars in damage to the police station, squad cars and portable cameras.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau shows a rock that was thrown at a police car the night before during protests outside the 4th Precinct headquarters. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"We believe that we were dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence. And as you know we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations. We've done it over the past several months and the past several years."

Minneapolis police made two arrests near the protests on Thursday night after profanities were spray painted on the precinct's walls.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the police union president, said the situation at the 4th Precinct has gotten out of hand and that officers are so busy guarding their workplace that police from elsewhere in the city have to handle routine calls for them. Read more.

On Friday morning, police removed three protesters from the Minneapolis City Council chambers during the first council meeting since the Clark shooting.

Michelle Gross, president of Citizens United Against Police Brutality, was removed for speaking out of turn during a Friday Minneapolis City Council meeting. Courtney Perry for MPR News

Several people affiliated with the group Communities United Against Police Brutality began disrupting the meeting. Michelle Gross, the group's leader, shouted demands for police accountability before she was removed.

National NAACP leaders will be in Minneapolis to lead a 4:30 p.m. vigil.

MPR News reporter Jon Collins contributed to this report.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/hodges-calls-clarks-death-an-awful-thing-in-meeting-with-community-members/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges Thursday morning, calling for the release of video and a de-escalation of police presence at a northside precinct which saw an overnight clash between officers and protesters.

The protesters and community members met with Hodges at Minneapolis City Hall, and community organizer Ashley Fairbanks, who is with a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, streamed the meeting on Periscope.

On Wednesday night, Fairbanks was one of the people who went to Hodges' home to ask the mayor to ease the situation at the city's 4th Precinct, where protesters and police came to a standoff after officers cleared demonstrators from the building's vestibule.

Early in the meeting, Hodges called the death of Clark "an awful thing" and began pounding on the desk before her when community members told her they thought she'd be "a different mayor."

Hodges maintained that she's worked every day from her office to address inequality in the city.

The meeting on Thursday had protesters and community members asking several things of the mayor, including that video of the shooting be released and that police at the 4th Precinct stand down and stop using weapons (chemical irritant, tracer bullets) against demonstrators.

The mayor, who on Wednesday said she supported the Minneapolis Police Department's decision to remove protesters from the vestibule of the precinct, said she supported the community's right to demonstrate, but said the situation at the precinct was becoming a public safety issue.

While she did not commit to restricting police officers in any way, she said she'll do her best to make sure authorities "are as good of actors as possible."

In regards to releasing videos, she said the matter was out of her hands.

The mayor said the best decision she could make in this circumstance was to call for an independent investigation, which she did.

"Once the request is made, I want to honor it," Hodges said.

She told the community members that if she calls for the release of the videos, it could compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Since Clark was shot in the head Sunday morning by an officer responding to a domestic situation call, the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Black Lives Matter and community members have called for the release of video. The community says Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Police dispute that.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading the state's investigation of the shooting, said it's received partial video of the shooting.

Community members also told Hodges that Clark had been severely beaten by Minneapolis police and was taking legal action against the department. The protesters wanted the mayor to look into video of that alleged incident, which protesters say was captured by police dash cam and hasn't been released.

The mayor told the community members to take that information to the BCA.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968872.shtml>

(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau answered questions from the media following a news conference held amid protests Thursday.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

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Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, told reporters Thursday it shows there's been a "militarization" of the department. She asked the community to exercise restraint, too.
<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968837.shtml>
(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

"We love Minneapolis," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect."

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/protesters-we-knocked-on-the-mayors-door-her-husband-let-us-in/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting say they were "pleasantly surprised" Wednesday night when they knocked on the door of Mayor Betsy Hodges' home and her husband let them in.

Ashley Fairbanks, one of the protesters in a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, says she and about 10 others went to the mayor's home after police retook the 4th Precinct earlier in the afternoon.

She said her group was upset the mayor approved of the police action, adding that police used violence to remove the protesters, some of which had been staying in the vestibule of the building since the fatal weekend shooting.

Fairbanks said a group of about 13 protesters went to Hodges' home when the situation at the 4th Precinct escalated. She said while the mayor wasn't there, her husband, Gary Cunningham, let them in.

He spoke to the protesters for about 10 minutes, in what Fairbanks described as a "calm exchange."

Cunningham didn't tell protesters where the mayor was, and when asked to contact her, he refused.

When protesters arrived at the home, there were two squad cars outside, Fairbanks said. When they left, there were around nine.

She added that protesters went to the mayor's home in hopes of diffusing the situation at the 4th Precinct, which was the scene of a violent exchange between police and protesters Wednesday night, by getting the mayor to release the video in the Clark shooting.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the state agency investigating the shooting, said they have partial video of the incident.

Since Clark was shot in the head early Sunday morning, protesters have demanded that city leaders release the video. They say that in other cities, video has been quickly released in similar situations.

Protesters have also demanded the names of the officers involved, which the BCA released Wednesday.

They were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, who both started with Minneapolis police on the same day last September.

According to community members, Clark was fatally shot while in handcuffs. Police have disputed that.

The head of the police union said Clark, who was a suspect in a domestic situation early Sunday morning, reached for an officer's gun before he was shot.

The officers involved in the shooting are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure. Protesters have demanded that they be arrested.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/rep-ellison-council-members-call-for-clark-tapes/76085744/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - It wasn't violent behavior, like throwing bricks or rocks, but two demonstrators were arrested overnight after police say they spray painted profane graffiti on a wall of the 4th Precinct police building overnight Friday.

Reports are that the men arrested will face charges of damage to property. Besides profanities, Jamar Clark's name was sprayed on the wall, along with messages like "no justice, no peace."

Minneapolis Police spokesman John Elder also confirms that a driver was arrested after crashing into the gate that leads into the precinct parking lot where squad cars and personal vehicles are parked. Elder says the driver was arrested, and tests were taken to see if that person was intoxicated. At this point it is unclear if the person arrested was affiliated with the Jamar Clark protests.

One media outlet reported that shots were fired during the incident, something Elder strongly denied Friday morning.

Otherwise the night was mostly quiet as demonstrators camping out at the 4th precinct were joined Thursday night by U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison and three city council members calling for transparency in the Jamar Clark shooting.

Clark, 24, was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some allege Clark was handcuffed at the time, which the police union has staunchly disputed.

"I think it is fair, just and right to prioritize transparency. At the end of the day we want the truth," Ellison said.

Earlier Thursday, Ellison expressed in a Twitter post his frustration with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside the fourth precinct Wednesday night.

"The people of Minneapolis are in pain right now and to get the healing we need we're going to need truth, transparency, and we're going to need justice both in this instance and that of a larger justice," said Second Ward council member Cam Gordon.

The demonstration Thursday night was much different than the night before. On Wednesday, some in the crowd of 400 or so threw bottles, rocks and bricks towards the precinct causing thousands of dollars in damage, according to Chief Janee Harteau. Tenth Ward council member Lisa Bender said the difference is night and day.

"The difference is how the police are responding to the situation," Bender said. "We have seen what happens when police de-escalate and stand in support of our community. I am so grateful for the MPD to responding this way."

Protesters continue to demand the release of any video showing the Jamar Clark shooting. Ninth Ward council member Alondra Cano is asking for Governor Dayton to step in.

"I'm requesting the help of Gov. Dayton to release the tapes to allow us to build a clear path towards justice. This is the least we can do to build trust between police and our community members, and the least we can do for the family of Jamar Clark," Cano said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/ellison-mpls-councilmembers-stand-with-blm-in-quest-for-video-release/>

(with video)

Several political and religious leaders joined with members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis Thursday evening to demand the release of videos involving the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Rep. Keith Ellison and Minneapolis City Council members Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon and Lisa Bender addressed the media in a show of solidarity with protesters. Members and supporters quietly stood behind the speakers while raising their fists.

BLM and the family of 24-year-old Jamar Clark want footage of the deadly altercation involving Minneapolis Police officers Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg released to the public.

BLM leaders singled out Mayor Betsy Hodges for not coming to Thursday's event. She met with members earlier in the day at city hall, and members showed up to her home Wednesday night. The mayor was not there, but her husband let them inside and spoke with them.

U.S. Congressman Ellison asked for protesters to acknowledge how quickly their previous demands were met, including a state and federal investigation into the shooting, the identification of the officers and getting grief counselling to Clark's family. But Ellison says more needs to be done, including the release of the videos.

"At the end of the day, we want the truth," Ellison said.

Ward 9 Councilwoman Alondra Cano called upon Gov. Mark Dayton to help convince the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to bring the videos out into the open.

"Releasing the tapes is important so we can build a path to clear justice in this issue," Cano said.

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon underlined what he described as the importance of elected officials standing with the community.

"We are the peacemakers, and we are the change makers, and if we can be together and move to that, then we can get there," Gordon said.

Lisa Bender, Ward 10 councilwoman, echoed her colleagues and added that she wants to stop a culture where black men live in fear of police encounters.

Adja Gildersleeve from BLM told the crowd that an anonymous source has contacted her group to say Clark was in the midst of filing a civil rights lawsuit against Minneapolis Police after he was allegedly beaten by 4th Precinct officers in a previous incident.

Another leader from BLM, Lena Gardner, ended the rally by saying that after the videos are released, the next phase for the group is "to change Minneapolis to be a more racially-just city."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968943.shtml>

(with video)

A group of residents fresh off the protest lines shared a video of their encounter at Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges' home with 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS.

The cellphone video shows a group walking up to the door of Mayor Hodges' house not knowing what would happen when they knocked.

"We're not here as enemies, we wanted to knock and say 'can we come in and you were very gracious to allow us in'," said a man in the video.

Many in the group were fresh off the protest lines outside the 4th precinct police station.

"We knocked doors for Mayor Hodges, we expected that when we got her elected," said a woman in the video. "That she would stand up for us in situations like this and it's such a disappointment to us---that she's allowing us to be attacked."

The video went on for 15 minutes that showed the protestors in the mayor's home along with Minneapolis police officers.

The mayor's husband, Gary Cunningham, told the protestors she was not in the residence.

"I know about my wife and she cares about these issues deeply," Cunningham said.

Another woman in the video told Cunningham there needs to be an open line of communication between all parties.

"It's about dialogue and communication -- when there's hostilities being brought, when we are trying to have dialogue in a peaceful way," she said.

"There were people that came to my house last night. It doesn't thrill me. My husband's a gracious man, but I was happy to meet with many of those folks this morning," Hodges at a new conference Thursday.

During that meeting, the shooting of Jamar Clark, the investigation, Wednesday's police response outside the 4th precinct, and future community relations were discussed.

"I thought it was a good conversation. I very much appreciated they came directly to me," Hodges said.

"I'm happy the mayor heard what we had to say--and let us into the office--not happy to hear her repeat many of the things she's said in press conferences--but we'll keep working to see," said a woman at the meeting.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/minneapolis-city-leaders-discuss-black-lives-matter-protests/> MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis' mayor, police chief and two city council members faced the media Thursday afternoon to discuss the on-going protests in the city's 4th Precinct.

Thursday is the fifth day of protests over the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by a Minneapolis Police officer last weekend.

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Police ejected Black Lives Matter protesters from the entryway of the 4th Precinct police station Wednesday afternoon, leading to several tense hours and occasional violence.

Chief Janee Harteau says most of the 400 protesters were peaceful, but some were violent – throwing hundreds of rocks, bottles and bricks.

She says officers sprayed chemical irritants when people were seen throwing objects, but they also say some protesters also sprayed chemicals at officers.

Officers also fired compressed chalk rounds twice Wednesday, which marked suspects who threw objects so police are able to identify them later.

Harteau says about \$25,000 of damage occurred to 12 squad cars. Two portable cameras also sustained about \$13,000 of damage. The 4th Precinct building also sustained broken windows, damage to a fence and Harteau says a retaining wall was totaled.

She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers early Thursday morning, and shots were fired nearby the precinct. Police were not able to track down the suspects, but are reviewing surveillance video.

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Harteau says she believes anarchists may be to blame for some of the violent acts based on flags that some protesters were holding. She said some of these suspects are likely from outside of the community, and are trying to incite violence.

She says Minneapolis Police have a history of facilitating peaceful demonstrations.

"Specifically with Black Lives Matter, we support the First Amendment right, we support peaceful demonstration — but we will not tolerate violence," Harteau said.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she wants strength, peace and reconciliation for her city. She says she wants to honor those who want to grieve the death of Jamar Clark, but added that she must assure the safety of citizens, police officers and property.

"We are a city that must come together and help together," Hodges said.

She asked protesters who say they have been assaulted by police to contact the Office of Police Conduct Review at 612-673-5500, or the Internal Affairs Unit at 612-673-3074.

The mayor also addressed an incident Wednesday night when protesters showed up at her south Minneapolis home. She was not there at the time, but says her husband was "gracious" for allowing protesters inside to talk. Police officers accompanied the protesters inside.

Protesters also met with Hodges Thursday morning at city hall to discuss "big picture" topics, including the relationship between the community and police.

Harteau noted that one of the demands of Black Lives Matter protesters is the release of all videos of the deadly confrontation between officers and Clark. But she said the release of those videos is up to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The police chief said she is proud of her officers, who she says have responded appropriately to protesters and have shown adequate restraint. But she emphasized that they are tired from their multi-day ordeal.

Minneapolis City Council members Barb Johnson and Blong Yang were also at the press conference. Johnson said protesters must not impede police from during their jobs in the neighborhood.

"We need access to our police, and they need access to us," Johnson said.

She also discussed the presence of other council members at the demonstrations, and said it is not helpful for them to criticize decisions made by Chief Harteau.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/healing-power-of-pie-headed-for-the-fourth-precinct/76081452/>

MINNEAPOLIS – As people outside the Minnesota Police Department Fourth Precinct bundled inside their tents to protest the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, others conflicted about the turmoil in the North Minneapolis community gathered in conversation at a local café.

Sammy McDowell, owner of Avenue Eatery in North Minneapolis, said many people on all sides of the incident have come inside his business to share concerns.

"Some people are angry, some people are really upset about things going on, some people don't know where they fit at all," said McDowell. "This is great place to come and be calm, have a great conversation, great cup of coffee."

McDowell is among several chefs and bakers in the community coming together to serve sweet potato pies outside the Fourth Precinct Friday afternoon.

"In solidarity to the community as a whole. Having a great slice of pie is showing love and support to our community that's what we do. When we go through hard times in the African American community especially, we show our love through food, sweet potato pie especially," said McDowell.

McDowell said many in the public have been giving him donations for the sweet potato pie campaign.

It's the brainchild of Rose McGee, of Golden Valley, who is widely known for her sweet potato pie recipe. In August, McGee took her sweet potato pies to Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina to comfort the victims of the mass shooting. Last year, she took her pies to offer healing to the people of Ferguson, Missouri.

"As far as I am concerned, it's the sacred dessert of black culture, a comfort sweet potato pie, which means when you have this, it just soothes the soul," said Rose McGee, before she went to Charleston. "Others started calling it a ministry, a movement, so a comfort pie movement means you are putting something to action."

McGee said in the effort to heal all sides of the Jamar Clark shooting, she will deliver pies to protesters, police officers at the Fourth Precinct, Police Chief Janee Harteau, along with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges.

McDowell was excited when McGee asked him to join in the efforts in Minneapolis.

"Comfort food really calms people so we are able to have a level headed conversation, which is needed in times like this, we need to talk, and be very open minded," said McDowell. "Food in general brings everybody to the table."

The sweet potatoes pies will be delivered to the Fourth Precinct around 2 p.m., Friday, November 20th.

To follow McGee's Sweet Potato Comfort Pie, visit her Facebook page.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/meet-the-people-of-the-fourth-precinct-occupation-7846325>

Bundled in a red jacket, Sally Lieberman has been hanging around for about an hour. Since the protests began Sunday night, the retired 59-year-old has come by for a little while each day to show her support.

"I'm an old lady with arthritis, so I don't stay out in the cold too long. But this is really important to me," she says, peeking above her tightly wrapped scarf.

Sure, she's here for Jamar and Minneapolis' pervasive racial inequity, as described by the cardboard sign on her cart. But she's also here for the nameless man she spotted outside her house one summer night.

Six or seven years ago the Minneapolis woman awoke in the middle of the night to flashing lights and sirens outside her house. Her neighbor was ill, so she guessed it was an ambulance. Instead, an officer had pulled over a man on her block. She watched as a white officer cuffed and searched the man before leading him to his squad car. The cop was using "obscene language" and racial slurs toward the man, who was black.

As they walked, the cop said something that "pissed the young man off," who then tried to pull away and kick the officer. Dumb move, but she says the man was provoked. The cop slammed him on the street and repeatedly kicked him until he "pleaded for his life."

"I couldn't hear the entire sentence that the cop said, but it ended with '... and they'll find you dead in a dark alley and no one will ever know what happened to you,'" Lieberman recalls. "Then he said, 'Is that what you want to have happen to you?'"

"The next morning I got up thinking I'm going to do something about it, but I didn't know what to do," she says. "I didn't know how to find out who the young man who was brutalized was. Since then I'm not going to pass up any opportunity to be out here and speak out."

Nathanael Doehling made his first Fourth Precinct appearance Thursday. The Savage man would have been there sooner, but it was his first day off in a while. The 29-year-old, who cooks at Muddy Waters and works with families impacted by the justice system, says Clark's shooting "hit close to home."

Doehling says he's had his share of run-ins with the law and has experienced police brutality. The former

Minneapolis resident recalls a stop-and-frisk situation which, as he tells it, turned into more of a rough-up-and-release years ago on the North Side. After having his face pressed to the ground and his bum shoulder dislocated, Doehling claims he was let go without being told why he was pulled over to begin with.

"People go through this every day," he says. "It's not always violence, sometimes it's a mental thing. I've been told, 'Do you know what I could do to you? I'll kill you nigger.'"

Zack Pierson (who declined to be photographed) had a couple hours to kill before an English teachers convention. A grad student at the University of Minnesota, some of his peers camped outside the Fourth Precinct the night before, so he swung by to show his support.

The rural Ohio native says he's "tired of seeing police violence," which disproportionately hits minority and low-income communities.

"It's frustrating," Pierson says. "Being a white person and coming from the Midwest, I have plenty of friends who still proclaim they're not racist, but they still say awful, nasty racist things all the time."

As Pierson was getting ready to leave, Michael McDowell was fueling up for the night ahead. As a co-founder of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the 21-year-old was in the thick of the Wednesday night clash between police and protesters, talking to the cops while trying to keep the crowd in check.

"You can chant, do your thing, but let's make sure we're keeping this about Jamar," McDowell says. "Because if violence is incited, then it's not about Jamar anymore."

For his day job, the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts graduate helps organize low-wage workers. But it's his extracurricular Black Lives Matter activities that make headlines. He helped launch the Minneapolis chapter after being shaken by Michael Brown's killing in Ferguson, Missouri.

"It was just seeing myself on the ground," McDowell says. "I'm 21. Michael Brown was 18, so I'm not far from his age. I have siblings that are his age. So, it just being very personal, it easily could have been me."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51959667-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Minneapolis police arrested 2 people after they were caught vandalizing the walls of the 4th Precinct overnight. Behind the tents of demonstrators is a wall spray-painted with the name of Jamar Clark, along with profanity directed at Minneapolis police.

Also overnight, an SUV that attempted to drive through the fence at the precinct overnight, where protesters and outraged community members have been gathered since the shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The overnight incidents followed a relatively calm day of demonstrations Thursday, with no real violence or clashes with police. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to join hundreds of demonstrators who braved the cold to protest the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

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Photo SUV rams 4th Precinct gate, 2 arrested for Jamar Clark vandalism

"The message is one that it is fair, righteous and just to let your voice be heard," Ellison said. "The First Amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government, so this is our constitutional right to be here."

Shooting just blocks away

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Jamar Clark died, adding more tension to a community already on edge

The national president of the NAACP will be in Minneapolis on Friday, with a vigil planned for 4 p.m.

Police union: Jamar Clark grabbed officer's gun

While the investigation continues, the president of the police union is saying Jamar Clark grabbed an officer's gun, leading to the deadly shooting.

"The officers arrived, he was not compliant with the verbal commands," Lt. Bob Kroll said. "Officers went to restrain him. He chose to struggle and fight. At one point, he got a hold of an officer's gun belt and gun. It was in the holster and he had physical control of the hand grip.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, but police insist that he was not. Protests started just hours after the shooting and have continued for nearly a week now.

EDITOR'S NOTE - A previous version of this story stated that officers fired shots at the vehicle that attempted to ram the 4th Precinct's gate. Minneapolis police insist no shots were fired -- not even marking rounds.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/chief-violence-toward-police-by-anarchists-at-protests/76068822/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Twelve squad cars with significant damage, a broken window, a totaled retaining wall and three Molotov cocktails. A frustrated Minneapolis Police Chief listed the damages caused by night four of the ongoing protests at the Fourth Precinct.

Chief Janee Harteau said at a press conference on Thursday the squad car damages are estimated at \$25,000, there's another \$13,000 in damages for two portable cameras that were broken and they're still

waiting on total damages for the broken window, damaged fence and totaled retaining wall at the precinct. She said those at the protest, estimated at upwards of 400 total, were mostly peaceful -- but some threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and a dozen bricks. One officer was sprayed with an irritant and required medical attention, Harteau said.

But perhaps most disturbing were the three Molotov cocktails thrown at police officers late Wednesday night -- at a time when Harteau said most protesters had left the area for the evening.

She said officers searched for the suspects but were unsuccessful at locating them. However, they are still looking at surveillance tape. No arrests took place Wednesday.

"We are dealing with anarchists, based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau said police used a chemical irritant when people started throwing rocks and damaging property, as they felt the situation was escalating. Two marking rounds -- a chalk-like bullet used to mark suspects - - were also used to identify people in the crowd who were throwing rocks.

"We support peaceful demonstrations but we will not tolerate violent actions that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis," Harteau said. "And I also will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers and will hold those responsible ... accountable. The No. 1 priority continues to be public safety for everyone involved."

Ezra Hyland, resident of north Minneapolis KARE

Ezra Hyland, longtime Minneapolis resident, said he stands in solidarity with any organization that focuses on a beloved community and restoration. However, he believes not everyone who has been present at the protests are there for that cause.

"Since Sunday I have been out almost every day and I have witnessed people throwing rocks at the police," he said. "I witnessed last night people throwing rocks and the police shooting tear gas. I've witnessed people arguing with the family of Jamar Clark about who is his true family and who has the right to speak for him. I've witnessed people threatening to shoot police officers. Threatening community members with violence. Those things are not within the spirit of Dr. King."

Hyland said he believes people are using this opportunity -- a place that's supposed to be peaceful -- to get out their personal frustrations and their desires for violence.

"I also hope and pray that the people who are committed to violence and who are not part of the true aims of Black Lives Matter to remove themselves from the situation," he said.

Ronald Edwards, a longtime activist and a resident of north Minneapolis since 1945, said he was there when National Guard troops were called onto the streets of north Minneapolis and is thankful this situation is not a repeat of the past.

"It was not a very pleasant scene, the conditions were volatile," he said. "We were angry 47 years ago, we felt disillusioned, but at the same time, we had a sense of perseverance, we had a sense that something would happen and something would change. Things don't go the way we always wanted because we don't live in a perfect society and we are not perfect individuals. But I am concerned about the emergence of outside agitators and particularly the events that happened late last night, when individuals and military-style attacks jeopardized the safety and the continuity of an entire community."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3969021.shtml>

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Hundreds of protesters once again braved the cold and gathered outside the 4th Precinct on Thursday over the shooting death of Jamar Clark, for the fifth night in a row. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to show his support for the protesters.

"The message is one that it is fair, righteous, and just to let your voice be heard," Ellison said. "The first amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government. So this is our constitutional right to be here."

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Photo Rep. Keith Ellison at 4th Precinct: 'It's our constitutional right to be here'

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Clark died. They'll survive but the shooting added more tension to a community already on edge.

"It's sad," community activist John Martin said. "It's actually sad. You get emotional. You don't know what to say at all. Sometimes you have to shake your head and say when is the madness going to stop?" Ellison said he supports calls for a federal investigation, saying it doesn't look right to have police investigating themselves.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968832.shtml>

(with video)

The president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department after the shooting death of an unarmed black man.

Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested when protesters shut down Interstate 94 in downtown Minneapolis on Monday. She has since demanded police release video of the shooting of Jamar Clark.

Levy-Pounds spoke while standing outside the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis on Thursday. She asked for the community to exercise restraint, and she called for long-term reform of the Minneapolis Police Department.

"The problems that we're talking about today are not new; they have been going on for decades," Levy-Pounds said. "The city council has allowed tens of millions of dollars in excessive force complaint lawsuits to be settled by the city; that should have signaled a problem a long time ago to the city of Minneapolis as well as to the federal government."

Levy-Pounds asked that the Minneapolis Police Department be placed under federal receivership.

"What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular and throughout the Minneapolis community have faced at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We are here standing in solidarity with the community saying enough is enough. We are demanding the release of the tapes. We're demanding reform of the police department, and we're demanding justice right now."

At a news conference later in the day, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said the video tapes can't be released because they are part of the BCA's investigation into Clark's death. The chief also commended officers for showing restraint; she says they are tired but are acting professionally.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/natl-naacp-leaders-join-mpls-in-protests-against-jamar-clark-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP held a press conference Thursday morning to discuss the shooting of Jamar Clark. Shortly after 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, once again outlined the community's demands following Clark's death.

Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday morning when Minneapolis police responded to a call of a domestic assault. Police said Clark, who they said was the suspect in the call, was shot when he attempted to reach for an officer's gun. Witnesses dispute this claim and have said Clark was in handcuffs when he was shot. Protests began Monday evening, when members of Black Lives Matter closed down portions of I-94W near downtown Minneapolis.

They continued outside of the Minneapolis 4th precinct, as groups have set up tents and tarps outside of the precinct.

On Wednesday, shortly after 1:30 p.m. officers from the Minneapolis 4th precinct attempted to remove protesters from the area.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him. Police also said they had to spray chemical irritant after having rocks and bottles thrown at them.

From Sky4, WCCO also saw damage to squad cars in the 4th precinct parking lot. Police said this was caused by protesters throwing bricks.

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After an eventful evening, demonstrations have been peaceful Thursday but tensions have remained high. Shortly before noon, Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, the director of the Youth and College Division of the National NAACP, Reverend Nazim B. Fakir, from St. Peter AME Church in South Minneapolis, and community members.

"What happened to Jamar Clark is just the tip of the iceberg, in terms of the abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular, and throughout the Minneapolis community, have faced," Levy-Pounds said.

Levy-Pounds called once again for videos of the arrest to be made public. She said that while some of their

requests have been met, Minneapolis officials still refuse to release the videos. She also asked that grief counselors be made available to the witnesses who she said are scared after Sunday's events.

"It's a tale of two cities. It's the best of times if you're white and the worst of times if you're black," Levy-Pounds said.

As she spoke, she also called for restraint from the police when it comes to the protesters, but police say members of Black Lives Matter weren't the only ones outside the 4th Precinct.

"We believe people from outside the community are coming in to perpetrate violence," Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau said at a press conference Thursday. "As you know, we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations."

Wednesday night's tensions between protesters and police brought the national NAACP youth and college director to Minneapolis. Green arrived Thursday morning from Baltimore. He announced during the press conference that the president of the national NAACP will also be traveling to Minneapolis and set to arrive Thursday evening.

Green said their presence is to show that they stand in solidarity with Minneapolis NAACP. He called for people to join the group in a march and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

"We are watching. We are observing," Green said. "It may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved."

He said the public's trust in law enforcement has been broken.

As the day moves on, more Clark supporters are returning to the Minneapolis 4th police precinct. The police sign has been replaced with their messages of #JusticeForJamar and Black Lives Matter.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/naacp-alleges-police-violence-demands-mpd-restraint/76050746/>

MINNEAPOLIS - After a contentious night of protests outside the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct, organizers with the NAACP are calling for long-term reform of the police department, grief counseling for those who witnessed the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark and respect from the police as protests continue.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said Thursday they received reports that two female protesters were beaten by police in an alley during Wednesday night's protests.

"They reported that they were in an alley and they were physically beaten by police," she said. "We have heard that it was on video so we're asking for people to come forward with the video at this time."

Levy-Pounds asked protesters to continue non-violent efforts outside the Fourth Precinct but called on the police department to remove the threat of violence as well.

"We are asking the community to exercise restraint in the midst of grief, hurting and unanswered questions and we demand the same respect from the Minneapolis Police Department," she said.

Levy-Pounds mentioned other incidents that took place Wednesday night -- like the use of weapons for intimidation against protesters and elected officials, including the son of Rep. Keith Ellison.

"It's hard to tell, are these real guns? Are these rubber bullets? At the end of the day, it shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis and it is a response that is completely uncalled for," she said.

Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, national director of the youth and college division of the NAACP, who said they will stand in solidarity with the local community until justice is served.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice," he said. "And we will not be silent and we will not be moved."

Levy-Pounds said they also want to see a release of the video police have collected that allegedly shows what happened when Clark was shot in north Minneapolis last weekend by police. The BCA has said none of the videos they've obtained show the entire incident -- and have continually said those videos will not be released until after the investigation. Levy-Pounds rejected their claims that releasing the video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Levy-Pounds said the NAACP is planning to hold a candlelight vigil for Clark at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. They also plan to march, protest and "mobilize the community."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51600914-story>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Leaders of the national NAACP are joining local protestors in calling for investigators to release videos of the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has repeatedly denied these requests, saying they will not release any video footage of the incident until their investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head around 12:45 a.m. Sunday morning after allegedly disrupting paramedics' ability to render aid to a female assault victim.

Speaking outside the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct on Thursday, NAACP leaders also called for grief counselors in the community to help witnesses of the shooting. They claimed witnesses at the scene were intimidated and treated in dehumanizing ways by Minneapolis police officers.

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Photo NAACP: Jamar Clark's alleged assault victim had ankle surgery

Following the clash between police officers and demonstrators outside the Fourth Precinct Wednesday night, the NAACP released a statement, asking "the Minneapolis Police Department to exercise maximum restraint in handling and responding to nonviolent peaceful protestors, to refrain from the indiscriminate use of chemical weapons and rubber bullets, and to avoid physical contact with protestors."

National NAACP leaders are coming to Minneapolis to join the demonstrators, who have been camped outside the Fourth Precinct since Sunday.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice. And we will not be silent. We will not be moved. This is not the end," Minneapolis NAACP leader Stephen Green said.

The NAACP is planning to hold a vigil for Clark on Friday outside the Fourth Precinct at 4:30 p.m.

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The head of the Minneapolis NAACP Thursday called on federal authorities to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department in the wake of Sunday's police shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they're still demanding the release of video recordings of events surrounding Clark's shooting.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led Black Lives Matter protesters in a prayer and chant outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

"There have been so many false narratives that have been spun from the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We've been on the ground, we've talked to witnesses, we have serious concerns about the narratives that are out there that are inconsistent with what many witnesses in the community say happened."

Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP youth and college division, said the NAACP will lead a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the fourth precinct in north Minneapolis. "We may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved," Green said. "This is not the end, and we are not going to allow this one moment to pass us by. We are here to stand with systematic and long lasting transformation in this community."

Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Tensions rose through the night Wednesday as crowds gathered around the 4th Precinct station in Minneapolis.

"We're saying enough is enough," Levy-Pounds told reporters Thursday outside the precinct station.

Accusing the police of a pattern of "abuse and harassment" of north Minneapolis citizens, she called for the department to be placed in "receivership" where it would be overseen by the federal government.

Levy-Pounds also called for grief counselors to be made available to those who witnessed the shooting and accused the police of beating two women outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night.

Hundreds of demonstrators surrounded the station Wednesday night after police cleared the building entrance where some protesters had been camped since the Sunday shooting.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

A police officer sprayed liquid toward demonstrators outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Wednesday night. John Autey | Pioneer Press via AP

At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Levy-Pounds on Thursday called on police and protesters to "exercise restraint."

Jason Morris lives only a few blocks away from the precinct. He said Wednesday night's confrontations with police were intense, but that protesters were able to stop people who were throwing rocks and water bottles at officers.

"That helped our cause a lot because the police see that. They are trying to be peaceful, they are policing themselves, they're not actually trying to destroy us, but they actually want change and justice," Morris said.

At least two Minneapolis City Council members attended Wednesday's protests. But Morris said he'd like to see more local lawmakers come and show support.

"We never see them in the streets," Morris said. "And when we do see them, it's when the media is here, that's when they want to come out and show face — we need people here regardless if media is here or

not."

John Martin took charge of restoring order at the protest camp on Thursday morning, which had been disordered not only by the night of protest, but by strong winds that had turned over tents across the campsite. The ground of the precinct lawn is torn up, and mud cakes everything from protest signs to the blankets the cold demonstrators had wrapped themselves in.

"We're just reorganizing and regrouping today, and we're not going to rest until justice has been served," Martin said. "We want answers, and we'll continue to do what we're doing until our voices are heard." North Minneapolis resident Leonard Blount stopped by the protest camp on Thursday afternoon on his way to a doctor's appointment. He said the police response the day before, which included the use of so-called non-lethal weapons like pepper spray, was excessive, especially considering that children were present at the protest.

Blount, who is 48, said he'd like to see a rule requiring more officers to live in the same communities they patrol. An MPR News analysis of police data earlier this year found that only about 5.4 percent of Minneapolis officers live within city limits. State law does not allow cities to institute residency requirements.

"The police used to live in the community: You know your neighbors, you know the business owners, you know the kids," Blount said. "You can deal with people in a different way, and people respect your different way."

Levy-Pounds also dismissed remarks by Minneapolis police union President Lt. Bob Kroll, who told reporters Wednesday that Clark was not handcuffed, as some witnesses allege and that Clark was going for an officer's gun when he was shot.

"The union needs to be dealt with as well," Levy-Pounds said. "There must be checks and balances in terms of police power ... Bob Kroll needs to understand that."

Reggie LeFlore, 29, just moved to south Minneapolis from Omaha, Neb. He said Clark's case is reminiscent of others across the country, but that it's inspiring to see people so actively pushing for more information about his death.

"I spend a lot of time seeing online warriors on Facebook and social media talking about the problems and issues that are going on," LeFlore said. "Yet you have people here in 30 degree weather freezing for a cause, and the cause is just wanting justice."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968951.shtml>

(with video)

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers. The Minneapolis Police Federation president Lieutenant Bob Kroll also had strong criticism for city leaders during a Thursday afternoon meeting with reporters.

Kroll says the police officers of the 4th Precinct are under siege and that someone needs to stand up for the two officers involved in the Jamar Clark shooting. Kroll says the officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze acted lawfully and will not be charged with any wrongdoing when the investigation is complete. Kroll was very critical of the protesters allowed to camp out outside the 4th precinct, stating that officers there are spending more time protecting their building than the streets of North Minneapolis. Kroll says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

He took pointed issue with officers being instructed to remove protesters from the precinct without wearing tactical equipment.

"At first they weren't able to put on helmets and batons. As a police supervisor, I would have never let them go out there without helmets and batons because it looked intimidating. You're not going to risk the officers safety because of the appearance of a militaristic look, that's poor leadership." Kroll add he believes that decision came from the top, or Mayor Betsy Hodges.

Kroll was asked if the people who say they saw Clark in handcuffs at the time of the shooting, were mistaken or lying. He said it's one thing to say that to a reporter or spread it on social media, but if the investigation shows the person was making a false statement, they should be arrested.

Chief Janeé Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she firmly believes in everyone's right to protest and understands that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. She added that she also wanted to ensure everyone's safety. She also asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and for protesters to act peacefully.

Meanwhile, the president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/mpd-union-head-speaks-out-on-jamar-clark-case-protests/>
MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The head of the Minneapolis Police Department union spoke out about the demonstrations happening this week at the 4th precinct in North Minneapolis and the ongoing

investigations into the incident.

Lt. Bob Kroll, with the MPD Federation, talked with Chad Hartman on WCCO Radio on Thursday afternoon. He addressed the protests by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, which have been ongoing since shortly after Clark's death early Sunday morning.

"What's going on right now has nothing to do with the investigation, it has to do with an activism movement," he said. "Where is the frustration with the 40-plus murders that have occurred in Minneapolis this year? Why don't we have outcry there?"

Sunday morning's shooting death of Jamar Clark brought two Minneapolis police officers into the limelight. On Wednesday, Kroll stated that Clark was trying to grab one officer's gun and that's when the other shot him.

Kroll disputed the assertions of witnesses who said that Clark, who was unarmed, was handcuffed when he was shot.

"I know that if he had complied with the officers verbal request and leave the scene, come over and be detained and identified, it wouldn't have resulted in a shooting," Kroll said. "I don't think that all 19 arrests by Mr. Clark were by accident or coincidence. At age 24, 19 arrests and a criminal suspect in four others just in the city of Minneapolis isn't by accident. It's criminal behavior by a violent person."

Both Officer Dustin Schwarze and Officer Mark Ringgenberg, who were identified on Wednesday by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, worked in other departments for seven years prior to their hire by Minneapolis.

When asked if Kroll felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he had this to say: "if we had doubts you wouldn't see me coming out." He also added: "What we need is calm. We need a thorough investigation. We need everyone on both sides to remain calm. Let the facts be done and let the facts be presented."

Kroll also criticized what he characterized as weak leadership at City Hall, saying Mayor Betsy Hodges isn't letting police crack down on the protesters because they voted her into office.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/black-lives-matter-leaders/76080172/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Black Lives Matter is unlike the movements before it because it is not led, cannot be led, its members say by one voice.

"It's a decentralized movement. A leader-full movement working to liberate black folks in all realms of oppression," Michael McDowell, one of eight leaders of the Minneapolis BLM chapter, said Thursday.

Not having that one person to be led by, or to be held accountable, is a source of discomfort for those outside the movement but there is a BLM purposefully chose to be led by committee in each of its 26 U.S. chapters.

"I think it's uncomfortable because we live in a hierarchal society. All of our institutional structures embrace that kind of structure and part of this movement is actually challenging those structures," leader Lena K. Gardner said.

It was a movement created just more than two years ago – it began as a hashtag created by a woman in California sharing her thoughts on social media about the Trayvon Martin case.

It swelled quickly and she partnered with others to create the beginning of it all with social pages under the name Black Lives Matter.

The Minneapolis chapter is governed by eight people and the community that guides them.

They are very aware many of you are upset by their occupation of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct and their numerous highway shutdowns.

But that, they say, is precisely the point.

"It's easier just to be confused or to be angry about these small little things instead of just saying I need to face this head on and I do have a role," leader Kandace Montgomery said.

Two different times, especially Wednesday night, violence has come at the BLM campsite at the precinct. And Black Lives Matter says that is not their work.

"That's another group," Gardner said – adding at many of the BLM rallies and marches outside anarchists and agitators come just to invoke violence.

"One thing we are all on the same page about is that we are absolutely dedicated to nonviolent direct action," Gardner went on to say.

Black Lives Matter has no intention to stop its actions, even those that disrupt, anytime in the near future because they say demonstrations and holding their issues up to the spotlight is the only way everyone can see them.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968899.shtml>

(with video)

Community leaders are pleading for peace after protesters and police squared off outside the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis on Wednesday night.

Bottles, rocks and Molotov cocktails were thrown, according to police, as protesters demanded answers in the investigation of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the deadly shooting of Jamar Clark.

"It's just a few people, man, that want to sling rocks and, ya know, be negative," VJ Smith, President of the

community group Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MAD DADS) said.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janee Harteau said "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau showed a rock roughly the size of a football that was allegedly thrown at officers after they cleared protesters away from the precinct's front entrance Wednesday afternoon. She also said several shots were fired. Police eventually used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Harteau says she believes most of the protesters are peaceful, a sentiment echoed by Smith as he spoke to volunteers at the MAD DADS office just hours after the violence subsided.

"You let a few bad apples mess up the whole thing," Smith said.

He sent volunteers to canvass the neighborhood where Clark was shot early Sunday morning.

Fliers stuffed in front doors on Emerson Avenue North encouraged anyone who saw the shooting to meet with attorneys or paralegals at the Urban League to provide testimony that can help investigators.

"The Urban League is not trying to establish a separate process, to coach witnesses, or to establish an alternative process outside, or parallel to the BCA/DOJ investigation," the flier read. "The goal is to provide a safer environment (considering the circumstances) for the community to tell their stories."

Smith hopes someone can provide a video showing the entire incident. Videos already obtained by state investigators do not show the incident in its entirety, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"We have to have everybody that can, come forward," Smith said, adding "whatever you got on your cell phone, whatever you've seen, we need everybody to come forward."

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/clark-not-handcuffed-had-control-of-officers-gun-union-says/76071962/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis Police Union said Thursday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but he was armed -- as he had control of an officer's gun.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, said in a press conference that "Jamar Clark was not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

He went on to say that "someone needs to stand up in a leadership position and make a positive statement for the officers."

"Their names are out there being smeared and everyone's laying by their dish," he said. "They've destroyed the Fourth Precinct and the front yards there. They've taken it over. That's not a place to exercise your First Amendment rights. That's police property. What if people go in there and need our police services? They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire or block the entryway for one minute."

He said Clark refused to show his hands or comply with police orders when police arrived to the scene of a domestic assault. He said he was involved in another domestic incident on Nov. 15, which sent a victim to the hospital with a broken ankle, among other injuries.

Kroll said he was "intimidating paramedics" that were trying to tend to the victim when police were called. As officers were trying to detain Clark, he pushed back, according to Kroll.

NAACP alleges police violence, demands MPD restraint

"He chose to resist, fight officers and to seize control of an officer's firearm," he said. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist, but instead chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

According to the officer's statements about the incident, Clark had physical control of the hand grip of the gun, while it was in the holster.

Kroll said the incident should have been a peaceful encounter with officers.

"It was the actions and the choices of Mr. Clark alone which determined its outcome," he said.

"The officers are going to be exonerated for any wrongdoing. It is a homicide and it will turn out to not be a criminal homicide. It's someone's job to stand up and say that and stand up for the officers because no one else in the city is doing it."

Kroll said Clark's record included a guilty plea to first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010, in which he was sentenced to 41 months in prison. In April, Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats and as part of his sentence, was given a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order, which required him to stay away from the victim until 2020.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/timeline-of-events-in-the-jamar-clark-case/>

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That single action of pulling the trigger put officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze under an intense investigation.

Lt. Bob Kroll of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis said Wednesday that state and federal authorities are investigating a homicide.

"The question is: Is it justifiable or not?" he told WCCO Radio.

When asked if he felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he said if he had doubts, "you wouldn't see me coming out."

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This is the first time either Ringgenberg or Schwarze has faced a deadly force investigation.

Prior to working in Minneapolis, Schwarze worked as a Richfield police officer beginning in 2008. Two years before that, he was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park.

Schwarze's employment history doesn't include mention of awards or disciplinary issues, only where he's worked and for how long.

Meanwhile in his two years as a Maple Grove officer, Ringgenberg had two exemplary evaluations, no disciplinary action and internal recognition.

Before that he worked as an officer in San Diego, California.

Both officers have faced lawsuits in federal court.

A 2009 lawsuit accused Schwarze of forcing a man to become an informant through false arrests. A settlement was reached in that case.

Ringgenberg was involved in a 2012 suit that alleged rough treatment during an arrest.

That case was dismissed.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-shooting-4-things-to-know/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct.

Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On

Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it “agonizing for me to see.” Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NAACP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP’s youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/protesters-stand-ground-amid-clouds-of-mace-at-minneapolis-police-station-7845212>

An overnight standoff at the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis between police and Black Lives Matters protesters became increasingly hostile throughout the evening as police sprayed mace and fired rubber rounds into the crowds.

BLM activists have been camping out at the Fourth Precinct since Sunday afternoon, demanding the release of footage that captured the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer. BLM believes video will show that Clark was handcuffed and lying on the ground when he was executed in point blank range and not reaching for an officer’s gun while harassing a domestic assault victim, as the cops claim.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau ordered the removal of the protesters’ encampment at the door of the precinct Wednesday afternoon because they blocked ordinary citizens from reporting crimes, police said. The chief also demanded maximum restraint.

That order did not exclude the use of mace.

Late into the night, after protesters had spent hours shouting into the cops’ faces and the cops had attempted several maneuvers to surround the crowd and tear down their tents, police began spraying people through the parking lot fence. Protesters held their ground by lifting up tarps and covering their faces.

“They were macing through the entirety of the night,” says BLM spokeswoman Lena Gardner. “It was happening very frequently and very freely. Several officers were being intentionally aggressive, trying to provoke people into being more violent.”

Despite rumors that the police were also shooting off rubber bullets, it appears protesters were referring to marking rounds, which were used to identify people suspected of throwing bricks. Minneapolis police do not have any rubber bullets, spokesman John Elder said.

At the end of the night, most of the crowd had dispersed, but about 20 or two protesters remained on site. The rally continues today.

UPDATE: This video could cast some doubt on the police claim that cops were, themselves, hit with pepperspray by "people who are not officers." Look past the edited video, which is playing for laughs, and you'll see that one cop's indiscriminate use of the spraygun manages to catch another, standing directly in front of him, right in the face.

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Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation in north Minneapolis Nov. 15. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend.

According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Crowds have gathered for more than a week at the 4th Precinct police station to protest the shooting.

- Jamar Clark's parents: 'He should still be here'

The BCA is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Meanwhile, the U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Here's what we know so far about the case.

The latest

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night, Nov. 23, 2015, after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Hennepin County prosecutors have until noon Monday to charge four men connected with last week's shootings near a protest camp outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

Five people were shot; none of the victims' injuries were life-threatening, said Minneapolis Police Department spokesperson John Elder.

Activists allege the four men in police custody are "white supremacists" who came to cause trouble.

On Nov. 24, organizers led a march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a

stop at the site where Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station.

Differing accounts about what happened

Jamar Clark Javille Burns via AP

Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, told MPR News partner KARE 11 that Clark was not handcuffed during the confrontation and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

However, witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

Experts: Justice probe may not bring closure

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led protesters in a prayer and chanting outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting. And on Nov. 20, national NAACP leaders met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton. The leaders joined demonstrators in a vigil outside the 4th Precinct.

However, former federal officials say the process can be long and can leave community members with dashed expectations, especially when it comes to charges being filed.

The civil rights division of the Justice Department has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the DOJ under President George W. Bush.

Protesters want videos released; BCA says no — at least for now

Activists are demanding authorities release video evidence they've gathered.

The BCA said it has some video from the scene in north Minneapolis — including from personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station — although none of it shows the incident "in its entirety," Evans said.

Investigators and protesters alike are interested in video that may exist from cameras mounted on the Elks Club across the street from the shooting. Evans said the BCA is "working with the Elks Club ... to examine their video."

The Ames Elk Lodge on Plymouth Avenue has four security cameras mounted near the roof. There are two cameras on the east wall, directly across the street from the scene of the shooting. The camera closest to the scene of the incident has a fixed mount and faces away from the site of the shooting. Tim Nelson |

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He said the agency won't release the videos during the investigation because it could contaminate witness statements.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger and his fellow federal investigators in the case issued a statement late Friday saying they do not plan to release any evidence, including video, from the shooting.

"Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner," they wrote.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota is among the groups that have called for the videos of the incident to be released. Legal Director Teresa Nelson said that argument could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

Meanwhile, Dayton said that he's seen video from the ambulance camera and that it does not confirm either side's allegations of what happened.

Who are the officers involved?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

BCA investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the fatal shooting. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

A records summary released by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He previously worked as police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. In 2012, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of excessive force. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

Schwarze worked as an officer in Richfield, Minn., between 2008 and 2014. He has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him, according to a records release summary from the Minneapolis Police Department.

- What we know: Officers Ringgenberg, Schwarze
Protesters clash with police

Reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has been swift.

On Nov. 16, protesters blocked the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

State Patrol officers and Black Lives Matter protesters showed a battle of wills Monday night as the demonstrators blocked I-94 westbound in Minneapolis for several hours and refused to leave. Many were eventually arrested. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

On Nov. 18, a gathering of hundreds of protesters at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis grew tense after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Clark was shot by police.

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Inspector Mike Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

A police officer sprayed a liquid toward demonstrators at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct building, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

A chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car.

And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/what-we-know-about-the-cops-involved-in-jamar-clarks-shooting-7845522>

As tension between protesters and cops mounted outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct on Wednesday, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released the names of the officers involved in Jamar Clark's shooting.

Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are veteran cops who joined the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014. Prior to that, Ringgenberg spent two and a half years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments.

According to Capt. Adam Lindquist, Ringgenberg's personnel file at Maple Grove was squeaky clean.

During his tenure, Ringgenberg received two internal recognitions and "exceeded expectations" in two performance reviews. As one of the state's top DWI arresters, the 30-year-old was given a bronze award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving last year.

No complaints were filed against Ringgenberg, nor were any disciplinary actions taken by the Maple Grove department. He was a "trusted" cop who was respected throughout the department and left in good standing, Lindquist says.

Lindquist, who was once Ringgenberg's supervisor, praised his worth ethic and ability to make "sound judgements on the street." Before taking the job in suburban Minnesota, Ringgenberg was a San Diego cop for more than three and a half years.

"He came to us with valued experience and you can tell," Lindquist says. "He's one of those you hate to see go."

While in San Diego, Ringgenberg was sued for his alleged rough handling of a suspect who was resisting arrest, the Star Tribune reports. However, the 2012 case was eventually thrown out.

Schwarze joined the Minneapolis force after six years with the Richfield Police Department. From September 2006 to October 2008, Schwarze was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park. The entry-level position had Schwarze, now 28, dealing with low-level tasks, such as parking complaints. He did not carry a gun or have authority to make arrests.

Although the case was later dismissed, a 2009 lawsuit reportedly accused Schwarze of trying to force a man to become an informant using threats, unlawful searches, and falsifying police reports. Richfield police did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Clark, 24, died Sunday night of a gunshot wound to the head. He was shot early that morning at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues in north Minneapolis after officers responded to an alleged assault call. Clark's shooting sparked ongoing protests anchored outside the police department's Fourth Precinct.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51962>

As protests roiled North Minneapolis, authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting death (recently ruled a homicide by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner) of Jamar Clark. At the city's fourth precinct police station, officers used a chemical irritant and other methods to disperse a crowd that had assembled to demand action on the case. KFAI's Friday Morning Blend producer, Rico

Morales and Ryan Dawes of the Tuesday Morning Blend were there to report on the story, narrated by Paul Brohaugh of the Thursday Morning Blend.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/city-hall-update/city-leaders-asked-to-show-sympathy-in-wake-of-shooting-death-of-jamar-clark>

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Events surrounding the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer were recorded by a number of video cameras, including the phones in people's pockets and a surveillance camera outside a nearby public housing unit.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer and later died after a confrontation in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police said they were called because Clark was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat an injured woman.

Protesters camped outside the Police Department's 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis have demanded the release of the videos in hope of learning more about how Clark died.

But officials with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting the state investigation into Clark's killing, have said the entire incident isn't contained in any of the videos. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said they won't release the videos during the investigation because it could contaminate witness statements.

"Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently, and would impact the integrity of the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation," Evans said.

State law makes data collected by the law enforcement for an active criminal investigation private.

If police think releasing the video to clear up a misconception about the incident, they could, although they're under no legal obligation to do so. In the past, police departments have released videos of officer-related incidents — St. Paul police released a video showing officers in a skyway stunning a man with a Taser and arresting him.

A camera above the back doors on a paramedic rig outside Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. Brandt Williams | MPR News

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fear of tainting witness statements could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

"We have called on police departments to have more transparency because it helps build that relationship with the community," Nelson said. "If the department is closed off and won't provide answers and is very secretive in everything that happens and not communicating with the community, that can foster a climate of distrust."

Since law enforcement officials have declined to release the videos, state law dictates that they'll be released once the investigation becomes inactive. That will occur if an agency drops the investigation, prosecutors decline charges, the statute of limitations expires, all appeals are exhausted or the data are presented as evidence in court, according to statute.

The video obtained by the BCA in the course of the investigation came from sources including personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station.

The BCA has asked anyone with further video of the incident to come forward. Nelson said it's unlikely people would face any legal repercussions for posting videos online that they took of the incident on their own.

"Certainly if they provide BCA with a copy of the video, they still own it, and I would think that BCA would need a court order to prevent them from publishing it," Nelson said. "Courts and the First Amendment frown on that type of prior restraint."

Officers weren't wearing body cameras during the incident. Minneapolis ended a pilot program with body cameras earlier this year, but plan to implement the program in 2016.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/19/%E2%80%98we%E2%80%99ve-shut-place-down%E2%80%99-0>

Sprays of chemical irritant mixed with freezing mist in the air outside Minneapolis' 4th Precinct Wednesday night as police officers attempted to break up the demonstrators who had occupied part of the station since Sunday.

Since the fatal police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday, the city has seen continuous protests led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. On Wednesday evening, a crowd of hundreds rallied outside the precinct, among them University of Minnesota students.

Montana Filoteo, a gender, women and sexuality studies junior from the University, said she came to the precinct after Black Lives Matter called for backup to keep the group from being pushed out of the space by law enforcement.

Law enforcement has maintained that Clark was trying to disarm police during a physical altercation and deny witness claims that Clark was in handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head.

"We are here to get justice for Jamar," Filoteo said.

She and other University students said Clark's death and the resulting turmoil called them to action.

Earlier this week, demonstrators pressed for an independent investigation into the incident, identification of the officers involved and the release of video footage of the shooting. The first two demands have since been met.

On Thursday, Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension — which is leading an investigation into Sunday's early-morning incident — named Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze as the officers involved. The U.S. Department of Justice has also launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released.

He said more people showed up than he expected at Wednesday's rally, where "Release the tapes" was a popular chant.

"People started pouring in from every angle," he said.

At points, some protesters became aggressive, but organizers sent out "marshals" to deal with them before they got out of hand, he said.

"I'd rather be pushed than have someone push a police officer," McDowell said.

Jesse Meisenhelter, a political science senior at Macalester College, said she had been considering participating in the Black Lives Matter movement for some time. Clark's death prompted her to finally act, she said.

"I've always wanted to get involved; this was the most straightforward way to do that," she said.

On Wednesday afternoon, officers began attempting to clear protesters' encampments. Their efforts were soon stymied by a human chain that formed outside of the precinct's chain-linked perimeter.

"We've shut this place down," said McDowell. "We've locked them in here."

Throughout the day, demonstrators faced off with dozens of Minneapolis police officers while chanting phrases including, "Hands up, don't shoot," and "Handcuffs, don't shoot."

At around 8 p.m., the bottles and gallon jugs that protesters had earlier filled with milk were put into use when officers sprayed chemical irritant at the crowds through the precinct's fence.

Minneapolis Police tweeted that at least one officer was also hit with irritant sprayed from the crowd.

No one appeared to have been seriously injured in the course of the night's events.

"I really appreciate the peaceful, restrained nature of the protest," said Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon.

"I wish we would do more as a city to support the protests in the face of this serious and critical time after a terrible killing."

Earlier this week, hundreds blocked Interstate 94-West, demanding that video footage of the incident be made public. The highway's shutdown ended with 51 arrests.

A number of protesters at the precinct Wednesday declined to speak with members of the media — including one woman dressed in University of Minnesota attire.

"I'm here for my community, not for a story," she said.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/crowds-gather-outside-fourth-precinct-for-another-night/>

(links, info from other stories, etc)

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3969227.shtml>

(with video)

Hundreds gathered outside a north Minneapolis police precinct to remember a black man who was fatally shot by an officer.

A candlelight vigil and march organized by the NAACP started at 4:30 p.m. outside the 4th Precinct.

Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The group started marching peacefully at 6 p.m. heading east down Plymouth Ave N. toward the area where Clark was shot by police. They stopped at the site to pray and sing the protest song "We Shall Overcome" before marching back to the 4th Precinct.

Several speakers are calling for unity and justice. Many attendees are holding candles, and several children are sitting on their parents' shoulders, taking in the event on a cold night. Several bonfires have been lit in the area, filling the air with smoke.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Police Department is warning of a group that may cause a "disturbance", and they are asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that seem out of the ordinary.

"The intelligence we have received has also been distributed through a number of social media channels.

We urge everyone to take those messages seriously," a statement from police reads.

Police are asking people take note of physical descriptions, clothing descriptions and vehicle descriptions and call 911.

Dayton Meets with NAACP

Gov. Mark Dayton and the Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges met with national and local leaders of the NAACP at 1 p.m. Friday. The meeting comes as tensions rise between protesters and police after the fatal shooting of Clark.

NAACP national president Cornell William Brooks said Clark's death "is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

Hodges said they talked about the gravity about what happened in Minneapolis and what is happening in the city.

"The governor and I expressed that our hands are out, that our doors are open to anybody who wishes to talk about a peaceful resolution to what's happening right now; but also about long term, what solutions we need to find regarding police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton says the meeting was constructive and he is asking those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and property.

I take this very, very seriously. I want to bring a set of proposals to the Minnesota Legislature in the next session," Dayton told reporters. When asked to react to protests, Dayton said: "The No. 1 priority is peace."

He said he asks those who are understandably grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and safety.

"I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together, in a way that only strengthens or overall Minnesota community," he said.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Thursday Night Arrests

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over Clark.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station, where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said 12 squad cars had "significant" damage at an estimated

\$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said. She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers during Wednesday's protests.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the early Sunday morning shooting of Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute. The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/photos-thursday-protests-quieter-more-upbeat>
(photo album)

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<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-national-president-to-join-minneapolis-rally-over-police-shooting/352243161/>

Hundreds of people of all races and backgrounds congregated Friday evening near police headquarters in north Minneapolis for an emotional rally and candlelight vigil that culminated a week of protests over officers' fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The president of the national NAACP, who met with state and city leaders earlier in the day at Gov. Mark Dayton's residence in St. Paul, was among those speaking at the peaceful rally, which many participants called the most significant and inspiring local civil rights gathering in years.

"We are not here to tell you what to do," Cornell Brooks, head of the national NAACP, told the emotional crowd. "I believe in what's happening in Minneapolis."

The death of Jamar Clark, 24, shot in the head during a scuffle Sunday on the city's North Side, has galvanized Minnesota activists — from North Side residents to Black Lives Matter activists to the NAACP — and garnered national attention. As protesters have camped outside Fourth Precinct headquarters on Plymouth Avenue N. and engaged in sometimes tense confrontations with officers, police and civic leaders have pleaded for time to thoroughly investigate the shooting, which is also being examined by federal officials and the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Police have said that Clark lunged for an officer's gun and interfered with officers and paramedics responding to a domestic dispute in which a woman had been injured. The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

After the rally, the group marched to the spot a few blocks away where Clark was shot. There, Nekima Levy-Pounds, the Minneapolis NAACP chapter president, said "it could have been any one of us who died."

The president of the NAACP Cornell Brooks spoke during a vigil held in front of the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct. Protesters in front of Minneapolis Fourth Precinct in Minneapolis MN, Friday November 20, 2015.

City Council Member Blong Yang, whose district includes the North Side, and his wife attended the rally. Protesters have called for Yang to join some fellow council members in pushing the city to quickly release tapes of the shooting. He said Friday that he doesn't have the authority to make such a demand. "Legally speaking, we have no control over the tapes at this point," he said.

Other speakers at Friday's rally included the Rev. Brian Herron of Minneapolis' Zion Baptist Church, longtime civil rights activist Josie Johnson and Mahmoud El-Kati, a former Macalester College professor and an African-American history expert.

"I've been to rallies in Ferguson, South Charleston, Los Angeles, Staten Island and Cleveland," the NAACP's Brooks said. "We need to turn up the heat and be in the fight for the long run."

Hours earlier, Brooks met with Dayton, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and others.

"We were talking about community policing and some of the other steps we can take in Minnesota in the future to prevent this kind of tragedy, and I am certainly very interested to pursue those discussions,"

Dayton said.

As for specific changes, the governor said he is still mulling ways to rebuild trust between black residents and police.

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"I couldn't give you an answer to that today, except that I asked the president of the NAACP to give us some examples of other states, in terms of community policing, in terms of various outreach that can be made," he said. "I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota."

Throughout Friday, the scene at precinct headquarters was peaceful, with some protesters warming themselves at campfires and donning donated hats and mittens. Among those dropping by to express support were clergy members and students from nearby Anwatin Middle School.

Some protesters worked to clear the streets of debris, while others directed traffic.

Helen Williams, who has lived in north Minneapolis for more than 40 years, came to sweep the street and

show her support for protesters. Williams, who has long helped families bury their dead when they cannot afford it, said she is helping the Clark family plan for their son's funeral.

"I'm here to do my part to offer crowd control and hugs," she said.

'We are all one'

Several Minnesota progressive and labor groups issued statements urging a thorough and transparent investigation. State DFL Chair Ken Martin said, "It is hard to have hope for the future when it seems that our community has turned an indifferent eye to the very real and persistent issues facing communities of color in Minnesota. The DFL stands by everyone working peacefully for a transparent investigation and to bring the conversation of fairness and justice to the forefront."

A coalition of leaders from African immigrant communities said at a news conference in Brooklyn Park that immigrant groups support protesters' call for clarity and justice in the Clark case.

"The African community is united with our African-American brothers and sisters," said Abdullah Kiatamba, executive director of the group African Immigrant Services. "We are all one. A harm to one is a harm to all of us."

Early in the day, a divided Minneapolis City Council met in a closed session. City Attorney Susan Segal said the council received a briefing from the city's emergency management director, Barret Lane, and a police update.

The issue has exposed divisions among council members, some of whom have occasionally joined the protest. North Side council members have criticized their colleagues for participating in the occupation of the precinct, calling their actions unhelpful.

On Friday afternoon, tensions between the police union and Chief Janeé Harteau spilled over when Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the police union, said on WCCO Radio that Harteau has not handled the crisis well and that she should have ordered an immediate clearing of the protesters' camp.

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The chief appeared before the crowd around 8:30 p.m., speaking behind a double barricade at the precinct's main entrance. She tried to talk to individual demonstrators, but those unable to hear quickly became agitated and urged her to get a microphone.

A bystander yelled, "we want to be able to hear you so we can hold you accountable."

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As Friday night drew to a close, protesters remained at the site, chanting and singing peacefully. Although it appeared that the rally had helped ease tensions, questions about Clark's death were no closer to being answered.

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The governor met with NAACP leaders and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges Friday afternoon and asked officials with the civil rights organization to bring him ideas for police reform. The ongoing protests began after a Minneapolis police officer shot an African-American man named Jamar Clark.

"We were talking about community policing and some of the other steps we could take in Minnesota in the future to prevent this kind of tragedy," Dayton said Friday. "I am certainly very interested to pursue those discussions in the weeks and months ahead... I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota, and we'll engage NAACP leaders and others throughout the state."

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The meeting with Dayton and Hodges was at the request of national and local NAACP leaders. The meeting with the governor lasted nearly two hours at his residence in St. Paul. When he had to leave to attend the investiture of Minnesota's newest Supreme Court Justice, Natalie Hudson, the meeting continued without him for another 30 minutes. Dayton said he's available to meet with the leaders again over the weekend if necessary.

The discussion included the NAACP's nationwide president and CEO Cornell William Brooks and NAACP's state, Minneapolis and St. Paul leaders, as well as Dayton's commissioner of public safety and human rights.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. - Minnesota's Governor and the mayor of Minneapolis are meeting Friday afternoon with national and local leaders of the NAACP in an effort to ease the racial tensions ignited by the death of a black man at the hands of two police officers.

The meeting was called after six days of unrest in the wake of the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. As hostilities, rhetoric and demonstrations at the fourth police precinct have escalated, the eyes of the nation have increasingly been on Minneapolis and its long-simmering racial wounds.

NAACP National President Cornell William Brooks, Minnesota NAACP President WC Jordan, Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds and St. Paul NAACP President Jeff Martin were all seen walking into the Governor's mansion around 1 p.m. Friday to sit down with Mr. Dayton and Betsy Hodges, who earlier this week agreed to put federal authorities in charge of the officer-involved shooting of Clark.

A candlelight vigil and march is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday at the fourth precinct, the site of violent episodes in recent nights. Both activists and police have blamed each other for escalating violence, but both sides have also sounded calls for restraint and respect during protests.

<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/wake-police-shooting-split-among-minneapolis-council-members>

Tension over the shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer spilled over into a meeting of the 13-member city council Friday, spurred by a brief protest by longtime anti-police-brutality activists.

Although nothing directly related to Clark's shooting — or to the community's response to it — was on the council's agenda, the Friday morning incident revealed an ongoing dispute that has been waged throughout the week via press conferences and social media: a disagreement between council members who believe they should be directly involved in protests and those who think such participation is premature, even inappropriate.

Staged by three members of Communities United Against Police Brutality, Friday morning's protest got underway just as the council's regular business meeting was beginning. That's when Communities United's Michelle Gross approached the podium and began speaking to the council about what she thinks

is a lack of police accountability. “We’re amending your agenda,” Gross said.

Council members and city staff seemed prepared for the protest, however. Council President Barbara Johnson immediately told Gross there was no public testimony taken at regular meetings, read the rule and asked security guards, who were there in greater numbers than usual, to remove Gross. Two other protesters took to the podium in sequence and were also removed.

“This is just another sign that the city is not ready to listen and not ready to take action on pressing matters,” said Dave Bickling as he was being removed. The three were not arrested or cited.

Between the protester comments, Council Member Lisa Bender tried to intervene in Johnson’s order to remove the protesters, moving to suspend the rule against public testimony. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alondra Cano but failed on a voice vote. The move constituted a public challenge to Johnson, and came just a day after Johnson had called out Bender and other council members for taking part in demonstrations at the 4th precinct police station.

“It is not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief of police,” Johnson said at a Thursday press conference with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau, called to talk about the previous evening, when police cleared demonstrators from the entrance to the 4th precinct. That move triggered even broader protests and tense confrontations between police and protesters.

Johnson, who along with Council Member Blong Yang represents the parts of the city covered by the 4th precinct, called the presence of council members at the protests “very awkward.”

“I just think people need to act responsibly about their duties and understand this is a very troubling challenge for a community that Council Member Yang and I represent,” Johnson said. “This is our 4th precinct. Our citizens and residents depend on this precinct.”

Yang said the city has responded to most of the demands made by protesters: an independent investigation and the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting. But the video of the incident isn’t the city’s to release, he said. It is now possessed by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is doing the initial investigation.

Johnson mentioned no names but at least three council members took part in demonstrations: Bender, Cano and Cam Gordon. Their appearances gave support to demands made by Black Lives Matter and other groups, including a demand to immediately release all video that might capture the shooting.

Bender and Cano were both critical of the police use of chemical irritants and devices Wednesday night that might have been paintball-type guns but looked very real to demonstrators:

Gordon said Friday he wasn’t bothered by criticism of his presence at the demonstration, calling it part of the job. “We can be supportive,” he said. “We can encourage positive people to come out there and be part of the solution.”

Friday’s protest at the meeting pointed out what some view as a gap in council rules. Unlike some other local governments, Minneapolis’ council does not provide any opportunity for residents to speak on general topics. Testimony is taken at committee meetings, but only on the matters before that committee. Its rules can be suspended to allow the public to address the council — something it did Wednesday for testimony on the city budget — but that procedure is rarely followed.

Both the Minneapolis Board of Education and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board have public forums during its regular meetings that allow residents to speak on any topic. Gordon was asked by a reporter after Friday’s meeting why residents shouldn’t have expected the council to discuss the killing of Clark. Gordon said that the every-other-week regular meeting is mostly to approve the work of the committees. But he said he would support a change to council rules to provide for a public forum.

“But I’m just one vote,” Gordon said.

Twelve of the 13 members are DFL party members. Gordon is affiliated with the Green Party and on many issues is more liberal than many of the DFL members. That doesn’t mean the council is monolithic.

Several votes during last year’s budget adoption, for example — including one to reduce to size of the tax levy — were 7-6, with Johnson prevailing thanks to the support of Council Members Yang, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Jacob Frey and Linea Palmisano. Voting against the tax cut — and some resulting cuts to the budget proposal — were Elizabeth Glidden, Gordon, Bender, Cano, John Quincy and Andrew Johnson.

The only mention of the Sunday shooting came from Glidden, the council’s vice president, who referenced the incident during the approval of a historic designation for the headquarters of the city’s black-owned newspaper, the Spokesman-Recorder.

“It is no secret that Minnesota and Minneapolis are the subject to international news right now in a way that we wish we were not but we are,” Glidden said. The Spokesman-Recorder, she said, has been in the middle of covering that news for the community.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/minneapolis-council-meeting-interrupted-protest/76130324/>

MINNEAPOLIS – Observers expected a protest at Friday’s meeting of the Minneapolis City Council by the Black Lives Matter group. Instead, there was a disruption by a different group: “Communities United Against Police Brutality” (CUAPB).

Three members of the group tried to talk over Council President Barbara Johnson at the beginning of the regularly scheduled meeting. All three were removed by security as they continued to call loudly to the council members.

"We will be heard! We will be heard!" shouted Michelle Gross of Minneapolis.

However, she and her fellow protesters were not heard. The Council rules prohibit public comment at their meetings. They permit public comment at committee meetings. An attempt to suspend the rules and allow the speakers failed on a voice vote.

Afterwards, CUAPB member Dave Bicken said their protest was in sympathy with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest at the Minneapolis 4th Precinct.

"It was prompted by the shooting of Jamar Clark, of course," said Bicken. "And the outrage that is shown by that. Outrage in the community and the outrageous behavior of our police department for the shooting itself."

Three Council members, Cam Gordon, Lisa Bender and Alondra Cano spoke at the 4th Precinct Thursday night in support of the BLM protest, which reportedly did not please Council President Barbara Johnson.

"She has not talked to me about this," said Gordon. "That is fine. That is what my job is. People look at what I am doing. They give me input and feedback and advice and criticism and everybody has their right to do that."

The council held a closed meeting after the regular council meeting. They got a briefing on security at the 4th Precinct, but took no votes, according to Susan Segal, Minneapolis City Attorney.

"I cannot disclose anything that was discussed during it because it is confidential," said Segal. "I mean It is private under the open meeting law."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3970093.shtml>

(RAW video, didn't grab)

A community group upset about an officer-involved shooting of a black man blasted Minneapolis Council Members on Friday.

Three members of the group Communities United Against Police Brutality were escorted out of the council chambers four minutes after the meeting started. Watch raw video of the interactions in the video player above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/3-activists-removed-from-mpls-city-council-meeting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Friday's Minneapolis City Council meeting received an unexpected interruption as one organization spoke out against the shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Jamar Clark was shot and killed by Minneapolis Police early Sunday morning after officers responded to an assault call. The police union says Clark tried reaching for one of the officers guns. Some witnesses say Clark was restrained and in handcuffs.

It was a quieter and peaceful night Thursday at Minneapolis' 4th precinct as people continue to protest, but protesters — not associated with the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis — showed up at the Minneapolis City Council meeting to confront councilmembers.

Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality asked supporters to join her at Friday's meeting.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, Gross interrupted and told leaders police need to be held accountable for Clark's death.

City Council president Barb Johnson told Gross she was out of order, but she continued her message until being escorted outside by four officers. As she was escorted out, Gross shouted, "We will be heard. You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Two more supporters followed her lead, before also being led outside.

Even though the protesters were escorted out of the meeting, they believe they were still effective. They say Friday's actions are just the beginning, but stopped short of giving details about future plans.

"We have people who are righteously angered, and we need to address people's concerns. They shouldn't be sitting there talking about mundane matters of city business," Gross said. "Not now. They should be addressing the community and dealing with what the community needs right now ... Our city's an inch away from turning into Ferguson."

Lamorris Brayden left the sit-in at the 4th Precinct to see if his voice would be heard, but not to interrupt the meeting.

"Right now, there ain't no place I'd rather be. I quit my job to be there," Brayden said. "I'm willing to talk to anyone that's willing to listen."

He never got that opportunity, and neither did Julian Johnson. City council meetings do not allow for public comment, which is left for committee meetings.

"It would have been nice if they would have allowed some public comment because we're in crisis," Johnson said. "We are definitely in crisis."

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon says this is a scenario he has seen play out before.

"It's not unusual for me to see people coming in thinking they're going to have opportunity to address the

council and we're not really providing it automatically here," Gordon said.

The meeting ended with many promising to return. For them, this issue is too important to ignore.

"You can't continue to have business as usual," Johnson said. "Look in streets, OK. They're not going anywhere."

There was an attempt to suspend the rules and allow that public comment Friday, but that motion failed.

After talking to the more vocal demonstrators, it is sounding like this will not be the last time that the city council meeting has that kind of interruption.

Gordon and fellow councilmembers Alondra Cano and Lisa Bender have expressed their support for protesters and their demands to release video evidence in the case. They even attended a rally to show solidarity Thursday night.

Someone was at the meeting wearing a shirt bearing a "Black Lives Matter" message. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has spent its time at the 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue. Protesters remain there. Some have camped out since Sunday.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders tweeted support for those protesting Clark's death in North Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mayor-hodges-to-meet-with-naacp-members-friday/>
MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — National and state leaders met Friday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul to talk about the investigation of the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the demands protesters are making.

NAACP President Cornell William Brooks met with Gov. Mark Dayton, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and other local NAACP leaders to discuss tensions between members of the community and the police.

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"It certainly wasn't a conversation about, you know, 'This is what we demand,'" Mayor Betsy Hodges said.

Hodges said after the meeting that they focused on immediate and long-term solutions for peace.

"It was a 'big picture' conversation about police-community relationships and what we can do moving forward," she said.

NAACP leaders declined to comment as they left the mansion. Brooks is expected to join in on protests outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis Friday night – which has been the epicenter of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since Sunday.

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Hodges says she reiterated the work the city is doing to improve community and police relations.

"The governor and I have our hands extended and the door open to talking to whoever wants to come to talk about peaceful resolution at the precinct and long-term, positive police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton also declined to comment, but a spokesperson says he called it a "constrictive meeting."

He also said the NAACP had requested Friday's meeting.

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/52088444-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Three people protesting the shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police were removed from Friday morning's city council meeting for disrupting the scheduled proceedings.

"We will be heard," said Michelle Gross, an activist with Communities United Against Police Brutality.

"You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Hundreds of protesters have been occupying the grounds of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct since Sunday's deadly shooting. Clark, 24, was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N.

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

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ABC News: The Latest: NAACP Plans Minneapolis Vigil on Police Shooting

The nation's oldest civil rights organization is calling for a candlelight vigil and march in Minneapolis to bring attention to the latest fatal shooting of a young black man by a police officer. (AP wire story)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-naACP-plans-minneapolis-vigil-police-shooting-35321157>

TIME: Why Minneapolis Is Erupting Over a Police-Related Shooting

The Department of Justice is currently investigating to determine whether Clark's civil rights were violated, and the FBI is conducting its own investigation. The Minneapolis Police Department, meanwhile, has had a history of misconduct. <http://time.com/4120901/minneapolis-jamar-clark-protests/>

NPR: After Night Of Clashes, Protests Continue In Minneapolis

Protesters in Minneapolis clashed with police Wednesday night, as demonstrations over the police shooting of a black man intensified.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/11/19/456643663/after-night-of-clashes-protests-continue-in-minneapolis>

US News & World Report: The Latest: 2 accused of spray-painting police building arrested during protest in Minneapolis

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer. (AP story)

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/19/latest-naACP-calls-for-police-restraint-in-minneapolis>

CBS News: Civil rights leaders, police spar over Minneapolis protest response

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers. (CBS/AP)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/civil-rights-leaders-police-spar-over-minneapolis-protest-response-jamar-clark/>

Christian Science Monitor: Protests continue in Minneapolis over police shooting

The protests were sparked by the death of Jamar Clark on Sunday. The 24-year-old black man was shot in the head during a confrontation with police. (AP)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2015/1119/Protests-continue-in-Minneapolis-over-police-shooting>

Yahoo News: Minneapolis NAACP chief calls for release of videos in fatal police shooting

The head of the Minneapolis NAACP on Thursday joined protesters in demanding that authorities release videos of an altercation earlier this week in which a police officer shot an unarmed black man to death.

(Reuters report)

<http://news.yahoo.com/minneapolis-naACP-chief-demands-release-video-minnesota-shooting-012050059.html>

Inforum: Minneapolis police say Molotov cocktails thrown at protest, blame 'anarchists'

The Minneapolis police chief says anarchists from outside the community are attacking police, using an early Sunday police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to conduct violence.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3886335-minneapolis-police-say-molotov-cocktails-thrown-protest-blame-anarchists>

Boston Globe: Editorial: To restore trust, make police accountable in Minneapolis

THERE ARE a few searing facts that Black Lives Matter protesters, the Minneapolis Police Department, and residents of North Minneapolis agree on: Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, is dead.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2015/11/19/restore-trust-make-police-accountable-minneapolis/gdD3tBqtE3cedccqdvPGWO/story.html>

DailyMail (UK): Dramatic moment: Cop 'aimed rifle at congressman's son' in Minneapolis during protest over 'execution-style' police shooting of unarmed black man

A dramatic photograph from last night's protests in Minneapolis over the 'execution-style' shooting of an unarmed black man appears to show a police officer pointing a rifle at the son of a congressman.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3326279/Dramatic-moment-cop-aimed-rifle-congressman-s-son-Minneapolis-protest-execution-style-police-shooting-unarmed-black-man.html>

ColorLines: UPDATE: Minneapolis Cops Who Killed Jamar Clark ID'd, FBI to Investigate

And police donned riot gear and fired rubber bullets and a chemical agent into the crowd outside the Minneapolis Police Department's fourth precinct building.

<http://www.colorlines.com/articles/update-minneapolis-cops-who-killed-jamar-clark-idd-fbi-investigate>

LA Times: Civil rights leaders, police differ over protest response

Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer. (AP)

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151119-story.html>

NBC News: Protesters Join City Leaders to Urge Calm After Police Killing of Black Minneapolis Man

Demonstrators protesting the killing of an unarmed black man during a scuffle with police joined Minneapolis officials Thursday in urging protesters to remain calm after a night of violence.
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/protesters-join-city-leaders-urge-calm-after-police-killing-black-n466581>

FoxNews: The Latest: NAACP calls for police restraint at Minneapolis protests of man's shooting
Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer. (AP)
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/19/latest-naACP-calls-for-police-restraint-at-minneapolis-protests-man-shooting/>

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CBS News: National NAACP head joins Minneapolis protest over police shooting
The demonstrations were prompted by the police shooting of an unarmed black man -- 24-year-old Jamar Clark -- on Sunday night. (video report by Dean Reynolds – played on 530 p.m. national news)
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/national-naACP-head-joins-minneapolis-protest-over-police-shooting-of-jamar-clark/>

New York Times: The Latest: Feds Reject Releasing Video of Fatal Shooting
Federal authorities say releasing videos from the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer would harm the investigation. (AP)
<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/20/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

Spokesman-Recorder: Calls for justice intensify as police clash with protesters
The NAACP Minneapolis branch is calling for a federal takeover of the city's police department in light of the treatment of protesters Wednesday night, said its branch president.

<http://spokesman-recorder.com/2015/11/20/national-naACP-joins-local-chapter-fight-answers/>
Reuters: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting ousted from city council meeting
Three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis city council meeting on Friday after they voiced disapproval over how city leaders have handled the investigation of Sunday's police killing of an unarmed African-American man.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/21/us-minnesota-shooting-idUSKCN0T92FT20151121>

ABC News: Protesters Call for Peace at Vigil for Slain Minneapolis Man
Protesters have been camped at the police station since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot last Sunday. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said "coming together shows we can achieve justice."

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/activists-press-answers-minnesota-police-shooting-35329317>
FoxNews: Protesters, activists press for answers in fatal shooting of black man by Minneapolis officer
Hundreds of people gathered outside a Minneapolis police precinct on a cold Friday night to call for unity and justice after a black man was fatally shot by an officer. (AP)
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/20/protesters-activists-press-for-answers-in-fatal-shooting-black-man-by/>

CNN: Union chief: Minneapolis police worried protests may turn violent
In an interview on WCCO radio, Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the city police union, accused Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau and Mayor Betsy Hodges of not listening to police concerns. Harteau called in during the interview, leading to a tense conversation.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/index.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Hundreds at vigil remember man shot by officer
The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local): (AP updates)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/latest-us-rep-ellison-wants-shooting-video-released/2015/11/19/2aba8d10-8f34-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

Chicago Tribune: Protesters call for peace at vigil for slain Minneapolis man
Also Friday, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, national and local leaders of the NAACP, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and other officials to discuss the shooting and the protests that have followed. (AP)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151120-story.html>

TIME: Minnesota Congressman Shares 'Agonizing' Photo of Son's Protest
Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison shared a photo on Twitter Thursday that shows a police officer pointing a gun toward his son during a recent protest. (Nov. 19)

<http://time.com/4120694/congressman-shares-agonizing-photo-of-sons-protest/>

Rapid News Network: What we know about Minneapolis police shooting
Police in Minneapolis say a move against protesters camped out at a north side precinct was limited to clearing its entryway of demonstrators.

<http://rapidnewsnetwork.com/what-we-know-about-minneapolis-police-shooting/300386/>

ChronicleOracle: Jamar Clark Protests Continue at Minneapolis Police Station

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

<http://chronicleoracle.com/2015/11/jamar-clark-protests-continue-at-minneapolis-police-station/>

Wireless Goodness: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting thrown out of city council meeting
National and state leaders met Friday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul to talk about the investigation of the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the demands protesters are making.

<http://wirelessgoodness.com/2015/11/21/protesters-against-minneapolis-police-shooting-thrown-out19994/>
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CNN: Jamar Clark shooting: Witness says he was in handcuffs

Smoke tumbled from several small bonfires surrounded by protesters warming their hands outside the 4th Police Precinct in North Minneapolis on Saturday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/>

ABC News: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he will urge the Justice Department to investigate any police actions in Minneapolis this past week that may have violated civil rights. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-union-members-rally-minneapolis-35345610>

ABC News: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/federal-lawyers-fly-minneapolis-probe-shooting-35352530>

FoxNews: Union members to rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting shooting

Labor groups plan to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in north Minneapolis last Sunday.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/21/latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis-in-support-activists-protesting/>

New York Times: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/21/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

Salt Lake Tribune: Minneapolis protesters vow to stay outside police station

Tents, fire pits and stools have been set up outside the Fourth Precinct, in the heart of a predominantly black section of the city and just blocks from where Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday after police responded to an assault complaint. (AP)

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3211546-155/story.html>

LA Times: Minneapolis protesters demand answers in fatal police shooting of black man

An encampment of protesters outside a Minneapolis police station vowed Saturday to maintain their vigil over the death of a black man who was shot by police, saying they won't move until video recordings of the encounter are released and authorities change how they interact with communities they serve.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-minneapolis-shooting-20151121-story.html>

KTAR: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe shooting

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<http://ktar.com/story/777246/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting/>

Yahoo News: Protesters of Minneapolis police shooting press on in bitter cold

A few dozen demonstrators endured bitter cold on Saturday outside a Minneapolis police station, where they have spent the last week encamped in protest of the killing of an unarmed African-American man. (Reuters)

<http://news.yahoo.com/protesters-minneapolis-police-shooting-press-bitter-cold-040400031.html>

NY Times: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Anti-police graffiti removed in Minneapolis

Workers have painted over anti-police graffiti on a Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days over the death of a black man.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis/2015/11/21/42ba9cb0-9070-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe police shooting of Jamar Clark

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said (Wire updates)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

US News & World Report: US Justice Department lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate fatal shooting of black man

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<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/22/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting>
National Coverage Nov. 23, 2015

NPR: Minneapolis Protesters Keep Up Pressure After Black Man Is Killed By Police

Justice Department lawyers are in Minneapolis conducting a civil rights investigation, and are expected to discuss the possible release of video that may show the shooting. (3:09 audio report)

<http://www.npr.org/2015/11/23/457063768/minneapolis-protesters-keep-up-pressure-after-black-man-is-killed-by-police>

Yahoo News: From Ferguson to Minneapolis: Crisis of confidence plagues police in wake of deadly officer-involved shootings

Balancing transparency and due process a tricky proposition (Yahoo reporter)

<http://news.yahoo.com/from-ferguson-to-minneapolis-crisis-of-confidence-plagues-police-in-wake-of-deadly-officer-involved-shootings-143019360.html>

FergusFallsJournal: NAACP, government talk about easing Minneapolis tension

Tension over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man turned to talks about the future Friday, the most peaceful day in North Minneapolis since the early Sunday incident.

<http://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/2015/11/naACP-government-talk-about-easing-minneapolis-tension/>

GreenPartyWatch: Green Party councilmember joins Minneapolis protests over Clark shooting

MinnPost reports that Cam Gordon, a Green Party member of the Minneapolis city council, is among three councilmembers who have been taking part in protests over the police shooting of Jamar Clark. Gordon has faced some criticism for joining the demonstrations, but said it does not bother him.

<http://www.greenpartywatch.org/2015/11/22/green-party-councilmember-joins-minneapolis-protests-over-clark-shooting/>

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate shooting of Jamar Clark

A key issue during their visit will be whether authorities should release to the public videos of the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark a week ago. (Tribune wire reports - updated)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Funeral set for man killed by Minneapolis police

Funeral plans are set for a black man whose fatal shooting by Minneapolis police has sparked protests.

(AP)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-federal-lawyers-to-probe-death-of-black-man/2015/11/22/c853c320-90e7-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

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<http://www.startribune.com/protests-erupt-after-black-man-shot-by-police-in-minneapolis/350404501/>
MINNEAPOLIS — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city. Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-officer-shoots-wounds-person-after-altercation/349782511/>
MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a

black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

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"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

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At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

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Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

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The father of a man shot by Minneapolis police Sunday said his son is brain dead and that he wants the officers responsible prosecuted.

In a news conference Monday morning, James Hill said his son, Jamar Clark, "was already dead" when he was taken to the hospital after the shooting.

"We're just waiting to pull the plug," Hill said, adding that he saw the gunshot wound above his son's left eye while standing at his bedside on Monday. Clark was put on life support after being shot by a Minneapolis police officer during a struggle shortly after midnight Sunday.

Protesters are still at the city's fourth police precinct, where they've been since Sunday afternoon. They said they plan to stay until the name of the officer who shot Clark is released and an independent federal investigation is assured.

"We're very well equipped to stay here until our demands are met," said Kandace Montgomery, a spokeswoman for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. They say witnesses saw Clark, who was suspected in an assault, handcuffed before he was shot.

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How many Minnesota police encounters turn fatal? Don't ask the state

A Pioneer Press database: The 90 people shot and killed by police in Minnesota since 2004

Three years ago, a St. Paul teen was shot multiple times and killed by Woodbury police during a tense standoff. A tragic case of mistaken identity, police confused Mark Henderson for the gunman who had actually taken Henderson hostage.

The three officers who shot Henderson were cleared of wrongdoing, the case was closed and the hostage-taker convicted.

But the highly publicized case -- investigated by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension -- does not exist in the bureau's database that tracks shots fired by law enforcement officials. According to that database, Woodbury officers didn't fire a single incident-related round all year long in 2012.

As national scrutiny of fatal police shootings grows, the BCA's discharge database has been picked over by media outlets hoping to draw conclusions about such shootings in Minnesota.

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Bureau officials note that they have no database specific to fatal police shootings, making their firearms discharge database -- which does categorize some incidents as "fatalities" -- the next-best thing.

There's one big problem: Like a national database kept by the FBI, the bureau's database has flaws that make drawing any conclusions from it problematic.

METHODOLOGY INADEQUATE

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings in the past decade, including Henderson's, that were not recorded in the database as "fatalities." In fact, no record exists in the database of any shots fired for at least three of those cases, including Henderson's.

That's in part because, like the FBI's database, the state relies on local law enforcement agencies to report the information themselves.

"To be included in the state crime book, agencies must submit data to the BCA by a certain date. Data received after that date do not appear in the annual report," said BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira. It's a methodology that top law enforcement officials, at the national level, have determined to be inadequate.

In March, the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that the federal government's two databases tracking fatal police shootings severely undercounted the actual number of deaths.

"It's ridiculous that I can't tell you how many people were shot by the police last week, last month, last year," FBI director James Comey lamented to a gathering of Georgetown students this year. "Without complete and accurate data, we are left with ideological thunderbolts."

Minnesota is hardly alone in the practice, but relying on self-reporting worries not only federal law enforcement officials but others who've taken it upon themselves to pick up the slack.

"In a democracy, citizens should be able to figure out how many people are killed by law enforcement, why they were killed, and whether training and policies can be modified to decrease the number of officer-involved deaths," said D. Brian Burghart, a journalist who has created one of the nation's most comprehensive private databases of police shootings.

FIREARMS USAGE

The closest Minnesota comes to tracking fatal police shootings is through a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension database titled "firearms discharges by agency," which tracks when officers use their firearms during an incident or arrest.

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings from the past decade that were not mentioned in the database, including two high-profile shootings that were investigated by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension itself.

In total, the database includes 74 people who were fatally shot by law enforcement officials in Minnesota from 2004 through the end of 2014.

The incidents not in the firearms discharge database include:

-- Mark Henderson Jr., who in 2012 was shot and killed by Woodbury police outside a room at the city's Red Roof Inn. Henderson, a hostage, was attempting to flee the room where he and others had been assaulted. Investigators later determined that Demetrius Ballinger, the man who had taken Henderson and others hostage, was firing his weapon from inside the room while Henderson was trying to flee, and police mistook Henderson for the gunman. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- Theodore Kowalzek, who in 2010 was killed by an Anoka County sheriff's sergeant during a standoff at Kowalzek's Ham Lake home. After exchanging gunfire with SWAT team members, Kowalzek bled to death from gunshot wounds. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- William Krawchuk, who in 2007 was shot and killed by a Minnesota State Patrol trooper during a traffic stop in rural Sherburne County. Investigators determined that Krawchuk grabbed the trooper's arm and sped off, dragging the trooper for a third of a mile, reaching speeds of at least 55 mph, before the trooper fired. Sherburne County investigated the case.

-- Dominic Felder, who in 2006 was shot and killed by Minneapolis police near his home in the city's Powderhorn neighborhood. Police said Felder resisted them and tried to grab an officer's gun, while witnesses disputed officers' version of events. Minneapolis police investigated the case, though the FBI monitored the investigation. The officers were not disciplined, but a federal jury later awarded \$2.2 million to Felder's family in a wrongful-death civil suit, which the city eventually agreed to pay -- the second-largest award paid by Minneapolis in a police conduct case.

Bureau officials say they do their best to reach out to local jurisdictions to report their own data -- including sending multiple reminders.

BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira said the agency sends reminders each month, and half-year and year-end notifications to those they haven't received any information from.

"If we become aware that the required information has not been provided by a local agency about a specific incident, it has been our practice to reach out to the local agency to let them know that the data has not been submitted," Oliveira said.

But it's the "becoming aware" part that's always been the problem, federal officials note -- especially regarding departments with historically less crime to report.

'SIGNIFICANT UNDERESTIMATE'

In March, Bureau of Justice Statistics released a report on its "arrest-related deaths program," a national census of those who died during arrest or died in custody.

The purpose of the program was clear: "to inform specific policies that may increase the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens, identify training needs in law enforcement agencies, and assist in developing prevention strategies," the report noted.

And when relying solely on other agencies to self-report deaths, the feds found a big problem: a "significant underestimate" of arrest-related deaths. They concluded that about 50 percent of "estimated law enforcement homicides" weren't reported from 2003 to 2009 and 2011, the years the program tracked

-- not including deaths relating to accidents, drug overdoses and natural causes.
(The Department of Justice and in turn the FBI defines such fatal shootings by law enforcement as "homicides.")

The program didn't track deaths of bystanders, hostages or law enforcement personnel -- or anyone other than those against whom original charges were intended.

The DOJ did note improvement over the years, however -- with federal officials researching deaths on their own through "open source" searches, such as media reports.

Even so, the report noted, between 31 percent and 41 percent of estimated "law enforcement homicides" weren't captured in 2011 -- the last year the report addressed.

A big problem lies in the fact that while federal officials could fact-check departments in which deaths had occurred, they couldn't keep tabs on the departments where no deaths had been reported at any point.

Doing so would have required surveying approximately 18,000 state and local agencies to determine whether "no deaths" was accurate, instead of surveying the hundreds of agencies where some deaths had been reported.

Wisconsin didn't report to the program at all from 2008 to 2011, and was one of only four states not to do so in 2011, the last year the report tracked.

But the FBI's tracking of fatal police incidents over the same time period was slightly worse -- prompting director Comey to complain, in the wake of growing public pressure, about incomplete data from local law enforcement agencies.

Because the FBI's "supplementary homicide report," a component of its uniform crime reporting program, was -- like the BCA's -- voluntary, many agencies "either do not consistently send their data ... or do not send it at all," the Bureau of Justice Statistics report noted.

Additionally, the FBI section that distinguished law enforcement-related homicides from others only tallied those deaths that were ruled "justifiable."

In all, the Bureau of Justice Statistics noted, the FBI database captured an estimated 46 percent of the actual number of homicides by law enforcement officials. Combined with those from the "arrest-related deaths" database, federal officials still missed an estimated 28 percent of such homicides.

The bureau's recommendation was that states should use other methods, including contacting medical examiners or coroners and state and local prosecutors, expanding the role of their own reporters, or conducting searches of other informational outlets, such as the media or private databases.

PICKING UP THE SLACK

When it comes to nongovernment databases, Burghart, editor and publisher of the Reno News and Review, the Nevada city's alternative weekly, has one of the biggest -- one he's personally built over the past three years.

"It's the most depressing hobby you can ever imagine. I cannot imagine anything worse to spend my time on," Burghart said. "I've had a lot of volunteers and people who come in and want to do this stuff, research. Some people can make it a couple weeks. One guy, about a year."

So, why do it then?

When pressed, Burghart makes the same argument FBI director Comey did.

"People should be able to look at their own jurisdiction and compare policies and procedures to other jurisdictions, so they can emulate them and get better outcomes," Burghart said. "Ultimately, I want fewer people to be killed by cops, and fewer cops to be killed by people."

But really, the impetus for Burghart was more personal than that -- a perceived indifference to the data outraged him.

When driving home from work in 2012, he passed a chaotic crime scene -- the scene of an obvious fatality -- and wondered how often it occurred.

Curious, he went home, looked for a couple of hours on the Internet and couldn't find anything, so he gave up.

A few months later, another fatal police shooting made headlines. Again, Burghart tried to research information about frequency but only came up with the FBI database, which even he could see was lacking. Florida, for instance, showed no fatal police shootings at all for more than a decade.

He probably would have dropped it a second time, Burghart says, if he'd found a state with figures that weren't so blatantly false.

"I found that offensive, to be honest. I just can't imagine in this day and age, the government does not track that," he said, "because they track anything. Anything they consider important, they track. So logic suggests, if they don't track it, they don't think it matters."

Burghart has hit some bumps along the way. After receiving national attention from a story on the website Gawker, the online trolls emerged.

"They started destroying spreadsheets, entering lines of false data, it was just a mess," Burghart said.

Eventually, he was able to fix the damage and make the input process more restricted.

There are problems, of course, with private databases.

The Minneapolis-based Communities United Against Police Brutality, for example, lists incidents in which people shot themselves when police were present, or cardiac arrests with few additional details, as "stolen

lives," or "people who have lost their lives through encounters with law enforcement agencies." Given the lack of conclusive information -- or because of records strongly suggesting suicide or death by natural causes -- the Pioneer Press did not add these names to its own tally of police-related shootings from 2004 through 2014.

To see that list, go to pioneerpr.es/policeshootings.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3963744.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in the city of Minneapolis escalated as police launched an external investigation after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was shot.

Minneapolis Deputy Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

Folkens said a "physical altercation" happened between paramedics and the man. An officer then fired his weapon and hit the suspect, who was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center and was in critical condition, police said.

Two officers involved are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Family members confirmed that the man shot was 24-year-old Jamar Clark and that he has died.

According to a statement released by Rep. Raymond Dehn (DFL-Minneapolis), who represents the area in which the incident occurred, Clark is currently on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police did not release the man's identity or condition.

Preliminary information shows the man was not handcuffed, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said at an afternoon news conference. Investigators are now saying it is too early to tell if the man was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

Witness Accounts

Community leaders and witnesses are disputing the initial claims by police. Community leaders said witnesses told them the man was handcuffed at one point.

Nekelia Sharp, a witness, said it started when the man got into an argument with his girlfriend.

"He didn't resist. He did not fight back. There was no struggle and he was in handcuffs when he [police] shot that young man," Sharp added that after police shot the man, they took him out of handcuffs.

Sharp said police shoved witnesses back into their apartments.

"We were literally forced back into our apartment units so we would not be able to talk about the incident that happened. It's not fair," she said.

Another witness, Joseph Gipson, said "police killed him with his hands behind his back."

A video posted on Facebook showed a police officer leaning over the man. Bystanders can also be heard taunting police.

Police didn't say where the man was hit.

Community Reaction

A march of solidarity with the victim began on the corner of James Avenue North and Plymouth Avenue North at 3 p.m.

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John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

"We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood," Martin said at a news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Hodges and Harteau held an open-to-the-public listening session about the shooting at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Minneapolis Urban League, located at 2100 Plymouth Avenue North.

External Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal is investigating the shooting.

"We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible and the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," Hodges said at a news conference.

If you have information or video, call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know what happened. We need to know the truth," Harteau said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/11/16/outrage-and-little-clarity-in-minneapolis-after-black-man-is-shot-by-police/>

A young black man was shot by a police officer in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

On that much, police and the protesters who marched through the streets of Minneapolis Sunday agree. But on other, crucial points — Was the man handcuffed when he was shot? Is he even still alive? — there is little consensus or clarity.

Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the scene of an assault around 12:45 a.m. Sunday. En route, they learned that a man was interfering with paramedics' efforts to treat his alleged victim. When officers arrived, they got into a "physical altercation" with the man, who was not in handcuffs. One officer fired his weapon at some point during the struggle; the man, whom they have not named, was hit and taken to a local hospital.

Protesters marched down Plymouth Avenue North to the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Neighbors and community members gathered at the scene where a man was shot and wounded by a Minneapolis Police officer early Nov. 15. (Mark Vanleave/Star Tribune via AP)

Multiple people who saw the shooting say that the man was not resisting police and was in handcuffs when he was shot in the head. Speaking to local TV station KTSP, family members identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. State representative Raymond Dehn (D), who represents the district where Clark was shot, tweeted that the young man was on life support. His family said he is brain dead.

"Jamar Clark was murdered, execution style," read a statement from the Minneapolis-St Paul Chapter of the NAACP that was posted to the organization's Facebook page Sunday.

Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) will now conduct an independent investigation of the shooting that activists have described as Minneapolis's Ferguson moment. The August 2014 police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., sparked demonstrations nationwide.

On Sunday, the group Black Lives Matter, which gained momentum in the wake of the Ferguson shooting, organized a protest through the streets of Minneapolis, ending at the front door of a police precinct near the site of the shooting. Pounding drums and shouting "Prosecute the police," they demanded to be let inside.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," Minneapolis NAACP member Jason Sole told Minnesota Public Radio on Sunday. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately."

The two police officers involved have been placed on paid administrative leave for the duration of the BCA investigation, police chief Janeé Harteau said at a news conference Sunday. That is a standard protocol. Harteau also urged people with knowledge of the case to speak to the BCA.

"We need to know exactly what happened," she said. "We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

At the same news conference, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene of the shooting, but "preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs." Evans would not provide details about the man's condition, but said that he was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

In the neighborhood where the shooting occurred, many mistrust authorities' account.

Nekila Sharp, a witness to the shooting, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that an ambulance was called when the man and his girlfriend got into an argument. The man tried to talk to his girlfriend as paramedics took her away, and then police arrived and confronted him.

"That young man never struggled, he never resisted, he never got out of line with them," Sharp said.

"When they cuffed him, they cuffed him hand in hand and they slapped that man down. ... When he looked up, the only thing he could say was 'F you. F you.' And there was the bullet."

A large crowd had gathered at the corner of Plymouth and James avenues as emergency responders and police swarmed to the scene. In a video taken just after the man was shot, upset onlookers can be heard shouting and cursing at officers. "That's our [expletive] brother on the [expletive] ground," a male voice yells. "Ya'll just killed that man," a woman wails.

Witnesses also told the Star Tribune that officers pushed the crowd away from the site of the shooting. They said several people were pepper sprayed.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Steven Belton, interim president and chief executive of the Minneapolis Urban League, told the Associated Press.

Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a community listening session at the Urban League Sunday. But the gathering fell apart as participants were drowned out by shouts of "Justice for who? Jamar!" according to the Star-Tribune.

The protesters led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis refused to attend the meeting, the newspaper reported. They were convinced that the BCA would not be impartial in its investigation. The group is demanding that police release security camera footage allegedly taken from a nearby building and has called for an independent federal investigation of the incident.

Several protesters remained staked outside a door to the nearby police station late Sunday night. They said

they'll take shifts at the entryway until the two officers involved are fired or indicted.

"We're here because police officers have gotten away with murder for so long and we're tired of it," Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, told the Star Tribune.

Earlier in the day, people lingered on the street where the shooting had occurred, taping posters and balloons to a lamppost. Standing among a crowd of her neighbors, Tequila Dillon told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that her 10-year-old son witnessed the shooting.

"My baby came in the bathroom, where I was taking a shower," she said, her tone brittle as she recalled the events of the previous night. "He said, 'Mom, they're killing us.'"

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/16/protests-erupt-after-mpls-shooting>

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said Monday she's asked the United States Justice Department for a federal civil rights investigation into Sunday's police shooting in north Minneapolis.

Hodges said that while she had "great confidence" in Minneapolis police investigators and in the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a Justice Department investigation would promote transparency and community trust. Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement he also supports the request.

Police Chief Janee Harteau said she backed the move but added, "This is not a predetermination of anyone's actions ... Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

The Justice Department request came hours after angry protesters rallied outside a police station in north Minneapolis demanding federal authorities examine what happened on Sunday. They also called for the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting happened.

Community members contend Clark was unarmed and on the ground when he was shot.

Earlier in the day, family members identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark, 24, and said they believe he may not survive.

Speaking to reporters Monday morning outside the precinct station, Jamar Clark's father, James Hill, said the shooting had left his son "brain dead." Hill said he was waiting for family members to arrive from out of town before discontinuing life support.

He said Clark wasn't a bad kid. "I love my son. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, the police superintendent don't care," he said. "I really just want to see some justice, or something, done."

On Sunday, protesters made their way from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station a few blocks away on Plymouth Avenue. Hundreds of people joined the rally and march. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Police said Clark had come out to an ambulance just before 1 a.m. Sunday as a woman was being treated outside a late-night birthday party. Witnesses said Clark was shot by a Minneapolis officer called to help. People at the scene said the incident started as a series of assaults at the birthday party, including one involving Clark and his girlfriend.

Neighbor Kiesha Steele said she was on her porch when she saw a man approach an ambulance where paramedics were apparently attending to one of the partygoers. She said police pulled up and approached him.

"When the Minneapolis police got out of the car, they each took an arm, they arrested him, put him on the ground, the EMS commander put his knee on the man's chest, which is Jamar, and as soon as he put his knee on his chest, all you hear is the gunshot," she said. "... As soon as he got shot, the police took him, threw him in the ambulance. They released one arm — the right arm still had the handcuff on him."

The party where the trouble started was for Nekelia Sharp. She said she was in her yard and saw the officer fire.

"He took his gun and he shot this man in cold blood," she said. "I'm sorry that this happened to the family, but I feel like we need justice. Because it's not right. This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle and no questions were asked."

A handful of Black Lives Matter demonstrators camped out at the entrance of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct entrance overnight Sunday. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Witnesses differed with the official account in several aspects.

Police said the man shot by an officer was initially reported to be interfering with paramedics at the scene. Harteau said the medics called for help.

"When officers arrived there was a confrontation and struggle," she said.

She said one of the officers fired during the struggle. Two officers have been placed on administrative leave.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the official investigation into the shooting. It's expected to take several months.

"There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the subject was not in handcuffs at the time of this, but that is part of the active investigation," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said.

Both called for any witnesses with more information to contact the BCA.

The details of the incident had demonstrators comparing it to the death of 17-year-old Tycel Nelson, a police-involved shooting that prompted outrage in north Minneapolis in 1990. Others compared it to the shooting death of Oscar Grant at the hands of a transit police officer in Oakland in 2009.

Critics demanded, and got an independent investigation of the latest incident in Minneapolis, a shift in the

recent debate over whether the city's police should investigate its own officers.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered. "Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable," she said. "So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation."

Protesters are camped out at the front door of the Police Department's 4th Precinct and have vowed to stay until they're arrested. They've also started an online campaign to raise money for a defense fund if they're taken into custody.

John Martin, a community activist, urged the community Monday "to keep calm, hold your peace, because help is on the way and we're going to get exactly what we want, which is answers and accountability." He vowed precinct protests would continue "until we find out what happened," adding "we don't need more listening sessions," an apparent reference to the initial, heated community meeting with Hodges and Harteau.

"The mayor, the police chief and the media don't know what happened," Martin said. "But we're going to find out what happened."

A Justice Department spokesman said the department received Hodges' investigation request this afternoon and that it was under review.

Harteau late Monday declined substantial comment on the case other than to say the officers involved in the incident were not wearing body cameras and that Clark's condition had not changed.

Protesters have also demanded the names of those officers involved in the shooting incident but authorities said they were not prepared to release the names yet.

Two officers connected to the incident are expected to meet soon with state investigators, said Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman. The names won't be released until those meetings are complete, she said.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/protesters-outside-4th-precinct/75852146/>
(didn't grab short nat pkg)

MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor and police chief of Minneapolis have held a community meeting to address concerns about a police shooting that has prompted protests.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janeé Harteau convened a listening session Sunday evening. Authorities said earlier that the man who was shot was a suspect in an assault and kept paramedics from treating his victim. They said officers tried to intervene and a fight started, with an officer firing his weapon.

The shooting prompted protests after some witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

Approximately 100 protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct chanting and blocking any cars from coming into or out of the lot. The Black Lives Matter group set up in the front entry preparing to stay overnight.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3964210.shtml>
(with video)

Hundreds of protesters from the NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Community United Against Police Brutality gathered at the site where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was reportedly shot during an incident Sunday morning.

The incident happened just before 1 a.m. at the corner of Plymouth Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. Police were initially called to that area for a report of an assault.

Those protesting the incident began marching at 3 p.m. Sunday and continued into the night.

"We deserve truth, we deserve justice," Minister Charles Kane chanted.

"If police can't protect us we don't need police in our community," Michael McDowell, with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said.

Demonstrators lined up, forming a perimeter around the block, calling it a "no-cop zone." Jason Sole, an activist, said, "We're one bullet away from Ferguson; that bullet was fired."

There was chanting and marching from the scene of the shooting up the block to the 4th Precinct, which houses officers who patrol the city's north side. Some staged a sit-in, while others kept going to the Urban League where Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau held a listening session with citizens.

"Share what you want to share," Chief Harteau said.

What they heard instead was a yelling match.

As the investigation intensifies and expands, those closest to Clark chose to speak about the person they knew Clark to be.

"He was a good kid, he didn't do anything to deserve this; we all make mistakes," Chris Hill, Clark's cousin, said.

Clark's family admits to mistakes he had made. We checked and Clark has been arrested for robbery, terroristic threats, drugs and domestic assault.

"He was trying to get his life back together," Mario Reid, Clark's brother, said.

Another protest is set for Monday afternoon at the 4th Precinct.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/black-man-shot-by-police-ignites-protests-in-minneapolis/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The shooting happened after police said they were called to north Minneapolis at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. When they arrived, the man had returned and was interfering with paramedics who were assisting the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle.

At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

Protesters organized by the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis marched through the streets Sunday afternoon. Some beat drums and others carried banners. The group went to a police precinct, where they banged on the door and demanded to be allowed inside.

Raeisha Williams with the Minneapolis NAACP told the AP protesters plan to stay at the precinct until the names of the officers involved are released.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with the community Sunday evening.

Steven Belton, interim president and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League, was in attendance.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Belton said.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

The chief said she has asked the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/community-wants-answers-after-officer-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — People in north Minneapolis are demanding answers after a man was shot by police overnight.

Police say around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, they had a report of a man assaulting a woman in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue. On the way, another call came in that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

When officers arrived, police say there was a struggle, and an officer fired. Family members identify the man wounded as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

"He said mom, they just shot that man out there," Tequila Dillon said.

Dillon said her 10-year-old son was among those who saw an officer shoot Jamar Clark. A friend of Clark's said he was involved in an altercation with his girlfriend. Witnesses said when an ambulance

arrived to help her, Clark was standing near it. A struggle then ensued between Clark and officers, and that's when witnesses say he was shot.

"My baby is 10-years-old. There is no way my son should have witnessed that. He shouldn't have to come and tell me piece by piece what happened," Dillon said.

Several witnesses on hand said that Clark's wrists were actually handcuffed behind his back when the shot was fired.

"That man was shot in cold blood while he had his hands behind his back. That's not right," Kiesha Steele said.

But police and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who is now investigating the incident, said Clark was not handcuffed.

"There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs at the time of this. But this is part of the investigation," Drew Evans, superintendent of the BCA, said.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said both officers involved are on paid administrative leave while the investigation takes place. And she's urging witnesses and anyone with video to come forward.

"We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that," Harteau said.

"What everyone around said, he was lying on the ground when they shot him in the face," James Clark said.

Clark said he and his wife adopted Jamar when he was 4 years old. He said his wife called him at work this morning to tell him Jamar had been shot.

"He never was someone who would hurt anyone deliberately, you know," Clark said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/naacp-demands-justice-in-north-minneapolis-police-shooting/MINNEAPOLIS> (WCCO) – The Minneapolis NAACP is calling for justice following an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning on the city's north side.

The group says police shot Jamar Clark "execution-style" at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

They said Clark was killed, although officials say he is being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center. In a press release, the NAACP says several witnesses watched the shooting unfold. According to witness accounts, officers responding to a domestic situation placed Clark in handcuffs and then slammed him on the ground.

"The young man was just laying there; he was not resisting arrest," said Teto Wilson, a north side resident quoted in the NAACP statement. "Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar's body, and I heard the shot go off."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, the president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said the group is demanding the officers involved in the shooting be fired and prosecuted. They also want grief counselors for the witnesses and a public apology from city leaders.

Earlier in the afternoon, Chief Janeé Harteau of the Minneapolis Police Department announced that the BCA will head an independent investigation into the shooting.

She said two officers are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. They have not been named.

Harteau also added that a preliminary investigation showed that Clark, whom officials have yet to identify, was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," said the police chief, speaking on the independent investigation. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

The NAACP says it'll be part a rally and march for justice. The rally is slated to start at 3 p.m. at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963996.shtml>

(video of entire press conference, did not capture)

Minneapolis NAACP held a news conference Sunday after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was reportedly shot in an incident with police officers.

Minneapolis police have launched an external investigation into the incident.

John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

"We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood," Martin said at the news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Witnesses, community leaders and NAACP representatives also spoke during the news conference.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963864.shtml>

(Folkens presser raw, dd not capture)

The department said in a news release that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/15/minneapolis-police-shoot-suspect?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Minneapolis officials asked the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate a police-involved shooting in the city. Police shot a man early Sunday morning.

Police say two officers have been placed on routine administrative leave in the wake of the shooting.

Police said the man was shot during a scuffle on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North when officers reportedly tried to stop him from interfering with a paramedic crew.

A statement issued by the department said that police tried to intervene and a fight started. Police said that at some point during the struggle an officer fired at least once, hitting the man.

Witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not.

Nekelia Sharp lives in north Minneapolis where a man was shot by police early Sunday. She said she saw police place the man in handcuffs. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Nekelia Sharp, who lives in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, said she saw police place the man in handcuffs.

"One officer snatched one arm; the other grabbed the other arm. They instantly put him in cuffs and slammed him to the ground," she said. "This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle," she said.

Witnesses also said the man died at the scene. Police said the man was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police have not released the man's name nor his medical condition.

James Clark, who attended a march to protest the shooting on Sunday, identified the victim as his adopted son, Jamar Clark, 23.

The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized the march. Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau planned a community listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League on Plymouth Avenue North.

Hodges said the city is taking the unusual step of asking for a state investigation.

Drew Evans (left), superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Apprehension, said the BCA agreed to investigate a police-involved shooting in Minneapolis. Tim Nelson | MPR News

"A serious incident happened last night. There will be an independent and thorough investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible. And the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

Critics say they think the shooting has dangerously strained police and community relations.

Jason Sole, with the Minneapolis NAACP, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson. That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately. We've been out here with the community.

There are young people who witnessed this action. We want this cop fired. We want everything to fall down on the Minneapolis police department," he said.

Officials from the Minneapolis NAACP are asking the FBI to investigate the incident.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49410017-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - A Minneapolis police officer shot an assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate the suspect was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says neighbors are disputing that information.

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know the truth," she added.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jacob Wetterling The Morning Show Recipes Entertainment Gas Gauge Belle Plaine Minnesota Timberwolves Mayor Betsy Hodges and BCA Superintendent Drew Evans were also at the news conference.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance

arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His condition has not been released.

Minneapolis police are investigating and speaking with witnesses. The two officers involved the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released. They added this incident was not related to any previous incidents reported in the Fourth Precinct earlier in the evening.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis response

The NAACP identified the man as Jamar Clark. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which has been abuzz all day after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot, conflicting with the police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed.

"Earlier today Sunday Nov. 15th, Jamar Clark, was shot by Minneapolis Police Dept. while unarmed at the intersection of James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. Overwhelmingly, neighbors are recounting that Jamar was handcuffed while shot and that the police threatened residents to leave the scene immediately after the incident. It is unknown if the victim is alive. This will not stand. Stay tuned here for updates on next steps," Black Lives Matter Minneapolis posted on their "Justice 4 Jamar" Facebook event.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also shared attorney and Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds' Facebook post, calling on the community to contact Minneapolis Mayor Hodges "to ensure that a process of justice is carried out." She said Clark is in his 20s.

"Family, early Sunday morning, neighbors near James & Plymouth in North Minneapolis are reporting that MPD has shot an unarmed black man. Many accounts are saying that he was handcuffed when shot in the head. Police refuse to release any information, including whether or not he is alive or being treated at HCMC. Please call on Mayor Betsy Hodges @ (612) 673-2100 to get on this shooting now and ensure that a process of justice is carried out for this man. Follow #JamesandPlymouth"

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/mps-officer-shoots-wounds-suspect-following-struggle/>

An independent investigation is underway after a Minneapolis police officer shot a man early Sunday morning on the city's north side.

The Minneapolis Police Department said the shooting happened during a struggle around 1 a.m. on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Officers had responded to a help call in the area after paramedics on the scene said an assault suspect wasn't allowing them to treat a victim.

Police say a struggle with the suspect ensued and he was shot.

Officials have yet to release the suspect's name, but family identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

They say Clark is on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

At a press conference Sunday afternoon, Chief Janee Harteau said she's asked for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation into the shooting.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Mayor Betsy Hodges was also at the press conference. She added that although the timeline of the investigation is currently unknown, it will be as "expeditious as possible."

"The investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

According to police, a preliminary investigation showed that the suspect was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

However, community members in north Minneapolis were quick to dispute that. They say that Clark was in handcuffs when an officer shot him.

Community member Tequila Dillon said her 10-year-old son saw the whole scene unfold.

"He don't want to sleep, he don't want to go to sleep whatsoever," Dillon said. "It is going to be a tough day, and [police] need to do something about it."

The police department says two officers are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. The officers have yet to be identified.

Following the shooting, the hashtag #JamesandPlymouth started trending on Twitter. Users expressed concern over police violence and called for Hodges and Harteau to explain what happened.

The group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also held a press conference on Sunday, demanding justice for Clark. The activists plan to march in the afternoon from the scene of the shooting to downtown Minneapolis.

Drew Evans, the superintendent of the BCA, said the agency is seeking to speak with witnesses. He said those who saw the shooting, especially people with video, should call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

When asked at the press conference if the suspect was handcuffed, Evans said handcuffs were at the scene, but it's too soon to tell what exactly happened.

"Our agents will examine all the facts in the case," he said, "and determine exactly how the subject was at the time of the shooting."

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/15/suspect-shot-during-struggle-with-minneapolis-police/>
(tweets, links to other stories, etc)

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/man-shot-during-struggle-with-police/75821724/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating an officer-involved shooting.

A man was shot during a physical altercation with police early Sunday morning, according to authorities. Just before 1 a.m., Minneapolis Police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North on a report of an assault. Police say that while en route, officers were informed that the suspect in the assault had returned to the area and was confronting paramedics on the scene.

According to authorities, officers arrived and a physical altercation took place with Jamar Clark.

Authorities say Clark was not in handcuffs. During the struggle, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the suspect, according to Minneapolis Police.

But several witnesses say Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting.

"Every witness account I heard said he was handcuffed. Every witness account. Put a knee on him and shot in the head. That's the account I've heard from young people, older people, etc," said Jason Sole, criminal justice chair for the Minneapolis NAACP.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they are demanding involvement by federal investigators, as well "grief counselors in the form of African-American psychologists to be supplied to people in north Minneapolis who witnessed the event."

Sole said kids as young as six-years-old witnessed the shooting.

Clark was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center. His condition has not been confirmed at this time. However, witnesses told KARE 11 he was "lifeless" at the scene.

Two Minneapolis police officers are currently on paid administrative leave while the investigation is ongoing, according to authorities.

Speaking at a press conference Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges said there will be an independent investigation into the incident by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

BCA to investigate officer-involved shooting in Mpls. KARE

Police Chief Harteau said the department has spoken with the family of the man who was shot and has reached out to many community leaders.

"I want to acknowledge that this is a very difficult situation for everyone involved: For members of our community, members of the Minneapolis Police Department and their families, and for the people that are standing here beside me," Harteau said.

Clark's condition is unclear. Sunday night, Harteau and Hodges said they last heard he was being treated at HCMC. However, the NAACP and multiple family members claim Clark was killed.

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that," Harteau said.

Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized a protest march Sunday afternoon. They started at James and Plymouth Avenues where the shooting occurred and marched to the Fourth Police Precinct.

Another protest will take place at the Fourth Police Precinct at 4 p.m. Monday.

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<http://www.startribune.com/black-lives-matter-wants-video-of-man-s-shooting-by-minneapolis-police-released/350570871/>

(with video)

Minneapolis officials have requested a federal investigation into Sunday's officer-involved shooting that critically injured a man on the city's North Side and reignited the debate about race and police use of force. Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau said Monday that a federal investigation would be completed alongside a separate investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

The move followed a day of protests at the Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters and on the 1600 block of Plymouth Av. N., where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday.

By 6:45 p.m. Monday, about 100 protesters had moved across Interstate 94 south of Broadway, where they linked arms and blocked traffic lanes for more than two hours before State Patrol officers moved in and arrested 43 adults and eight juveniles, said Lt. Tiffani Schweigart of the State Patrol. Officers and troopers led the cuffed protesters one by one to waiting Metro Transit buses.

Those arrested likely will be cited for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway, which are misdemeanors, she said.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds could be seen kneeling on the road, hands up and willing to be the first to be arrested.

BLM activists want more answers in police shooting of suspect in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division were called into the investigation less than two days after Clark was shot by officers responding to a disturbance call across the street from the Elks Lodge, a popular neighborhood hangout less than two blocks from the precinct station.

The decision to invite a federal probe differed from other high-profile officer-involved shootings across the country that festered, sometimes for weeks, before outside agencies were called in.

In a letter to Justice Department officials, Hodges wrote that she and Harteau have “utmost faith” in the state investigation but that they believe a federal probe will assist “the interests of transparency and community confidence.”

Protesters with Black Lives Matter had cited a federal investigation as one item on a broader list of demands. The group also has called for the city to release any video footage it may have of the shooting and to immediately fire the officers involved in the incident.

Protesters seek answers

A crowd of about 200 people who gathered outside the Fourth Precinct late Monday afternoon applauded when organizers announced the federal investigation. City officials have cautioned that it may take time, an organizer told the crowd through a bullhorn, adding, “But we can’t let them bury it. ... We want to see the footage. We need justice for Jamar’s family. We need justice for this community.”

Organizers, asking protesters not to talk to members of the mainstream media, led chants and riled up a shivering crowd: “Black Lives Matter.” “If we don’t get it, shut it down.” “Show me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like.”

But before the bullhorns came out, a peaceful crowd grew and spilled out onto Plymouth Avenue N., which was blocked off by organizers.

Protesters shut down the northbound lanes of Interstate 94 south of Broadway on Monday night where they linked arms and blocked traffic lanes for more than two hours.

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“We just want some answers,” said Draper Larkins. “The federal investigation might get answers. But we want the correct answers.”

He and others said they hope video of the incident will clear up discrepancies between the accounts of some witnesses and police officers.

Protesters have alleged that Clark, who is black, was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot. Police have said he was not handcuffed and that Clark was shot during a struggle following an alleged domestic assault. They said Clark was interfering with emergency responders who were treating his girlfriend. Clark’s record shows he has previous convictions for armed robbery and domestic abuse.

Parallel investigations

In a news conference Monday afternoon at City Hall, Harteau declined to answer questions about the existence of video showing the shooting, other than to note that the officers were not wearing body cameras. She would not say whether there was dashboard cam video. She also deferred a question about the range at which Clark was shot, citing the investigation. Police said they will investigate surveillance video from the Elks Lodge.

Officials did not name the officers involved in the shooting, but Ramona Dohman, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the names would be released following meetings with those officers that had been “tentatively scheduled.”

Hodges said at the news conference that the federal investigation would run parallel to a separate investigation by the BCA, which handles the bulk of such investigations in the state. The agency will look into whether two officers violated department policy in the shooting of Clark, who remained in critical condition at a hospital Monday evening.

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The two involved officers were put on administrative leave, according to department policy, after undergoing drug testing and visiting a police psychologist.

Gov. Mark Dayton and Rep. Keith Ellison issued statements Monday afternoon in support of the city’s request for federal assistance.

“While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties,” Dayton said.

Dohman said the length of time for investigations by the BCA can vary, sometimes taking two to four months.

Harteau and Hodges also recognized the work of police officers, especially those who have been working in the Fourth Precinct.

Police union boss Lt. Bob Kroll said that he had spoken briefly with the two officers and cautioned against rushing to judgment without first knowing all the facts. He added that allowing authorities to “cherry-pick” which incidents to investigate sets a “dangerous precedent.” He also questioned the timing of the decision. “Ideally ... in any type of critical incident or murder scene, you want to get there immediately to begin the investigation,” Kroll said. “And now we’re talking about on Monday bringing in someone else. They’re way behind where they should be.”

The BCA’s findings will be turned over to the Hennepin County attorney’s office, which will decide whether to impanel a 23-person grand jury and, potentially, charge the officers.

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Council support

Some City Council members said that they understand the interest in a speedy release of information but that they also believe it's important to sort out the facts and follow an established process.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents part of the North Side and oversees the council's Public Safety Committee, said he supports a federal investigation. He said the pace of the process so far is in line with those of other officer-involved incidents.

"In my view, you have to trust our process," Yang said.

As with most police forces, Minneapolis officers are authorized to use deadly force when they believe their lives are in danger or if a suspect is likely to commit a violent crime.

Don Samuels, a Minneapolis school board member and former City Council member, said he talked with family members and others who were confident that the city has video that will paint a clear picture of the incident. Samuels said that releasing the video as soon as possible would be "a good thing" but that he doesn't believe the city can immediately fire an officer without completing a more detailed investigation.

Council President Barbara Johnson said that she's following the situation closely and that she believes officials are following the proper process for investigating the shooting. But she said she's concerned about the ongoing demonstration's impact on many of her north Minneapolis constituents, especially those who may be blocked from getting to precinct headquarters for police reports or other services.

Johnson pointed to an e-mail she'd received from one resident, who "put on record that there are a lot of people sitting in their homes, not wanting to contribute to the chaos, that are respectful of the work the police do in Minneapolis and know they have a tough job."

Earlier Monday, Clark's father, James Hill, told reporters that "my son wasn't a bad kid. ... The police don't care, the mayor don't care, the police [chief] don't care, because they're going to cover up for each other. My son's got to get a stand somewhere, and I'm here to give him a stand."

Hill said his son's "brain is dead. We are just waiting to pull the plug."

Staff writers Alejandra Matos, Mary Lynn Smith and Paul Walsh contributed to this report.

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-group-seeks-officer-s-id-in-minneapolis-shooting/350611411/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that sparked protests. (all times local):

9:35 a.m.

An activist group is calling on police in Minneapolis to identify the officer involved in the shooting of a black man over the weekend.

Black Lives Matter says 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot after police responded to a reported assault in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police have said the man was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the assault victim, and was shot during a struggle.

At a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot. The group is urging Mayor Betsy Hodges to ensure any video footage is released.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

This item has been corrected to show that Clark is 24, not 22 years old.

9:25 a.m.

Protests over the shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, a prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. A special civilian review authority was formed after the death of an elderly black couple during a botched drug raid decades ago.

This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

7:20 a.m.

A handful of demonstrators remain camped outside a Minneapolis precinct station as the investigation continues into the shooting by a police officer of a black man suspected in an assault.

The number of protesters dwindled overnight into Monday as rain and windy conditions moved in. A banner that reads "Black Lives Matter" has been erected at the site.

A man suspected in an assault was shot by police about 1 a.m. Sunday. Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot led to outrage, sparked protests and prompted a community forum with the mayor and police chief. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed.

An investigation has been turned over to a state agency.

<http://www.startribune.com/51-arrested-in-minnesota-during-2nd-day-of-shooting-protests/350897841/>
MINNEAPOLIS — State investigators looking into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them at this time, despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

The BCA is investigating the case, and federal agencies agreed Tuesday night to Mayor Betsy Hodges' request for a civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the BCA's probe. In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said at a news conference Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Authorities have said the officers involved weren't wearing body cameras. Evans said there is no police dashcam video of the shooting. He declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them.

When asked if the video shows whether Clark was handcuffed, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that the video captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Evans said at the news conference that there were handcuffs at the scene and authorities were still investigating.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," he said.

Evans also confirmed that Clark was unarmed. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head. Clark's father previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told the AP earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release the video and officers' identities.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city. The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29126030/

Authorities late Monday night reopened westbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis after arresting four dozen marchers who had walked onto the freeway while protesting a weekend police shooting.

According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the freeway reopened at about 10 p.m. after

being closed for about three hours at Interstate 394 near downtown Minneapolis. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, 42 people (34 adults and eight juveniles) were arrested in the area between Broadway and Plymouth avenues and taken to Hennepin County jail facilities for processing. The I-94 shutdown, involving a couple hundred marchers, began at approximately 7 p.m. By 9 p.m., the State Patrol said that protesters were being arrested after being ordered four times to leave the freeway. A total of 24 law enforcement agencies assisted the State Patrol, including the St. Paul Police Department, which sent 15 officers to the scene.

Earlier in the day, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the early Sunday shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Authorities have released few details about the North Minneapolis shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

The man, identified by relatives as 24-year-old Jamar Clark, was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and Monday at the North Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29123629/minneapolis-police-shooting-protesters-stay-outside-precinct-overnight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Oneal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which more than 50 were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

More than 50 people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to more than 50 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

http://www.twincities.com/ap%20content/ci_29123322/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle. Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Minneapolis, after a man was shot by Minneapolis police early Sunday morning. (Jeff Wheeler/Star Tribune via AP) (Jeff Wheeler/AP)

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

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KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding

that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

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<http://www.citypages.com/news/betsy-hodges-jamar-clark-shooting-should-be-investigated-by-department-of-justice-7836605>

As Jamar Clark sits on life support and Black Lives Matter protesters continue to hold down the fourth precinct police department, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges announced Monday night that she will be seeking a federal investigation into Clark's shooting.

The 24-year-old Clark was shot by police early Sunday morning in North Minneapolis. Many eyewitnesses say he was handcuffed at the time he was shot, either lying face down on the ground or trying to approach his girlfriend. Police say that he was a domestic assault suspect who interfered with first responders as they were trying to treat his alleged victim, and that he was not handcuffed.

Video of the incident was likely recorded at the Elks Lodge across the street from the shooting, but has been confiscated by police. Black Lives Matter protesters have since erected tents at the fourth precinct, vowing to occupy the station until the Elks Lodge video is released, the names of the officers involved are released, and there is an independent, federal investigation underway.

Sunday night, protesters in the streets of North Minneapolis left two cop cars with their windows smashed in and tires slashed.

Hodges wrote the U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday to open a civil rights investigation on top of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation. It is the first time in her term as mayor that she has asked for concurrent state and federal reviews.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools available to us," Hodges said.

The BCA will first meet with the two officers involved in the shooting – both of whom are on administrative leave – before releasing their names. It is not clear when these meetings will take place. There is also no telling when the Elk Lodge video plus any squad or ambulance videos might be released. The BCA has the footage, and its investigations typically take 2-4 months, said commissioner Mona Dohman.

However, Chief Janee Harteau hinted that the department might release video footage before the conclusion of the BCA investigation.

"This is not a predetermination about anyone's actions, but I understand and support this decision," Harteau said of the mayor's request for a federal review. "This incident has actually not only enhanced existing relationships with dozens of community leaders that I've met with, but I've also met with and learned of new relationships. This incident should not and will not define us."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-officials-call-for-federal-investigation-in-jamar-clark-shooting/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Mayor Betsy Hodges along with members of Minneapolis City Council say calling for a federal investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark is necessary for transparency and community confidence.

Mayor Hodges says she and Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau have the utmost confidence in the competence and independence of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Both say the city should use every resource available to get all the facts and truths connected to this officer involved shooting. That's why Mayor Hodges said a civil rights investigation by the US attorney's office — in addition to the state investigation — will ensure the investigative process goes well for everyone.

Officials are asking for patience while the investigation moves forward.

"These investigations take time," Commissioner of Public Safety Romona Dohman said. "Given the circumstances, it's hard to predict how long that could be, in speaking with the superintendent today. Sometimes these investigations can take two months, sometimes they can take four months, but we just want to make sure we collect all the evidence and make sure due process is followed."

Harteau says there are no pre-determinations about anyone's actions, and that she understands and supports the probe.

The officers were not wearing body cameras at the time of the incident, but footage from their squad car's camera is part of the investigation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/mayor-asks-for-doj-investigation-of-clark-shooting/75896382/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor of Minneapolis says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by police.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. But Hodges says the city needs "all the tools we have available to us." Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in the head early Sunday. Police say they were responding to a

domestic assault when Clark, a suspect in that incident, interfered with medical personnel and scuffled with officers. Family told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

Protesters camped outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

"Our tax dollars make this building exist so the community answered our call and they're here," one protester said. Some protesters were seen burning an American flag Monday night.

Protesters are demanding the release of the names of those officers involved and release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau says the two officers involved were not wearing body cameras.

Harteau declined to talk about surveillance video or say whether the officers' squad car had a camera that might have captured the shooting.

Some community members and activists say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, and they staged protests that continued Monday.

In a statement, Gov. Mark Dayton said, "I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties."

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-mayor-asks-feds-to-investigate-police-involved-shooting/>

(links, etc)

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965128.shtml>

(full conference video not captured)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau spoke during a news conference Monday about the officer-involved shooting that took place early Sunday morning.

Hodges referenced discussion with the U.S. Attorney's Office to open its own investigation for the purpose of transparency in the death investigation of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Harteau said that the incident has pushed the department to look for new ways to enhance communication. She added that she is proud of her officers in the 4th Precinct, saying, "This incident should not, and will not, define us."

Minnesota Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Ramona Dohman also spoke about the investigation currently underway. She said, given the circumstances, it is difficult to predict how long the investigation might be but that an investigation of this nature could take two to four months.

The BCA is investigating and is expected to meet with the officers involved in the shooting.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51899>

In North Minneapolis, protesters gathered to voice their concerns about the police shooting of a black man the night before. The protesters say Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot. Some witnesses claim Clark was handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police have not named Clark as the person who was shot. The department claims a man who was a suspect in an assault was shot in a struggle with police. Police Chief Janeé Harteau says the man was not handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference and what they called "a listening session" at the Urban League office in North Minneapolis last night. KFAI's Rico Morales was there and brought back the sounds of a contentious meeting, starting with the voice of Deputy Police Chief Kristine Arneson talking about the protester's reluctance to come inside the building. Then we'll go outside and hear NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds addressing the crowd.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50123489-story>

Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark on Monday afternoon.

Hours later, nearly 300 protesters shut down I-94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis.

Demonstrators chanted and held signs including "Handcuffs, Don't shoot" and "Justice 4 Jamar" for hours on the freeway before Minnesota State Patrol began making arrests. According to Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m.

Most of those arrested will receive misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Clark, 24, was shot by police outside an apartment on Plymouth Ave. N. early Sunday morning.

Preliminary witness accounts suggest Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired.

"This incident should not and will not define us," Harteau said.

Clark's dad, James Hill, said his son is now brain dead from the incident.

"They gonna put him on life support," Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Late Monday night, a Black Lives Matter spokesperson said Clark was taken off life support.

The investigation into the shooting has been handed over to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The BCA said investigations into officer-involved shootings "take time," and they are expecting a 2 to 4 month investigation.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," Lt. Bob Kroll, Minneapolis Police Union, said. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident in the end, our officers actions will be justified."

"I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties," Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement.

Following the shutdown of I-94, Dayton said at a press conference on Tuesday he "is very uncomfortable with the fact that it happened."

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/51-arrested-in-shooting-protest-that-blocked-i94>

State investigators said Tuesday that Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot Sunday by Minneapolis police, and the Hennepin County medical examiner concluded a gunshot to the head killed him.

Authorities also said that while they have some video from the confrontation, they don't yet have video capturing the entire incident.

There was no footage from police car dash cameras or body cameras, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Superintendent Drew Evans told reporters Tuesday.

Despite the demands of some protesters, Evans said videos of the incident will not be released now as they could taint interviews in the investigation.

Evans' comments and the medical examiner's conclusion came on the same day it was confirmed that federal authorities will conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Clark, 24, in north Minneapolis.

Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a BCA statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

"At some point during an altercation that ensued between the officers and the individual, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the individual," the BCA said.

The shooting sparked protests after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

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"We're still ongoing as to exactly how the handcuffs came into this scene," Evans said Tuesday. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just fallen at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain."

Evans said no weapons were found at the scene beyond those of the officers.

As news of the shooting spread, the reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis was swift.

Protesters from Black Lives Matter stood in unison to block Interstate 94 westbound Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015. Many were arrested when they refused police orders to vacate the freeway. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

On Sunday, hundreds of people marched several blocks down Plymouth Avenue North from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct headquarters. They hoisted a banner over the entrance and set up a tent, saying they'd stay until their demands are met.

On Monday night, several hundred people gathered for another rally outside the police station. Adja Gildersleve with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis called for the release any video of the incident that security cameras near the scene may have captured.

"It's not good for them to be having the footage for this long. And so that's a priority to us," she said. "We would also like to see the officer indicted and prosecuted."

Protesters made their way back down Plymouth Avenue and by 7 p.m. they were on the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau told MPR News that the U.S. Justice Department agreed to investigate the matter at the request of Mayor Betsy Hodges, who said the federal presence would promote transparency and community trust.

Harteau on Tuesday said she welcomed the scrutiny.

Minneapolis officers are balancing people's First Amendment rights with the need to preserve the public's safety, she added.

A Fridley police officer and a State Patrol trooper led a protester to a patrol car after arresting him for refusing to leave the Interstate 94 freeway Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015, which demonstrators from Black Lives Matter had blocked for several hours. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

"I tell my officers to stay focused, remain professional, be patient," she said. "This is not about us as individuals, this is about a profession. And we have to allow people to vent their frustration, but we also have to have the ability to do our job, and we have to do it with procedural justice."

Evans said the officers involved, who are on leave, will be named after they are interviewed in the next day or two.

Evans said there was video from the ambulance rig that was on scene as well as from a stationed mobile police camera in the area, from public housing authority cameras and from individuals that recorded on cell phone video.

He said the BCA is also working to get video from the Elks Club building across the street from where the shooting happened.

These investigations usually take two to four months, Evans said, but the BCA has given this case top priority.

Correction (Nov. 17, 2015): An earlier version of this story incorrectly reported the total number of people arrested during the I-94 protest.

MPR News reporters Jon Collins, Tim Nelson, Tim Pugmire and Doualy Xaykaothao contributed to this report.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965299.shtml>

(Didn't capture Full State Patrol News Conference)

Interstate 94 westbound between Plymouth and Broadway Avenues in Minneapolis closed Monday night due to protesters marching.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching eastbound on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue N. to Broadway Avenue W along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. The department held a news conference Monday night following the incident.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, with the state patrol, said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue W in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation." "They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said that 43 adults and eight minors were arrested. The adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. The charges will be unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway. They are misdemeanor offenses, Schweigart said.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, Minneapolis Police Department, St. Paul Police Department, Crystal Police Department, Brooklyn Park Police Department and Brooklyn Center Police Department.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/hundreds-of-protesters-shut-down-i94-in-mpls/75903326/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Hundreds of protesters shut down northbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue Monday night. In all, the Minnesota State Patrol says 42 people were arrested, a total lower than the 51 arrests first reported.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reports protesters were on the freeway, attempting to block traffic. The shutdown first started around 7 p.m. Several area metro police departments were on scene attempting to control the situation. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, protesters were given four warnings to disperse or be subject to arrest. Shortly before 9 p.m., authorities began arresting protesters. The state patrol later said 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested and will be charged with unlawful assembly and pedestrian on freeway, both misdemeanors.

The state patrol says numerous cars were damaged in the protest. At least one trooper was punched by a protester, and that person fled the scene.

Protesters used #Justice4Jamar on social media to show the protest on I-94 in real time.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers this past weekend. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Family tells KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night. The State Patrol says 24 law enforcement agencies from Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey and Dakota Counties were involved in responding to the I-94 shutdown.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965213.shtml>

(Video focused on State Patrol, didn't capture)

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has updated the number of people who were arrested Monday after protests spilled onto Interstate 94.

The numbers released Tuesday morning say 42 people were arrested, including eight children. The State Patrol originally said 51 people were arrested including eight children.

The protesters were arrested on suspicion of unlawful assembly and being a pedestrian on a freeway, which are both are misdemeanors.

Protesters caused I-94 westbound to close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis Monday night in response to an officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching east on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue North to Broadway Avenue West along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. In all, 24 agencies from

four counties were called in to respond. Those arrested were taken to jail in Metro Transit buses; the adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center, and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart with the Minnesota State Patrol said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue West in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation." "They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. Some of the protesters are now out of jail.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

KSTP's Lindsey Brown spoke with Susan Farr, a resident of Otsego, on the phone Monday night. Farr works in Minneapolis and was on her way home as the protesters made their way to I-94. She said she was one of the last cars police allowed to enter the interstate.

By 8:15 p.m., Farr said she had been stuck in traffic for roughly an hour.

"I'm aggravated," she said. "I think all life matters. I just don't think that they should be shutting five lanes of freeway. I want to go home to my family. I am very aggravated. It's just pointless to me."

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, the Minneapolis Police Department, the St. Paul Police Department, the Crystal Police Department, the Brooklyn Park Police Department and the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Protests first started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Avenue N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/16/who-is-jamar-clark/75903044/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Protesters gathered Monday outside a north Minneapolis police precinct near the site where officers shot a black man.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Family members say Clark was young, made mistakes, but was turning his life around.

According to court documents, Clark has past convictions that include an aggravated robbery in 2010 and a terroristic threats conviction from earlier in 2015.

Clark's brother, Mario Reed, says he wanted to change his life and he was helping his brother to stay on the right path.

"He was trying to get his life back together, he was going to work every day. I was dropping him off every day. He worked at the car wash in northeast Minneapolis and he was just getting his life back in order," said Reed.

Regardless of his past, his family is now looking for answers to what happened to their loved one.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

Family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/reports-man-shot-by-police-dies-after-night-of-blm-protests/>

(with video)

Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old north Minneapolis man who was shot by police Sunday, has been taken off life support and has died, according to both family members and now the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

On Tuesday afternoon, the BCA said that Clark's body had been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The BCA also said the names of the two officers involved would be released only after interviews with the officers had been completed.

Both are currently on standard paid administrative leave.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Black Lives Matter held a press conference at 9 a.m. Monday demanding that the video of the arrest be released, as well as the names of the officers. They also called for Mayor Betsy Hodges to ask for an independent federal investigation.

Clark's shooting has ignited a series of protests by the group Black Lives Matter. On Monday, more than 40 people were arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest that shut down Interstate 94 in Minneapolis for over two hours.

Around 6:45 p.m. Monday, protesters walked onto westbound lanes of I-94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue, just north of downtown Minneapolis. As WCCO-TV cameras followed, one protester said, "We're shutting it down, we're shutting it down!" Another protester then stepped between the cameras and him, urging "Don't talk to white media."

On the freeway, protesters chanted and blocked drivers from getting through for nearly two and a half hours.

When law enforcement made alternate routes for the drivers, the protesters tried to block them too by making a human chain across the detour.

WCCO-TV's cameras caught drivers getting into arguments with the protesters, including one who shouted at a protester: "Look at what the f*** you're doing! Look at what the f*** you're doing! Get the f*** out of here!" The protester responded: "Go home." (Watch John Lauritsen's Monday night report below.)

At one point a driver nearly hit some of the protesters. Other drivers got into arguments with protesters as the crowd marched down an I-94 ramp.

Eventually, police gave the crowd a 15-minute warning calling the assembly unlawful. They then began arresting those who refused to leave. Roughly a half-hour later, 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested. Those arrested were put onto Metro Transit buses and were cooperative, according to State Patrol.

Black Lives Matter said they blocked the interstate after police refused to give them the names of the officers involved in Sunday's shooting and refused to release video of the incident.

In response to the protests, Representative Keith Ellison and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges are calling for a federal civil rights investigation into Clark's shooting.

The chief of police and mayor of Minneapolis are asking for the Department of Justice to investigate any possible civil rights violations.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools we have available to us. I have spoken to Governor Dayton who agrees," Hodges said.

"I appreciate and welcome all avenues and resources that help us find the truth so we can be clear on exactly what happened," Minneapolis police chief Janee Harteau said.

Police said the officers were not wearing body cameras, and would not say if other video exists or if there is any reason to believe Clark was armed.

The state said it cannot release the names of the officers involved until they have been interviewed, but did not say when that will happen.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3964379.shtml>

(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is asking the U.S. Attorney's Office to open a civil rights investigation into this weekend's officer-involved shooting of a black man.

Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension but that the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Hodges said she discussed the federal investigation with Gov. Mark Dayton, who agreed it was appropriate.

View footage of Monday afternoon's news conference here.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar Clark says his son suffered one gunshot wound above his left eye. James Hill told the Associated Press that he saw Clark's wounds while standing at his bedside on Monday.

"I love my son, and for him to get shot like that, that's bad," Hill said. "I really want to just, see some justice or something done."

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark during a physical altercation with paramedics early Sunday morning; police say Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim.

The incident happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Clark has since been put on life support.

Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and investigators are gathering evidence to determine exactly what happened in the moments leading up to shots being fired.

Questions exist about whether Clark was handcuffed at the time. The BCA said Sunday that the preliminary investigation showed he was not, but at a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting.

Protesters want an agency other than the BCA to investigate, they want community oversight with discipline power, and they want the officers to live in the city.

The ACLU-MN released a statement saying they are asking for "full transparency and accountability" moving forward, including a release of the video, naming of the officers involved and the launch of a full Department of Justice investigation.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says he can't identify the officers or talk about details of the shooting, and he says he doesn't know if they were wearing body cameras or if any squad car

camera footage exists.

Kroll did, however, say he's confident that the investigation will vindicate the officers.

Protests

Hodges hosted a community listening session to open the lines of communication with those who live in the neighborhood, which got mixed reaction.

"We don't need no more listening sessions," Minneapolis resident John Martin said. "We tell the people that are listening, but now it is time for action. It's time for some action now, right now. We are sick and tired of this going on in our community."

Protests started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating. Police are asking anyone who saw the incident or with video to come forward.

"Those that saw – turn over your information to the BCA so we can find what really happened, what really went on," Martin said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/black-lives-matter-addresses-protests-officer-involved-shooting/>
(with video)

Black Lives Matter is demanding the names of the police officers involved in the weekend shooting of a north Minneapolis man.

The activists, some of which camped out overnight at a city police precinct, also want any video available from the incident.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot a man.

Family members identified the man as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. They say he is being kept alive on life support.

Several witnesses say Clark's wrists were handcuffed behind his back when he was shot, but police, as well as the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, say that's not the case, citing a preliminary investigation. Since the shooting happened, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has demanded answers. The group held a press conference Monday morning.

Clark's father, James Hill, stood with activists, saying he wants justice for his son.

"I love my son," he said. "For him to die getting shot like that, that's bad. The police don't care. The mayor don't care. The police superintendent don't care."

On Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau held a listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League. They told the crowd that the BCA is conducting an independent investigation into the shooting and that they plan to do it as quickly as possible.

However, it didn't take long for the meeting to get out of hand.

Hundreds of protesters then spent much of the night outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct demanding the names of the officers involved in the shooting.

Community activist John Martin said at the Monday press conference that the north Minneapolis community is tired of listening sessions with city leaders.

"It's time for action," he said. "Action right now. Sick and tired of this happening in our community."

On Sunday, family members told WCCO-TV that Clark had passed away as a result of the shooting.

Clark's father later said that his son had died by the time he reached the hospital, but was placed on life support.

He says the family is waiting on other relatives to arrive before saying their final goodbyes.

As for the investigation, the BCA is still gathering information and conducting interviews.

Police say two officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure following such a shooting.

The names of the officers have not been released.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/community-witnesses-react-to-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>
(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is calling for the Department of Justice to investigate an officer-involved shooting over the weekend.

Police say there was a struggle when they tried to arrest Jamar Clark early Sunday morning. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman on Plymouth Avenue North. On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

That's when the struggle ensued and officers shot Clark.

Mayor Hodges said Monday that she wants the federal government to open a civil rights investigation.

WCCO's Angela Davis spoke to community members and witnesses about what they saw.

Since Sunday morning, we've heard dramatically different versions about what happened to 24-year-old Jamar Clark. People who say they witnessed the shooting insisted he was down on the ground and

restrained by handcuffs when an officer shot him in the head.

Police have said that's not true. Monday afternoon, WCCO spoke with a little boy who says he saw everything as he peeked out his front door.

"There was already a lot of commotion going on at the Elk's. I thought there was a big ole fight in the parking lot. That's why I stepped out the door," Ze'morion Dillon-Hoskin said.

Dillon-Hoskin said he first saw an ambulance and then a man who police were trying to keep away from a woman who was hurt.

"After that the police pulled up and tell him to put his hands up and then put him in handcuffs," Dillon-Hoskin said.

He says he saw two officers slam Clark to the ground.

"And the other officer laid on top of him, and the other officer put his knee in his back," Dillon-Hoskin said.

And then, there was a gunshot.

"He grabbed his gun and shot him in the back of his head," Dillon-Hoskin said.

At the same time right across the street at the Elks Lodge, a group of customers say they were headed home.

"When we got outside, we saw that this kid was already restrained, pinned down. There was no kicking, moving or anything. They had him fully detained, restrained," Teto Wilson said.

Wilson owns a barbershop on the city's north side. He says he wasn't close enough to be able to see if Clark was handcuffed.

"I'm a black man myself. I have a 24-year-old son and other children. I would want someone to speak up if something like that happened to me or my children," Wilson said.

At the 4th precinct, members of Black Lives Matters are vowing to camp out indefinitely.

"We are getting the attention of the police department, of the mayor and of the country. We want folks to know we are not going to just stand by and stand for this kind of action taken against our community members and out families," protester Miski Noor said.

Dillon-Hoskin's mother says Minneapolis police interviewed her son Monday.

"Your eyes ain't going to lie to you. What you see is what you see. You can't make up something that your eyes have seen," Tequila Dillon said.

Elks Lodge has security cameras perched near the rooftop. But it's across the street and it was dark at the time. We don't know how much of the arrest and shooting the cameras caught. We do know, it's being looked into by investigators.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50106683-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Jamar Clark's dad announced Monday that he is taking a stand for his son as controversy and questions swirl around the police shooting that has left the 24-year-old near death.

"I loved my son. For him to die, getting shot like that. That's bad. Real bad. Police don't care," James Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Clark was shot in the head outside an apartment on Plymouth Avenue N. early Sunday morning.

Preliminary witness accounts suggested Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired.

The shooting sparked outrage and protests. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

Tequila Dillon witnessed the immediate aftermath and offered this description: "When they put him on the gurney, that's when they took one of the handcuffs off. They threw him in the ambulance and they were gone."

Demonstrators, led by the Black Lives Matter movement, would quickly set up shop outside MPD's nearby 4th precinct headquarters, blocking the main entrance.

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Photo Witness details moments after Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police

"We're gonna find out what happened and we're gonna get to what happened, and we're gonna stay here until we find out what happened and why," said community activist John Martin.

Protestors are demanding that Minneapolis police turn over any video of the incident and publicly name the officers involved. The department said from the outset that Clark wasn't restrained. They described him as an assault suspect who confronted paramedics and officers who arrived on scene.

Instead of MPD conducting its own review, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will investigate what exactly happened -- a move the local police union welcomed.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," said Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis Police Union. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident, in the end, our officers' actions will be justified."

At a Sunday news conference at city hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota BCA at 651-793-7000 with any information.

"We need to know the truth," Harteau said.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/voices/news/black-lives-matter-minneapolis-calls-on-mpd-to-release-video-footage-of-officer-involved>

(link doesn't lead to story)

<https://www.minnpost.com/glean/2015/11/protests-continue-over-weekend-police-shooting-minneapolis-man>

Still not a lot of clarity about the events over the weekend that left Jamar Clark of Minneapolis brain dead after being shot by police. In the Star Tribune, Paul Walsh reports that protesters are camped out outside Minneapolis 4th Precinct police HQ: "Kandace Montgomery, a Black Lives Matter organizer, told reporters outside the precinct headquarters Monday morning that protesters have been in the atrium since midafternoon Sunday and will remain until their demands are met: release by police of any video that might exist of the shooting, disclosure of the names of the officers involved, and the start of a federal investigation into the shooting. ... The activists have pitched tents at the Fourth Precinct entrance and draped a Black Lives Matter banner above the locked doors. The shooting occurred a few blocks to the east of the protest site."

At MPR, Tim Nelson reports that protesters want a federal investigation of the shooting and for police to release video of the incident: "Angry protesters rallied outside a police station Monday in north Minneapolis demanding a federal investigation into a police shooting on Sunday as well as the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting took place. ... Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered. ... 'Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable,' she said. 'So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation.'"

Minnesota's French community turns out in solidarity with their countrymen. MPR's Laura Yuen reports from a march in Minneapolis on Sunday: "Both here and in Paris, Minnesotans are expressing solidarity with the French people. The cultural group Alliance Francaise in Minneapolis held a march Sunday afternoon to the Basilica of St. Mary, which hosted a memorial service. ... Louis Wendling, president of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota, says the state is home to several thousand French nationals, including professionals employed by 3M and other large companies. ... Wendling says the attacks were horrific and that the severe restrictions on France's borders are a terrible fallout. ... 'To me it seems extreme. ... France and its fellow member countries of the EU could pride themselves of a high degree of freedom of movement — of people, capital and goods. And now that freedom is really compromised,' he said."

<http://www.citypages.com/news/black-lives-matter-demand-cops-release-video-of-jamar-clark-s-shooting-7836238>

At about 1 a.m. Sunday morning, 24-year-old Jamar Clark lay shot in the street at James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. A Minneapolis Police officer had pulled the trigger, that much is clear.

As for the events leading up to the incident, there is a wide gulf between the official police statement and the jumble of eyewitness accounts trending on Facebook and Twitter.

Chief Janee Harteau said that police were responding to a domestic assault early Sunday morning when Clark was shot. He had been hindering emergency responders from treating his alleged victim, she said.

However, witnesses who lived in the apartments near James and Plymouth claim that Clark was handcuffed, laying face down on the ground when police opened fire — a claim that Harteau denies.

According to a statement by the Minneapolis NAACP, local business owner Teto Wilson saw the incident unfold.

"The young man was just laying there," Wilson said. "He was not resisting arrest. Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar's body, and I heard the shot go off."

So far, no bystander videos of the actual shooting have surfaced. Footage of the incident was likely captured at the Elks Lodge — an African American fraternal order — across the street. Police confiscated the tapes, and have not yet released them to the public.

Black Lives Matter protesters took to the streets of North Minneapolis starting at 3 p.m. Sunday. They formed a human chain around the block where Clark was shot, and declared a no-cop zone. About 20 protesters camped inside the atrium of the local fourth precinct overnight.

The protesters say they are not leaving until they see the Elks Lodge video, and may rally again Tuesday afternoon if it is not turned over.

"My son wasn't no bad kid," said James Hill, Clark's father, on Tuesday morning. "The shooting was ludicrous. I don't wanna say he was handcuffed, but shooting somebody when they're handcuffed, they don't have a care. They really don't."

John Martin, who lives in an apartment complex near the scene of the shooting, says he was just up the block when he saw Clark lying down on the ground, his hands behind his back, prior to the shot ringing out. He says he did not see the moment of the actual killing, so he can't speak to the details that followed. "I seen what everybody else seen. The young man was actually handcuffed before this tragedy actually happened," Martin said. "He was laying flat down."

Martin cautioned the community to keep calm and hold the peace until video evidence is released. Others were not so confident that footage, even when it becomes available, will be of any use. Adja Gildersleve, an organizer with BLM, believes that the cops will tamper with the film to cover up wrongdoing.

"Everybody outside, the neighbors in the whole entire complex of people in the apartment said they saw him cuffed with his hands behind his back," Gildersleve says. "He was cuffed, and yet police took a gun and shot him in the head."

Black Lives Matter says police have not interfered with their occupation of the precinct. They promise not to budge until both the Elks Lodge video and the name of the officer who shot Clark is released.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/blm-demands-release-of-shooting-video/75866796/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Saying they will occupy a Minneapolis Police precinct until they get answers, a coalition of interests is demanding the release of surveillance video that may shed light on the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

The group, which includes members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the NAACP and activists from the neighborhood, is accusing two Minneapolis Police officers of murder in the shooting of Clark, who had been involved in a domestic dispute with a woman early Sunday morning. Police say when they arrived on the scene on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North Clark was confronting a crew of paramedics. Officers then became involved in a scuffle with the suspect and he was shot.

While officials at Hennepin County Medical Center have not released a condition on Clark, family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

James Hill, father of Jamar Clark, says police officers need to be prosecuted for killing his son. (Photo: KARE)

"I love my son and for him to die like that, being shot (by police) that's bad. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, because they're going to cover up for each other," said James Hill, Jamar's father.

A spokesperson for Black Lives Matter is calling for members of the community to join in what she is calling the "occupation" of the Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct, which covers the city's north side.

Kandace Montgomery says it will continue until police release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark, a shooting that those holding the press conference claim occurred with the suspect handcuffed and laying in the street. Activists are also asking for the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting.

Police have disputed that account, saying misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

The death of a young black man at the hands of police opens up old wounds for Bettie Smith. Her son Quincy died after being tasered by Minneapolis officers back in 2008. "We need answers, we need accountability," Smith said, her voice rising in anger. "You murder someone, you are accountable," she insisted, referring to the officers involved in the altercation with Clark.

Neighborhood resident and activist John Martin tried to provide a calming voice, urging everyone to refrain from violence. That being said, he is insistent that answers come quickly. "We want to know what happened, when it happened, and why it happened," Martin said. "We are sick of listening sessions... It's time for action."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49944498-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Black Lives Matter Minneapolis held a news conference at the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct Building with a list of demands after a police officer shot an assault suspect early Sunday morning. Specifically, the group asked the names of the officers involved and surveillance video from nearby businesses.

The NAACP identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark. Police shot the assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid to his girlfriend early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate he was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said neighbors are disputing that information. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

The group's list of demands:

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with "full disciplinary power"
5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation.

"We need to know the truth," she said. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Sunday, protesters gathered where the shooting took place and marched to the Fourth Precinct, led by organizers with the Minneapolis NAACP and Black Lives Matter.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which continues to buzz after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot and shot "execution style," conflicting with the

police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed. Witnesses said Clark and his girlfriend were at a birthday party at an apartment along Plymouth Ave/ N. Saturday night when they got into a fight.

"The guy was pinned down on ground, he wasn't fighting, he wasn't screaming or anything. The next thing we know, about a minute later after watching it, the gun went off. That's what I saw. But the guy was not fighting back," witness Teto Wilson said.

"I can't understand from my viewpoint exactly the frustration, but I understand they are frustrated. We are doing the best we can to have an independent process; one that can have an outcome that will be trusted," Mayor Hodges said.

Until then, protesters say they'll continue to hit the streets, but "Justice for Jamar" isn't as simple as black or white.

"Everybody out here last night who said they saw it or have video on their cell phone. They need to step up right now," one protester said.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His exact condition has not been released.

The two officers involved the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/jamar-clark-police-shooting-led-to-tense-standoff-with-protesters-video-7835893>

Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis Police in the early morning hours of Sunday. Clark, a black Minneapolis resident, was involved in an altercation with police at the intersection of James and Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis. Cops were responding to reports of an alleged assault when their engagement with Clark began.

This short list of facts is agreed to by police and the public. What's in dispute is the allegation that Clark was already in handcuffs at the time he was shot. Minneapolis police have denied that claim, but amateur video from the moments after Clark's shooting proves eyewitnesses on the scene are convinced it's true. As of Monday morning, Clark is said to be on life support. (Earlier reports indicated he had been killed.) The circumstances around his arrest and shooting have already garnered national and international attention, and on Sunday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau announced that the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) would conduct a "thorough, independent investigation" of what took place.

Local racial and social justice advocates are already energized and outraged, as evidenced by a Sunday night rally that took place at the scene of the incident. Speaking to an assembled crowd, Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, prayed that God would "unsettle every spirit of those who control this city, that they will not be able to rest until we get justice."

Strong as that statement might seem, it's actually mild compared to some of the utterances from organizers with Black Lives Matter, who suggested the Clark shooting could be a last straw for black residents of a city with huge racial disparities in incomes, outcomes, and interactions with law enforcement.

In a statement released midday Sunday, BLM recounted stories of black citizens who were cursed, threatened and pepper-sprayed in the tense moments after Clark's shooting.

"Our city is not too far from burning like Baltimore because of the violence, disparities, and erasure people of color grows, so will the people's rage and desire for justice," said Michael McDowell, an organizer.

That sentiment is closely in line with the angry words from amateur video taken Sunday morning, as a phalanx of police stood watch under the scrutiny of neighborhood residents. The man recording the video calls police "dirty motherfuckers," while others can be heard shouting that Clark had been shot "for no reason." Later, the narrator, who also says Clark had been in handcuffs at the time of the shot, meets calls to "go home" by screaming it was time to "set this shit off, man."

Speaking Monday morning, Levy-Pounds said Hodges and Harteau were quick to react to Sunday's news because the event was "extremely egregious," and needed obvious attention.

"From witness accounts, Jamar Clark was handcuffed and then shot in the head in front of dozens of witnesses," Levy-Pounds says. "Police essentially threw a corpse in the back of an ambulance, and put him on life support at the hospital. They pulled guns on witnesses and sprayed them with mace. They waited 45 minutes before asking people what had happened there. This is one of the worst examples of what we've seen, recently, with the execution of unarmed black men."

Levy-Pounds showed mild appreciation for the unprecedented step of involving the BCA to investigate, but said she and other activists "don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other

accountable," and are calling for FBI involvement in finding the truth of what happened that night. Meanwhile, city leaders have asked that anyone with information contact the BCA at (651) 793-7000.

Tuesday, November 17

<http://www.startribune.com/official-unclear-if-man-shot-by-minneapolis-cops-was-cuffed/351276091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has pushed racial tensions in the city's small but concentrated minority community to the fore, with a police precinct besieged by a makeshift encampment and hundreds of protesters in recent days.

Police have tried to improve race relations in recent years, and succeeded in some areas. But some community activists say racial disparities — high unemployment rates for blacks, a disproportionate number of arrests for minor crimes and inequities in housing and the school system — have been going on for so long that Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark, and the reaction from the community, was no surprise.

"We call Minneapolis a tale of two cities: The best of times if you're white, and worst of times if you're black," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, and one of 42 people arrested when protesters shut down an interstate highway Monday night.

Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers. Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. Police said there was a scuffle, and Clark was shot. Some people who say they saw the shooting claim Clark wasn't struggling and was handcuffed. Police initially said he wasn't handcuffed, but the state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said one thing it's looking at is whether Clark was restrained.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Wednesday in an email that Clark was "disarming" the officer and was not handcuffed.

The officers involved in the shooting were identified Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, both with seven years of experience including 13 months with the Minneapolis department, but their race wasn't released because it's private under state law. Police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Members of the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter and other demonstrators want police to release video of the shooting, but the BCA has declined to do so, saying it would taint the investigation. The FBI is also undertaking a civil rights investigation.

Tensions ramped up Wednesday afternoon when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the 4th Precinct station where several had been sleeping since the shooting. They pulled down a pop-up shelter and doused a bonfire, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" before relighting the flame. Chief Janee Harteau said police have to keep the vestibule clear for safety. She said police have no plans to pull down some 18 tents or stop protests as long as they are peaceful.

As the confrontation extended into the night, police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of scores of protesters swelling outside the precinct office. Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said.

The department tweeted that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged during the demonstration.

The protests are the latest call for change by a community that has had rocky relations with police.

Sunday's shooting took place on the north side, where the population is predominantly black and generally poorer than the rest of the city. The four neighborhoods nearest the shooting are 53 percent black, according to 2010 census data. The city as a whole is 60 percent white.

Chuck Samuelson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Minnesota, said tension has risen as police have stepped up their presence in high-crime areas. An ACLU study earlier this year found black people are nearly nine times more likely to be arrested for low-level offenses in Minneapolis than white people.

"African-American males feel like they are targeted by police because, frankly, they are," Samuelson said. Levy-Pounds said several high-profile cases have increased mistrust of police, including the 2013 death of Terrance Franklin and the 2006 death of Fong Lee, both shot by police.

Franklin, who was black, was being chased by police in a suspected burglary when he broke into a home. Police said he struggled with officers, grabbing a police weapon and shooting and wounding two officers before he was shot 10 times. A grand jury cleared officers in his death, but Levy-Pounds called it "a case of murder of a young African-American man at the hands of Minneapolis police."

In the case of Lee, a 19-year-old son of Laotian immigrants, the officer who shot and killed him in north Minneapolis said he feared for his life. A jury ruled the officer didn't use excessive force.

Don Samuels, a black former City Council member who represented the north side, said there's a sense of wariness anytime a black man gets killed or shot by police, and people wonder if a white man in the same situation would have been shot. But he pointed to a growing effort by the city and police to confront racial issues head on, to bring more officers of color on the force, and to create review boards to deal with police brutality.

Minneapolis police Deputy Chief Medaria Arradondo said the department recognizes past grievances between the African-American community and police and is working hard to build trust.

"Even in the midst of protests and demonstrations, we will continue to have important dialogue and conversations to keep moving forward," he said.

<http://www.startribune.com/jailed-naacp-leader-i-94-protest-in-minneapolis-not-planned/351009801/>
Jamar Clark, the unarmed man shot early Sunday by Minneapolis police, sparking two days of angry protest, has died.

Friends of Clark's family said Tuesday morning that he had been removed from life support and that family members were making funeral arrangements.

The Hennepin County medical examiner said Clark, 24, died on Monday evening as the result of a single gunshot to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting, who haven't been identified, were expected to give statements to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Tuesday night, said Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union.

Kroll, who said he had talked to the officers, reiterated earlier statements from police that Clark was not in handcuffs, disputing witness accounts.

Kroll also said he "firmly believes" the officers will be exonerated of any wrongdoing.

More than 50 were arrested after protesters shut down a section of Interstate 94 in north Minneapolis on Monday night.

The U.S. attorney's office said late Tuesday that the FBI would conduct the federal investigation requested by the mayor, with an independent review of all evidence by the office as well as U.S. Department of Justice prosecutors.

At a news conference Tuesday, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that there are videos from the shooting but that none shows the full incident that left Clark dead. The videos came from an ambulance, a public housing building, the cellphones of bystanders and a police mobile video station. There is no video from any police car or officer body cameras. The BCA is working with a nearby Elks Lodge to examine its exterior video.

No video will be released, Evans said, until the investigation is complete, which could take two to four months. He said the video will be withheld for now because "we don't want to taint the interviews with the witnesses."

The time frame for such an investigation isn't unusually long, he said. Minneapolis police contacted the BCA for assistance about nine hours after the shooting, he said. The BCA has investigated 96 police-involved shootings resulting in injury or death in Minnesota since 2009.

Evans also addressed the contention by activists that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. There were "handcuffs at the scene, and we are still examining whether or not they were on him" when police fired, he said. Evans confirmed that Clark did not have weapons on him and said "this investigation is a top priority."

Questions remain

Authorities have released vague details of the shooting. The one-page public incident report had little information and had the words "not done" in the section that describes the incident.

The incident began when paramedics responded to a call from a woman needing assistance at an apartment building in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. at 12:40 a.m. Sunday.

At the Fourth Precinct on Tuesday night, Danny Givens demanded answers about Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Kroll said it was unclear whether she had been assaulted or was injured while breaking up a fight. As she was seeking medical attention in the ambulance, Clark tried to reach her, Kroll said. The paramedics put out a "distress call" for help to police. There was a scuffle with arriving officers, he said, during which Clark was killed.

In a statement on Facebook, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said that she had asked for an independent investigation by the BCA and that she had requested a review by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office, because "I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned."

"Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the city's to release," Hodges said. "I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law."

The shooting of Clark ignited protests, including the arrests Monday night of dozens of activists who blocked traffic on Interstate 94 for more than two hours.

Among those arrested was Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter. She issued a statement after her release from jail that said, in part, "Blessed to have been in the company of such brave souls willing to be arrested last night, standing up for what they believe in. ... These arrests were not planned in advance of the demonstration."

More than 100 people gathered again Tuesday night outside the Police Department's Fourth Precinct

headquarters to remember Clark with statements and prayers.

“We’ve come together as a community to hold one another,” Danny Givens Jr., founder of Above Every Name ministries and a member of Black Lives Matter, told the crowd. “We represent the love of the North Side.”

Pat Crumley stood among the crowd, raising her fist with the others in a moment of silence and to ask for justice. “I’m here to underscore the need for them to hear our voices and the need for a complete and thorough investigation,” she said.

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More

Activists also have kept up a vigil at the precinct, staying dry under tents and canopies.

Hodges said that she hears people’s frustration and that the process is going to “require patience on all of our parts, including my own.”

Gov. Mark Dayton said Tuesday that he was “very uncomfortable” that protesters had briefly closed I-94 but that he welcomed Hodges’ request for a federal inquiry.

The BCA’s Evans said his agents have been coordinating with their FBI counterparts.

Remembering Clark

The shooting prompted mourning, confusion and anger among Clark’s friends and relatives, some of whom arrived in town earlier this week from Kankakee, Ill.

Those who knew Clark, who was adopted at an early age and grew up in Minneapolis’ Hawthorne neighborhood, remembered him as a friendly, outgoing young person who was fiercely defensive of his family, according to Anna Orr, a childhood friend.

“I hope that people realize that this is a glimpse of who he was; this is not set in stone,” said Orr. “He was so many other things to so many other people, and I think that that deserves to be told as much as anything else.”

For some, the shooting evoked previous shootings of unarmed black men by Minneapolis police. Between 2011 and 2014, the last year for which complete data are available, officers were involved in at least 21 shooting incidents, in which they fired 97 total rounds, state records show. In that period, eight people have been wounded and two killed in officer-involved shootings.

Clark’s relatives said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. Clark had been working for a trucking company and had started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

“I understand what he might have done [in the past] and all of that, but to us he was a loving young man,” said Kenya McKnight, president of the Black Women’s Business Alliance and a North Side longtime activist who has served as an unofficial spokeswoman for the family. “America has a criminal record. Minnesota has a criminal record against black people,” McKnight said. “So if we are judging people against their past, let us start at the head.”

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<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-quiet-scene-at-minneapolis-police-precinct/351038191/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

7:05 p.m.

Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O’Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

5:15 p.m.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office says an unarmed black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar O’Neal Clark previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. The medical examiner confirmed that Clark died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed,

but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

2:40 p.m.

Authorities investigating the shooting of an unarmed black man by Minneapolis police say they have several videos of the incident but none that show it in its entirety.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

Drew Evans, superintendent of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says video has been obtained from an ambulance, a mobile police camera that had been set up in the area, surveillance video and onlookers' cellphones.

But he repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which 42 people were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

This story has been corrected to reflect that there were 42 demonstrators arrested at Monday's highway protest, not more than 50.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to 42 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

<http://www.startribune.com/a-search-for-answers-in-police-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/351201871/> Federal investigation is the right step in case of Jamar Clark.

Tragically, Minneapolis is embroiled in yet another police shooting of an African-American man. Early

Sunday, 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot by an officer during an encounter on a north Minneapolis street. Life support was removed, and Clark died on Tuesday.

The local Black Lives Matter (BLM) group led a march and camped out in front of the police precinct near where the shooting occurred, saying they'd stay put unless officials named the officers involved in the shooting, released any related video and called for an outside investigation.

Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau made the right call by requesting that a federal investigation be completed along with a separate probe by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). In addition, the police deserve praise for their calm, measured responses to the protests, both this week and during other BLM demonstrations.

But officials could be more transparent. Video is especially important in this case: Witnesses say Clark was cooperating and handcuffed; the chief says he was not. On Tuesday, a BCA official said that some video does exist but that it won't be released until the investigation is complete. Authorities should be aware that withholding the video will only contribute to public suspicion and mistrust.

In this and other local BLM demonstrations this year, protesters have expressed their views without violence. In both core cities, they announced their plans in advance and worked with city leaders.

But Monday's sit-in on Interstate 94 was a "split-second" decision made by about 100 protesters to block freeway traffic and risk arrest. After being told to leave several times by state troopers, more than 40 adults and eight juveniles were arrested, quickly charged and released.

The Star Tribune Editorial Board recognizes that the BLM movement is raising important issues about police-community relations, and this page will always defend the rights of free speech and peaceful protest. But creating a public safety hazard by blocking an interstate is the kind of behavior that threatens to alienate even those who support those basic rights. As the Clark investigations unfold, continued advance communication and patient, nonviolent responses from police and protesters hopefully will prevail.

<http://www.startribune.com/dayton-says-he-s-closely-monitoring-unrest-over-north-side-shooting/351067071/>

Gov. Mark Dayton on Tuesday said he was "very uncomfortable" that protestors briefly closed Interstate 94, resulting in the arrest of dozens, including a local television reporter.

Dayton, in his first public appearance since his father died last week, said he, his commissioners and staff have been monitoring the unfolding unrest after an officer-involved shooting Sunday that critically injured a man in Minneapolis' North Side.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges on Monday called for federal law enforcement authorities to investigate the shooting. A federal investigation, if initiated, would be completed alongside an investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Dayton said Tuesday he welcomed an investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, partly to appease protestors and other black community leaders who have strong distrust of local and state authorities. "That concern existed, and we needed to be responsive to that," Dayton said.

The governor, who has criticized the tactics of some Black Lives Matter protestors, said the two-hour closure of Interstate 94 Monday night was unsafe. He declined to comment on specifics regarding the shooting, saying that all the facts "surrounding the incident have not been disclosed."

<http://www.startribune.com/take-a-breath-wait-for-facts-as-clock-ticks-in-jamar-clark-case/351223281/>

Over the past few nights protestors have set up a base camp in the alcove of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct. They've spilled into the streets asking for justice in the case of Jamar Clark, shot early Sunday morning. On Monday, factions of the crowd, perhaps led by Black Lives Matter, perhaps on their own, shut down traffic on Interstate 94. Dozens of the protestors were arrested.

Why?

Here is what we know: A young, unarmed black man was shot by a police officer during a 911 domestic abuse call. A lot of black men have been shot nationwide lately, often under suspicious circumstances.

Many people are angry and mistrust authorities.

That's pretty much it.

Given the volatile climate in which this shooting occurred, the police administration seems keenly tone-deaf to the need for basic but prompt information.

I was not on the scene the moment Clark was shot, and neither were you. If you were, you need to come forward, because we need the truth.

Until then, we have a set of conflicting reports, innuendo and rumors, which many people seem to confuse with facts.

Was Clark handcuffed when he was shot?

We don't know. Police say no, possible witnesses say yes. If you are not one of those people, you may think you know but you don't. You just believe you do, based on your experiences or simply because that is what you choose to believe.

Who shot Clark?

We don't know yet, but we will.

Was he resisting arrest?

We don't know.

Was Clark shot in the head?

Yes. Tuesday night, the medical examiner said he was killed by a shot to the head.

Are there videos of the shooting?

There are videos, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions (BCA) said Tuesday, but no one video that shows the whole event. Rumors are rampant that there were amateur videos floating around, but they are suspiciously slow to materialize. Don't believe in them until you see them. Even then, remember that what you see in them is likely dependent on what you believe.

The fact is that in the death of Jamar Clark we, you and I, know very little.

So it may come as a surprise that so many people in this city act like they know exactly what happened and are willing to say so in the press and particularly on social media. Maybe that's part of the problem: Knowledge is in the palm of our hand, and all we have to do is speak into your phone to find the capital of Bolivia or the net worth of Bill Gates or whether Michael Brown ever said "hands up, don't shoot" that day in Ferguson.

We think we know everything.

Actually, we still don't know that last one, even though it's all over the Internet. Several grand jury witnesses actually supported the police officer's story in that case, as did forensic evidence. Was the grand jury process flawed? It certainly seemed so. But "hands up, don't shoot"?

We still don't know. We believe.

There are, in fact, plenty of reasons to be skeptical of answers simply provided by officials. Passing the investigation of Clark's death along to the BCA was a logical first step. But keep in mind that the BCA was called in to investigate 83 shootings of individuals by law enforcement officers in the past decade and in all but one concluded that the use of deadly force was justified, according to a Star Tribune investigation. The one case was dismissed.

So Mayor Betsy Hodges made the right call in asking for a federal investigation. That satisfied one of the demands by Black Lives Matter, but it likely would have happened whether they wanted it or not in this case.

BLM wants answers now, of course. We all do. But I also want accurate information. Facts.

When Ramsey police shot Chaz Michael Havenor in August 2014, the BCA investigated and released the names of the officers involved within a couple of days, along with basic details of the incident. Havenor was white, Clark is black.

The clock is ticking, and it's making people suspicious.

Some of the people at the demonstrations, however, are suspicious of anyone who seems somehow establishment or official. This is nothing new. Remember "don't trust anyone over 30"? On Monday night, some activists were telling people not to talk to the "white mainstream media," whatever that means. I guess it's me.

These are the same people who thank us privately for showing up and covering events and digging up data on arrests and police malfeasance. But that message doesn't play to the crowd.

Early Tuesday, however, BLM sent out a news release boasting that the demonstrations had been picked up by the BBC, Los Angeles Times, the Guardian and major television stations — the very definition of the "white mainstream media."

"This won't go away," the release said.

No, it won't, as long as those people with the notebooks and cameras who roam among you continue to demand facts from those who keep them. Not rumors, not beliefs, but facts.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29132816/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim.

The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah

Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966456.shtml>

(with video)

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Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has released a statement regarding the officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning in Minneapolis. The statement reads, in full:

I want to provide everyone with an update to the situation regarding the officer-involved shooting and the protests in our city and community. Before I do, I want to thank people for expressing their opinions on such an important issue. I understand and respect the sense of urgency.

I am working within my scope of authority to make sure that we have a fair and just process for everyone,

and to both listen to and work with the community.

To that end I asked for an independent investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a review by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office. I made this request because I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned.

In addition, Chief Harteau and I have also been clear in our commitment that people be able to assemble lawfully and peacefully, and have communicated that.

In the big picture, I remain steadfastly committed to our ongoing work, through the groundbreaking National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, to enhance procedural justice, reduce implicit bias, and encourage racial reconciliation. For years, I've been working to make sure we have the best possible relationship between our officers and the community and that commitment remains.

Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the City's to release: it is in the hands of the BCA and the Justice Department, as part of their independent investigations. I cannot interfere with those investigations; nor, in the spirit of conducting an independent and thorough investigation, should I even appear to do so. I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law. Finally, I have been asked to require that Minneapolis police officers live in Minneapolis, and that we institute a civilian-review authority with disciplinary powers. Regardless of the merits of those requests, they are barred by state law. I hear people's frustration. This process is going to require patience on all of our parts, including my own. Thank you for your commitment to a fair and independent process moving forward.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-still-looking-over-details-of-deadly-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark is dead. He was shot by Minneapolis police officers during a struggle while they were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted.

BCA investigators said Tuesday this case is a top priority. They are pouring through video, interviewing witnesses and collecting forensic evidence, all in hopes of figuring out what led to the shooting of Clark and whether or not he was in handcuffs when he was shot.

Video evidence from the scene comes from the ambulance that treated the assault victim, cameras from public housing, Minneapolis police portable cameras and cameras operated by witnesses. Investigators say none of that video will be made public.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the video going public we would potentially taint portions of the investigation," Drew Evans with the BCA said.

Evans says so far, none of the video investigators have looked at show the entire incident, the struggle with officers and the shooting of Clark. What we do know is there are lots of questions about how things unfolded.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, something police deny. Investigators say they will have to use science to find the truth.

"What we're still undergoing is to exactly how handcuffs came into this scene there, were handcuffs at the scene at the time and we're still examining if they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they just fell out at the scene that's what we are trying to exert," Evans said.

WCCO took a look at Jamar Clark's arrest record. We found 10 arrests in Minneapolis since 2009. His crimes range from robbery and aggravated assault to DWI and running from police.

Most recently in Ramsey County, Clark is accused of terroristic threats and domestic assault. We spoke with the man who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 3 years old.

James Clark, who told me that no matter what his son did in the past, no matter what his arrest record says, he did not deserve to die like he did. James Clark says his son was shot once near the eye and the bullet was still there when Jamar was taken off life support.

The Hennepin County Medical Center released its autopsy of Jamar Clark's death Tuesday. The report says he died of a gunshot wound to the head and his manner of death is a homicide.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/17/bca-video-of-jamar-clark-doesnt-show-entire-incident/75947500/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Investigators say they do not have video that shows the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in its entirety.

In a media briefing on Tuesday, the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension gave an update into their investigation into the death of Clark, who died Monday evening after being taken off life support.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said they've collected several videos in their investigation, from the ambulance that was on scene, a stationed mobile police camera in the area, public housing authority camera and witness cell phone video. However, none of the videos show the entire incident, only portions, he said.

No dash cam video or body camera video were taken of the incident, according to the BCA. Evans said there wasn't a camera in the squad car of the officers on scene.

Evans would not elaborate on what the videos did show.

"(That) video will not be released at this time, as is normal protocol with our investigations," he said.

"Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently and it would impact the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation."

Evans said they do not want to taint the investigation by making that video public, as interviews with witnesses are ongoing. He said the video will not be released until the investigation is complete.

The BCA is working with the establishment across the street, the Elk's Club, to obtain their video, as well.

Handcuffs were recovered from the scene, Evans said, but it is unclear at this point how or when they were used, or if they were used at all. No weapons were recovered from the scene.

Evans said they are also working to piece together information regarding the initial domestic assault that took place between Clark and a person he knew, which is what the officers were responding to initially.

Authorities say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who had responded to the scene to help the victim.

Who is Jamar Clark?

The two officers involved in the shooting remain on paid administrative leave. Evans said they are working

to interview both officers in the coming days. Those officers will be identified after their interviews are complete.

Evans said the investigation is still very active -- they are awaiting autopsy results, forensic evidence tests and additional interviews. The typical timeline for this kind of investigation is two to four months, however, Evans said this case has been given top priority from the BCA.

Anyone who still has video of the incident -- or that witnessed the incident -- and has not yet contacted the BCA is asked to do so by calling 651-793-7000.

Clark's death has spurred outrage from the Black Lives Matter community, who have staged a protest at the Fourth Precinct office of the Minneapolis Police Department since Sunday. The group also marched on to Interstate 94 on Monday evening, shutting down the freeway between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue. Late Tuesday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a statement on the Clark shooting developments. <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-has-partial-video-of-jamar-clark-shooting/>
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — State investigators looking into the fatal police shooting of a black Minneapolis man during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police dispute. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

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The BCA is investigating the case, but Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera in the video, a public housing camera, surveillance video from an Elks Club across the street, and citizens' cell phones.

None of the videos capture the entirety of the shooting, said Evans. He said none of the videos will be released while the investigation is ongoing because it could taint the probe.

At a brief news conference shortly after the BCA announced Clark's death, Evans also said no police dash cam video existed. Authorities said earlier the officers weren't wearing body cameras. Evans declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them in the next day or two.

Evans also confirmed that Clark had no weapon. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans repeated that 2 to 4 months was typical but added the Clark case "has been given top priority."

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release any video they have of the incident along with the officer's identity.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/harteau-2-minneapolis-squad-cars-damaged-in-shooting-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said at least two squad cars were damaged Sunday night and one arrest was made Monday in the protests following the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

Clark was taken off life support Monday night, and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

Clark was shot early Sunday morning after police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as

Clark, assaulting a woman. On the way to the call, authorities were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics at the scene. When officers arrived, there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark. The two officers involved in the incident have been on paid administrative leave, and their names have not been released.

Witnesses of the incident said Clark was handcuffed at the time of the shooting, but police and investigators say a preliminary investigation shows that wasn't the case.

Members of the group Black Lives Matter, upon hearing about Clark's shooting, immediately gathered at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct and protested throughout Sunday night.

Jamar Clark Protest Vandalism
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Harteau said two police squad cars were damaged in Sunday's protest. One was an unmarked vehicle that had all of its windows smashed in, its dash camera was damaged and the tires on the vehicle were slashed by a knife or sharp object. An arrest was made Monday in that incident, Harteau said.

Harteau said the damage done to the two cars is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars.

Black Lives Matter continued its protests Monday night, taking over Interstate 94 just north of downtown Minneapolis and forcing traffic to come to a standstill. Members of the group have demanded since the shooting that video of the incident be released as well as the names of the officers.

On the freeway, protesters changed and blocked drivers from getting through for more than two hours.

When law enforcement made alternate routes for drivers, the protesters tried to block those as well by creating a human chain across the detour. More than 40 protesters were eventually arrested for unlawful assembly.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/driscoll?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked the U.S. Justice Department for a civil rights investigation into the Sunday shooting of Jamar Clark.

- Monday: 51 arrested in shooting protest that blocked I-94

Hodges says a federal investigation will promote "transparency and community trust."

Some protesters had already been calling for a federal investigation, saying they didn't trust state law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is currently conducting the criminal investigation.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the Justice Department under President George W. Bush.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/gov-dayton-says-highway-protest-was-extremely-dangerous/>
Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/clark-shooting-feds-launch-probe-me-report-released/75965928/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or BCA.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. The statement from the coroner listed the manner of death as "homicide."

And while that very word created a buzz in social media Tuesday evening, experts consulted by KARE said it was not surprising to see that in the report.

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi and veteran criminal defense lawyer Earl Gray both said the term "homicide" in coroner's reports applies to all killings, including accidents and those slayings later ruled to be justified by self-defense. The term "homicide" in the lingo of medical examiners is not interchangeable with the word "murder" -- it does not convey intent or motive.

Protesters involved in the Black Lives Matter movement Tuesday demanded that authorities share more evidence, including surveillance video collected from businesses and homes. They also asked investigators to release the names of the officers involved in Clark's arrest and killing.

"We'll identify the officers once they've been interviewed and we'll provide additional information at that time," Drew Evans, the BCA superintendent, told reporters.

Evans said investigators hoped to interview the officers in the coming days.

There are many due process protections built into state law for officers accused of misconduct or crimes. The Minnesota Peace Officers Bill of Rights allows officers to have attorneys and union representatives on hand, and it permits officers to defer making any comments on the records until a formal complaint has been lodged.

Criminal attorney Fred Bruno confirmed Tuesday evening that he is representing the two officers.

Evans, when asked if he could confirm that Clark was unarmed at the time he was shot, simply said that no weapons were found at the scene other than the officer's guns.

According to Evans there are no police dash cam videos or body cam videos from the incident. And he said the surveillance camera footage doesn't show the incident in its entirety. So far no citizen videos have surfaced, but many witnesses have contacted the BCA offering to give personal accounts.

Some witnesses said Clark was already handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"There were handcuffs at the scene at the time, and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mister Clark or whether they just fell out at the scene. That's what we're trying to discern," Evans explained.

According to law enforcement sources the protocol in some police agencies is to handcuff suspects after they've been shot, as a precaution. It is not known yet whether that occurred in Clark's case.

"But the reality is whether he was handcuffed or not, how can we possibly justify an officer shooting him in the head when he was already on the ground?" Nekima Levy-Pounds of the Minneapolis NAACP told KARE. "There's simply no justification for that."

Levy-Pounds, an attorney who teaches at the University of Saint Thomas Law School, was among those who took part in the Black Lives Matter protest Monday night that blocked traffic on Interstate 94. She was among those who chose to stay and be arrested and jailed, rather than disperse when the Minnesota State Patrol arrived.

"As African Americans, generally speaking, it's very difficult for us to trust a system that has not been effective at meting out justice when it comes to officer involved shootings," she remarked. "We are tired of being killed at the hands of the police, and seeing a lack of accountability within the system."

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/clark-death-cameras?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/complaints-aplenty-after-freeway-protest/75961176/>
ST. PAUL, Minn. - In a press conference Tuesday, Governor Dayton expressed concern over the dangers of the Black Lives Matter freeway protest and said he discussed the situation with his staff.

"I am very uncomfortable with the fact it happened. I deeply regret it happened," said Governor Dayton. Dayton praised the Minnesota State Patrol for showing restraint and giving ample warning to the hundreds of protesters linking arms across 94 to block traffic during the sit-in.

"To put other lives at risk and shutting it down is extremely dangerous and I pray we will do everything possible prevent from happening again," said Dayton.

Minnesota State Patrol spokesperson Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said the protest was even more dangerous with low level light conditions, heavy traffic, wet roadways and light rain. She stated the Minnesota State Patrol responded as soon as they knew people were entering the freeway, and some 24 law enforcement agencies helped control protesters.

"In the United States, we have ample opportunity for first amendment rights to be honored and ample space for protesters to occupy space that's safe for them, and the freeway is not one of those options," said Lt. Schweigart.

Over loudspeakers, troopers gave protesters a 15 minute warning to disperse and exit the freeway. Lt. Schweigart said the protesters damaged trooper squad cars after throwing rocks and she said one trooper was punched by a protester who fled the scene.

"Even though I'm behind them, this is not the way to do it," said Pam Klocek, of Osseo, a driver stopped in traffic. "It puts a bigger divide between people and I think it's time they realize this is not the way to do it."

The 42 people arrested will now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrians on the freeway. Before many in the sit-in were arrested, they shouted, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

Civil rights attorney and University of St. Thomas professor Nekima Levy-Pounds stood before the protesters with her hands raised, waiting for troopers to arrest her first. Levy-Pounds has long been the voice and spokesperson of Black Lives Matter, and also serves as Minneapolis NAACP President.

"Hire some people of color on this force," she told the troopers. "This looks a scene from Selma, all white State troopers. We are Ferguson and we've been Ferguson for a long time. We are tired of this."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966313.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in response to an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning are continuing in Minneapolis for a third day.

Protesters continued to camp out Tuesday at the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis, and were blocking traffic on Plymouth Avenue. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protesters are demanding answers in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center. He was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner determined Tuesday Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head, and ruled his death was a homicide.

At issue is whether Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Protesters are demanding to see video evidence and they called for a federal investigation. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the video would not be released at this time because it might taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

The rain Tuesday did not slow the protesters down. At one point, they temporarily stopped a fire engine from passing. However, they quickly let it go through. Organizers then told protesters to let emergency vehicles through.

KSTP reporter Joe Augustine said, at one point, a vehicle sped through the crowd that was blocking the North Minneapolis precinct. The group chased the car. No one was hurt.

On Tuesday night, law enforcement were prepared for another protest like Monday night when 42 people were arrested after Interstate 94 was shutdown for three hours. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, bottles and rocks were thrown at squad cars, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

Many of those arrested now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway; both are misdemeanor offenses.

Gov. Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/blm-holds-vigil-for-clark-outside-of-police-station-in-day-3-of-protests/>

(with video)

The FBI said Tuesday it will start a criminal civil rights investigation into the death of Jamar Clark. That is one of the demands the Twin Cities Black Lives Matter group made after Clark's death on Saturday.

The group protested Tuesday for the third-straight night outside the 4th Precinct. They say they will stay until they see video of the incident, and know the names of the officers involved.

State troopers and city squads lined up near freeway ramps nearby to prevent a repeat of Monday night's shutdown of Interstate 94.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night and spent time in the Hennepin County Jail. They were released at about 3:30 a.m., but now face misdemeanor charges of trespassing and being a pedestrian on the freeway. Some of them returned here to the 4th Precinct to camp out again Tuesday.

But protestors did not go near the freeway; they said Tuesday night was about healing.

Protestors began the evening's rally by blocking off more of Plymouth Avenue. Supporters also delivered more supplies — including food, firewood, medical supplies and hand warmers.

William Douglas owns the Mass Appeal barber shop across the street from where protesters have been camped out since Sunday.

"It's kind of slowed down a little bit. You know, a lack of parking, stopping people from getting through," Douglas said. "It's a big impact on my business, but you know, hey, it is what it is. If they got to hang out, you know, til something get done, justice is done, it is what it is."

The BCA said Tuesday afternoon that officers did not have dashcam video or body camera video to help with the investigation into Clark's shooting. But they said they do have video from witnesses, and they will identify the officers when the investigation is complete.

"We're still undergoing as to exactly how the handcuffs ... came into the scene," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time, and that we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just ... at the scene."

Protesters reacted to the BCA's announcement by holding a night of unity at the precinct. They took turns sharing how the last couple days have made them feel. They were even treated to free massages.

People at the rally did not clash with drivers or police, but they did make sure their message was heard.

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<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/17/justice-department-to-probe-fatal-shooting-of-jamar-clark-by-police/>

(links and such)

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50697210-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jason Show tickets Minnesota Vikings Golden Gophers Ross Sveback Dale K Forest Lake News Team Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

"[We] don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

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Photo Why Minnesota BCA isn't releasing Jamar Clark shooting video

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene.

BCA agents are arranging interviews with the officers involved in the shooting. The officers involved are currently on paid administrative leave and will not be identified until they have spoken with investigators.

The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

The BCA is asking anyone who has additional video of the deadly confrontation to contact the bureau at 651-793-7000.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/justice-probe>

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into Sunday's fatal police shooting in Minneapolis. But former federal officials are cautioning that the process can be a long process and can leave community members with dashed expectations.

Protesters took to the streets Sunday and Monday to demand a federal inquiry into the shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges made the request to the United States Justice Department saying federal review would promote "transparency and community trust."

But while federal civil rights investigations are appealing to local leaders because they often seem more independent than a local law enforcement investigation, they can also lead to unrealistic expectations that charges will be filed, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice under President George W. Bush.

The civil rights division has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, Driscoll added.

"There are lots of things that an officer can do that might not be what we'd call a 'good shoot,'" Driscoll said. "But that does not make it a federal civil rights violation, because if the officer acted negligently or made a mistake or acted contrary to rules, that is not enough."

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Most officer-involved shootings that lead to death or serious injury will also be investigated by a federal agency regardless of any local request, Driscoll said.

Federal officers often wait to see how the state probe unfolds before making their inquiries. Many of those federal investigations aren't publicized, he added.

It's often easier for federal officials to conduct an investigation into incidents like this without publicity, said Thomas Heffelfinger, the former U.S. Attorney for Minnesota.

"The goal is to be able to gather as many facts as possible as quickly and as reliably as possible,"

Heffelfinger said. "It allows the FBI and the U.S. attorney to move quickly and quietly to make a decision, either to commence a formal investigation or not."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3965950.shtml>

(with video)

A man shot by police over the weekend, sparking protests in Minneapolis, has now died.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says 24-year-old Jamar Clark of Minneapolis died Monday night. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting.

His body was taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy. The medical examiner determined Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head and ruled his death as a homicide.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. They did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation.

Investigators say the names of the officers will be released after the interviews are complete; both are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and Mayor Betsy Hodges has also requested a federal civil rights investigation.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said handcuffs were found at the scene, and investigators are working to determine whether they were on Clark at the time of the shooting or if they were just at the scene.

Evans says several videos have been obtained so far, but none of them capture the incident in its entirety.

The videos are from the ambulance rig, a police camera in the area, the Public Housing Authority, and individuals with cellphones. Dash cam video and body cam video are not available.

Evans repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case, and by having the video being public, we would potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

U.S. Department of Justice Investigation

The calls had come from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Governor Mark Dayton and U.S.

Congressman Keith Ellison for a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) civil rights investigation into the shooting.

Read the statement Hodges issued regarding requests for external investigations [here](#).

"When a member of our community is severely wounded, the circumstances must be investigated," wrote Rep. Ellison in a letter to United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

The DOJ has dual civil and criminal authority to investigate alleged civil rights misconduct by any local police department.

"It's not surprising given the situation here, that's very volatile, that the calls have come so early," said Rachel Paulose, former U.S. Attorney of the District of Minnesota.

Paulose also worked in Washington, D.C., in the same unit that handles civil rights investigations under former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"It's understandable that civil rights leaders, law enforcement authorities, and political leaders are calling for transparency to restore community trust," Paulose said.

The FBI is now investigating.

"The Department received a request yesterday from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asking the FBI and Department of Justice to initiate a criminal civil rights investigation into the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark. This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state's investigation. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark's death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes. We ask for cooperation from any witnesses who believe they have information about the shooting and we urge calm throughout our community while investigators seek to determine the facts. As the investigation is ongoing the Department will have no further comment," a statement read from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS reporter Eric Chaloux also sat down with former two-time U.S. Attorney Thomas B. Heffelfinger to discuss the weekend shooting of Clark.

"That is not an indictment or a criticism of the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension) or its ability to do job," Heffelfinger said. "But there are some elements of this particular case, I'm thinking of the handcuff issue, the potential differences of testimony between what police are saying and what other witness are apparently saying."

Heffelfinger said these types of federal civil rights investigations into a police department's actions require federal agents to piece together every detail of the case.

"They are very difficult, they are very public, very visible, emotions are high, and therefore they are difficult to do," Heffelfinger said.

The U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Division conducted 15 federal investigations into local police departments from 2009-2012.

Protests Sparked after Shooting

The shooting has led to multiple protests and the arrest of 42 people who caused Interstate 94 westbound to

close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis on Monday night.

The Minnesota State Patrol says one trooper was assaulted during the protest but was not significantly injured, and several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks.

Anyone with information or video is asked to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/minneapolis-naacp-president-speaks-out-on-i-94-arrests/>
(with video)

More than 40 demonstrators arrested in a protest that shut down a Twin Cities freeway have now been released.

Dozens of protesters blocked traffic on Interstate 94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue for about two hours in north Minneapolis Monday night. They're demanding police release more information about the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark's family says they took him off life support last night after a scuffle with two Minneapolis Police officers early Sunday morning. Investigators say Clark had attacked a woman, then got in the way of paramedics trying to help her.

Police say they tried to calm Clark, but got into an altercation.

One of the officers shot him during that struggle. Some eyewitnesses say that wasn't necessary. They say officers had Clark in handcuffs or at least restrained. Police dispute that. Amid the outrage, the city has asked the Justice Department to investigate.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested and charged with unlawful assembly. The Minneapolis NAACP president said she stood strong and spent hours in jail in the name of justice for Clark.

A video, posted on Twitter, showed the moments before she was arrested and taken to jail.

She said organizers warned protesters if they remained on the freeway, they could be placed behind bars.

Levy-Pounds said, at that moment, she led the group in prayer and felt a sense of peace and courage.

Protesters call their efforts necessary to get answers in Clark's shooting and eliminate what they describe as an uneven justice system that targets African-Americans.

"Initially, it was a tough decision because of the fact that I'm a mom," Levy-Pounds said. "I have to think about getting my son to school ... But in that moment, I thought about Jamar Clark. I thought about the witness accounts that I've heard. I thought about the fact that that could have been my son. And the emotions, the anger, the outrage rose up in me and I said, 'I have to risk arrest at this time.'"

Many of the protesters spent about five hours in jail, before being freed this morning. Among the people who were arrested were eight juveniles. The Minnesota State Patrol said Tuesday morning that 42 people in total were arrested, which was a reduction from earlier reports of 51.

More than a dozen people remain at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct on Tuesday, where they plan to stay until the names of the officers involved in Clark's shooting and any existing video are released.

The BCA says the investigation will take as long as needed to get a complete understanding of what happened.

A spokeswoman says agents are still interviewing people and examining evidence, but won't elaborate on specifics. Once it's complete, the information will be turned over to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

The names of the officers involved still have not been released.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50598505-story>

(with video - from 11/22)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Clark, 24, died Monday, Nov. 16 after he was removed from life support. Witnesses have said Clark was in handcuffs and unarmed at the time of the shooting, but Minneapolis police said preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed.

Initial police call

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

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Photo Jamar Clark shooting: What we know, what's next

Medical examiner's report

According to the Hennepin County medical examiner's office, Jamar Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. His death has been ruled a homicide.

Clark was unarmed, handcuffs in question

BCA superintendent Drew Evans confirmed Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot and that handcuffs were recovered after the incident.

"We're still examining whether the handcuffs were on Mr. Clark or if they just fell out at the scene," Evans

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Union chief: Clark was reaching for officer's gun and was never cuffed

recinct

Officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

Minneapolis Police Federation president Bob Kroll said handcuffs were never placed on Jamar Clark and that Clark was trying to take an officer's gun. Read more <http://www.fox9.com/news/51169866-story>

Video of incident

Evans confirmed his investigators have several videos of the incident, but none capture the entirety of what happened, and there is no police body camera footage or squad car dash cam footage. Evans said the videos will not be released.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case," Evans said. "And by having video public, there is the potential for tainting portions of the investigation."

Officers identified

The BCA identified the officers involved in the shooting as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both officers have been with the MPD for 13 months and have been police officers for 7 years.

Occupation of 4th Precinct

Outraged community members and demonstrators with Black Lives Matter have occupied the vestibule of the 4th Precinct since the hours after Clark's shooting, while others have camped outside.

Demands of Black Lives Matter

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with "full disciplinary power"
5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

Mayor, police chief request DOJ investigation

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau have requested a Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark. The U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI responded with the following:

"This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state's investigation. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark's death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes."

I-94 protest

Hours after Mayor Hodges announced the DOJ investigation request, nearly 300 protesters shut down Interstate 94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis. According to State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m. Most of those arrested received misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Police reclaim the precinct

On the afternoon of No. 18, Minneapolis police began removing from the 4th Precinct. Chief Harteau said the department received complaints from the community about being unable to reach the police station. The chief said bottles and rocks were thrown at officers as they approached the 4th Precinct to remove protesters. PHOTOS - <http://www.fox9.com/news/51159040-gallery>

Gov. Dayton meets with Jamar Clark's family

"I have met this afternoon with members of Mr. Jamar Clark's family, with the leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, and with Congressman Keith Ellison. I expressed my sympathy to the members of Mr. Clark's family and his community for their loss.

"We were joined by telephone by Assistant United States Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the Department's Civil Rights Division and Anthony Newby of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change.

"The Assistant Attorney General repeated her statement last night that a release of any tapes now in the possession of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension would be "extremely detrimental" to the federal investigation.

"Accordingly, I asked the family and Black Lives Matter leaders to meet with the Department of Justice Attorneys, who will be flying to Minnesota tomorrow, to discuss the disposition of the tapes.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation.

"I will also urge the Department of Justice lawyers and the U.S. Attorney to investigate any matters, which occurred in Minneapolis during the past week that may have violated the civil rights of any Minnesota citizens.

"I also reiterate my call for a Special Session of the Minnesota Legislature to address the racial disparities in North Minneapolis and elsewhere in Minnesota.

"And I will meet with leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change in December."

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges releases statement on protests (11/21):

“Minneapolis is grieving right now, and I share the sadness that many feel in our city this week. During this time, police officers have shown restraint and professionalism under very challenging conditions, and most protesters have gathered peacefully. I have asked officers and protesters to continue to exercise restraint and respect as we continue to balance the need to grieve and protest peacefully with the need to ensure everyone’s safety. Day in and day out, we ask officers to do the difficult work of keeping our city and our people safe. I know they will continue to do their best to protect neighbors and protesters from violent elements who are out only to do harm. ““I know that we have it in us, as a city and a people, to use this moment to recommit to transforming our city into the One Minneapolis we know we can and must become.”

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/williams2?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29
The weekend shooting of an African American man by a Minneapolis police officer has once again sparked passionate protests.

City officials have asked state and federal authorities to investigate the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

This is not the first time the city has requested outside help at looking into a high-profile clash between police and residents.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Minnesota Public Radio reporter Brandt Williams about recent police shootings — especially in Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/blm-holds-vigil-for-clark-outside-of-police-station-in-day-3-of-protests/>
(with video)

Protestors began the evening’s rally by blocking off more of Plymouth Avenue. Supporters also delivered more supplies — including food, firewood, medical supplies and hand warmers.

William Douglas owns the Mass Appeal barber shop across the street from where protesters have been camped out since Sunday.

“It’s kind of slowed down a little bit. You know, a lack of parking, stopping people from getting through,” Douglas said. “It’s a big impact on my business, but you know, hey, it is what it is. If they got to hang out, you know, til something get done, justice is done, it is what it is.”

The BCA said Tuesday afternoon that officers did not have dashcam video or body camera video to help with the investigation into Clark’s shooting. But they said they do have video from witnesses, and they will identify the officers when the investigation is complete.

“We’re still undergoing as to exactly how the handcuffs ... came into the scene,” BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said. “There was handcuffs at the scene at the time, and that we’re still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just ... at the scene.”

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(with video)

Authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark as protests roiled the city for a fourth day Wednesday and officers set up barricades at a north Minneapolis police precinct headquarters where hundreds of protesters were still on hand late into the night.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) identified the officers as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Each has seven years policing experience, including the last 13 months with Minneapolis.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, said the shooting happened after Clark allegedly tried to grab one of the officer’s guns when they responded to a paramedic’s 911 call for help early Sunday morning and scuffled with Clark. An autopsy said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau declined to discuss the assertion at a news conference Wednesday afternoon, but defended her order to break up protesters camped outside the department’s Fourth Precinct for safety reasons.

Tension remained high around the building late into the night, with police releasing pepper spray on at least two occasions to push crowds back. Police were spotted on the building’s roof on and off throughout the evening.

While some in the angry crowd called for a peaceful protest, others went nose to nose with police officers, yelling obscenities.

Minneapolis police appeared to begin moving protesters off the 4th precinct property Wednesday afternoon.

Video (00:11): Police begin to confront protesters outside 4th Precinct HQ

When an elderly neighbor using a cane came out to plead for quiet at what she said was her bedtime, the crowd turned down the volume. After a couple of protesters threw rocks, others urged them to remain nonviolent.

Earlier in the afternoon, dozens of officers streamed out of a side entrance, stormed a group of protesters huddled outside the station's main entrance and forced the group to move to the sidewalk. Moments later, a white van pulled up to the station, and several armored officers toting rifles with beanbag rounds and tear gas joined the blockade.

As the showdown between the two sides wore on, officers began dismantling sections of the protesters' makeshift camp, hauling away blankets, food and books in large plastic bags. Even so, about a dozen rain-soaked tents remained in place alongside the station.

Two black officers stood in front of the police barricade trying to calm the protesters. Some North Side residents, including several members of Clark's family, pleaded with protesters to remain peaceful.

"The decision was made to remove people who were blocking the entrance and covering the security camera within the vestibule," Harteau said at the news conference, where she was joined by Mayor Betsy Hodges. "We also received multiple complaints from residents who were unable to gain entry to speak with our officers and investigators."

Hodges later said on her Facebook page that she "firmly believes in everyone's right to protest." She and Harteau "are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully."

On Twitter, someone posted a photo of protesters standing in the mayor's house, apparently talking to her husband, Gary Cunningham. The tweet said Betsy Hodges was not at home.

Inspector Mike Friestleben said police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. Two others — one accused of throwing a water bottle at officers outside the precinct, and another wanted for allegedly slugging a state trooper during a protest Monday night that spilled onto Interstate 94 — were briefly "secured" and released, Friestleben said. He added that several officers sustained minor injuries after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

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Officers' history

Ringgenberg and Schwarze haven't had any disciplinary actions since they joined the Minneapolis department, said Kroll, of the police union. They have been on standard paid administrative leave since the shooting. The BCA, which is investigating Clark's death, met with the officers Tuesday night. The FBI is also conducting its own inquiry into whether the shooting of Clark, who was black, violated any civil rights laws.

Ringgenberg joined the Minneapolis force in September 2014 after 2½ years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments. Maple Grove police said Wednesday that Ringgenberg had two exemplary job reviews, received multiple internal commendations and had no disciplinary actions in his personnel file. Before that, he was a San Diego police officer from July 2008 to March 2012, working part of the time on a special team handling high-crime areas. In San Diego, he was sued in federal court in 2012 for his alleged rough treatment of a suspect resisting arrest. The suit was later dismissed.

Schwarze also became a Minneapolis officer in September 2014. He came from the Richfield Police Department after being on that force for almost six years. He also was a community service officer with the Brooklyn Park Police Department for two years, a Mall of America security guard for a month and a member of the Champlin Police Department's Explorer program for nearly three years.

In 2009, a federal lawsuit was dismissed that alleged Schwarze forced a man to become a police informant through false arrests and threats.

Conflicting accounts

Clark, of Minneapolis, was shot during what police described as a struggle with officers on the street in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. about 12:45 a.m. Sunday. Police have said Clark was interfering with paramedics tending to his girlfriend.

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More

Police spokesman John Elder said that police are withholding the identity of the woman and details about her condition because "it is tied into the officer incident."

The BCA said it has several videos of the shooting, but none show the incident in its entirety.

The 10-year-old son of Tequila Dillon said he witnessed Clark's death. At first, Dillon said, she didn't believe her son Ze'Morion, who kept telling her that "the police killed someone."

But Dillon said she saw Clark after he was shot, a handcuff clasped around one arm. Dillon didn't see

Clark fighting with police, but repeated what her son had told her: "They told the man to back up and he did," she said. "Something needs to be done. What would justify this?"

Gov. Mark Dayton on Wednesday evening said some of his staff have viewed video recorded from an ambulance showing the incident between Clark and police. "I've not viewed it," Dayton said.

Dayton said rumors that the National Guard would be called to the scene of ongoing protests at a police station in Minneapolis are false.

"Totally incorrect," he said, adding: "I've not given any consideration, given what I know now, to doing so."

Pleas for justice

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Clark's family members and their supporters spoke to the news media late Wednesday morning at the Minneapolis Urban League, with sister Javille Burns describing Clark as a man who would give children a dollar whenever they asked or take off his T-shirt to give it to someone who needed it to stay warm.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," said Burns, backed by others in her family. "He did not deserve to be shot down like an animal."

Clark's relatives have said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. He worked for a trucking company and started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

"He was a peaceful person, despite what people say about my brother," Burns said.

Burns said she holds no ill will toward the officers involved in her brother's death. "I'm not angry at them. I pray for them. I pray for their souls."

Lena Gardner, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said at the media gathering that she and fellow activists will stay vocal until they are heard by the authorities.

"We want them to stop killing us," Gardner said. "We have rung the bells loud. We are not going to take this anymore."

Interim Urban League President Steven Belton urged witnesses of the shooting to come forward and provide information. Belton vowed that the black community will remain united in the pursuit of justice for Clark and his loved ones.

"We have spelled out specific demands and requests," he said. "The bottom line is justice."

"A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened," U.S. Sen. Al Franken said in a statement Wednesday. "In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

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This morning I couldn't decide whether or not to wear my Black Lives Matter T-shirt to work.

Today I rode in a squad car with a white police officer and sat with a grieving black parent. I want to share my experience in the hope that it might help fists unclench.

I want to wear my shirt because I support Black Lives Matter. I have been to marches and protests, and am committed to a faith community that supports the BLM movement. I am a social worker at a school in north Minneapolis that has one of the highest rates of poverty and homelessness in our district. Many of my students struggle with emotional and behavioral challenges that profoundly limit their ability to find success in school or beyond. Many of their families suffer from generational poverty, incarceration, addiction and ongoing community violence. And most of them are black. Inequity, oppression, mass incarceration, discrimination and prejudice have deeply scarred many of the children I work with. Black Lives Matter. To me.

I don't want to wear the shirt because it necessarily puts me in opposition to the Minneapolis Police Department. My job is dangerous. In my school, our dedicated team works with highly traumatized, hypervigilant, and often aggressive children who have been shown to be a danger to themselves or to others. Despite best efforts to end the "school to prison pipeline," the district has given us a school resource officer (SRO) to assist us with students who escalate out of our control. The SRO has helped me find runaway middle-schoolers, make welfare checks on truants, calm frantic parents, and transport children in crisis, and has helped me navigate the dangerous parts of the neighborhoods my students call home. My SRO does his job well, and I rely on him to help me do mine.

Today he drove me by the protest over Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police. The officer shared his thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to his point of view, grateful that he was willing to speak honestly about his frustration with BLM in general and this situation specifically. He defended the

officers and the department against what he felt were unfair accusations. I was uncomfortable, but I listened. We were on our way to help a mother find her 12-year old daughter, who never came home last night. We found the student and saw an emotional reunion. The parent was deeply grateful to the officer. A few hours later, I was sitting with a mother whose 10-year-old son, another of our students, had witnessed Sunday's shooting when he ran outside his house. She described how he was "extra clingy" since then and asked that he be excused from school for an extra day. She shared her thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to her point of view, grateful that she was willing to speak honestly about what had happened at her doorstep, how it affected her family, her exhaustion and her rage. We will welcome her son back to school when he is ready and try to help him heal, being present to the fear he and his peers grow up with.

My job puts me in the middle of this storm.

I support #JusticeforJamar. Black Lives Matter. I want the racial wounds of this nation to be acknowledged. I want the cycles of violence that harm our black children to be stopped. I want white privilege to be dismantled. I want freedom and justice for all. But I also want to recognize the allies in the ranks of those we may label as enemies. Our white resource officer does more to protect the lives of my black students than anyone else I know. He offers them support and friendship in school and in the community. He supports parents, and he supports me.

His negative views of Black Lives Matter discourage me. As do the negative views many black parents and children hold toward white police officers trying to protect and serve.

The storm swirls around us all, deafening, unless we take time to listen to one another.

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This week is not the first time police and protesters have squared off along Plymouth Avenue in north Minneapolis. In 1967, the very same street saw some of the most destructive riots in city history. The legacy that persists from those clashes is something all sides should remember in the coming days and weeks.

That summer, 150 National Guard troops were deployed to the area. More than 30 fires blazed over three days. At least three people were wounded by gunfire, according to newspaper accounts.

While those events paled in comparison with the devastating riots that swept Detroit the same week, the Plymouth Avenue unrest had a similarly lasting impact on the community.

The most enduring effect hides in plain sight today, obvious only if you look at photos taken before the unrest. Of the dozens of storefronts that once lined the street, not one remains. Butcher shops, bakeries, a bowling alley. Koval Appliances and the Homewood Theater. All gone.

Whatever didn't burn that week would quickly fall in the name of urban renewal. By the mid-1970s, when I was growing up nearby, Plymouth was an avenue of empty lots. For a full mile between the alphabetically ordered cross-streets of Aldrich and Penn Avenues, there is exactly one pre-1967 building still standing.

Gaps have been partly filled in with cheap apartments, or with social service and government buildings, most notably the Fourth Precinct police station built in 1988. But from Aldrich to the city line at Wirth Park, there are just three commercial establishments — a liquor store, a barbershop and the Estes Funeral Chapel. From the corner where Jamar Clark was shot, it's a 20-minute walk to buy a carton of milk.

It's true that Plymouth Avenue was already declining by 1967, as many of the area's Jewish businesses followed their customers to the suburbs. But that was happening elsewhere in the city, too. What the riots destroyed forever was the original, pedestrian-friendly streetscape — the sort of community infrastructure that has helped to anchor and revive so many other Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods.

There were charges of police brutality before the 1967 riots, too, and those troubles have remained. As a teenager in the 1980s, I was once stopped by a Fourth Precinct cop who didn't give me a ticket but wanted to know what a white guy like me was doing living "up here with these animals."

Activists this week warned that north Minneapolis is ready to burn, that the neighborhood is just one bullet away from Ferguson or Baltimore. History gives a loud warning of what can happen to a community once that match is struck. Scorched earth does not easily regrow.

Residents and community leaders trying to keep the pressure on for justice should do all they can to keep the protests as peaceful as they are purposeful.

And for the mayor and the police, the job should be to get to the truth of this weekend's events as quickly, honestly and transparently as possible — no matter where the trail leads.

Don't let Plymouth Avenue burn again.

Jon Coifman, of New York, was raised on the North Side and returns regularly.

[-http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-police-shooting-puts-spotlight-on-racial-tension/351650491/](http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-police-shooting-puts-spotlight-on-racial-tension/351650491/)

MINNEAPOLIS — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, the police union leader, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

A gathering Thursday night was more peaceful, the Star Tribune reported. Two men were arrested on preliminary charges of felony damage to property after profanities were found spray-painted on the precinct building, the police department tweeted.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29133929/

Authorities on Wednesday released the names of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man over the weekend, and police later made a show of force outside a precinct where protesters have been encamped for days.

The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of Sunday's shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, identified the officers involved as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

Police released the officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law. However, police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Hours after the release of the names, which demonstrators had been demanding for days, officers lined up outside a North Side precinct where protesters set up camp. They removed a shelter canopy and dumped water on a campfire, but left the roughly 18 tents untouched before forming a wall in front of the precinct's entrance.

The several dozen protesters at the site jeered the officers, chanting "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly relit.

Chief Janee Harteau said the department has no plans to clear the area and stop the protests as long as they are peaceful.

"We will not tolerate property damage or acts of violence against anyone," she said. She said the building's entry must be kept clear for reasons of safety and access.

But at about 7 p.m., police made what appeared to be an attempt to clear protesters off the west front lawn of the precinct station. They burst out of a side door of the front vestibule and pushed their way out to the curb, knocking down shelters and forcing back protesters as they moved.

Police held the line at the curb for a couple of minutes while protesters pushed back against them. Some protesters grew hostile and tried to rush the line but were pushed back by police batons and pulled back by fellow protesters. Police soon retreated, protest leaders helping to cover their retreat from more aggressive members.

About an hour later, police moved to reclaim fence gates where protesters had hung tarps to shield themselves from chemical spray. Police pushed their way out the west gate, spraying chemical irritant at protesters who tried to keep them from removing the tarps.

Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said. And the department said via Twitter that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers suffered minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

Eventually, the protesters abandoned all three fence gates and focused their numbers on the front of the station. However, groups of protesters later reoccupied the fence gates, saying they wanted to keep officers from going home for the night.

Demonstrators get maced as they confront bicycle police at the western gate of the Minneapolis Police Departments 4th precinct building on Plymouth Avenue

Demonstrators get maced as they confront bicycle police at the western gate of the Minneapolis Police Departments 4th precinct building on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Police say Clark, a suspect in an assault, was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim early Sunday, and was shot when he scuffled with police in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Some community members have alleged he was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the BCA's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the president of the Minneapolis police union told KARE-TV and KSTP-TV that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the scuffle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. The scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said that Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that Ringgenberg and Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

Kroll said that the two officers were interviewed Tuesday night.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said.

Kroll said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter." He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Evans said investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Asked whether any of the video shows Clark in handcuffs, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that it captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

Protesters had vowed to remain outside the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred until authorities release any video.

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"We take this matter very seriously," Dayton said. "I am hopeful that that demonstration of shared concern will be recognized."

Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges used her Twitter account to dismiss an NBC News report that said she had requested the National Guard's assistance.

Also Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken said he supported the federal investigation into Clark's death

This article includes Pioneer Press staff reports.

-<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/11/18/national-guard-not-called-minneapolis-governor-mayor-say/>

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For days, Minneapolis has simmered with protests after the police shooting of Jamar Clark Sunday night.

Despite several clashes, and a news report claiming otherwise, neither Dayton nor Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges say the Guard has been called to assist.

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On Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken joined with officials from the city and state, as well as U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, in urging a federal investigation into Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said in a statement. "I support the decision of Mayor Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau to call for an independent investigation."

-<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3967530.shtml>

(With video)

The Minneapolis Police Department is responding to protesters who have stationed themselves at the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday.

During an afternoon news conference, Harteau said protesters have the right to have their voices heard but that public safety is the "number one priority."

She added that bottles and rocks were thrown at officers and that "violence will not be tolerated."

However, while officers warned four women Wednesday that they would face arrest if they did not leave the building's vestibule, Harteau said officers have no plans to stop protests, so long as they are peaceful. Meanwhile, Inspector Michael Friestleben said in addition to bottles and rocks being thrown, gunfire was investigated near the precinct. Friestleben said police cars have been damaged in the protests; one had its tires slashed and windows broken.

"Officers have remained calm and they've worked hard," Friestleben said about officers' responses to the protests.

He added that extra enforcement has been brought in to monitor and respond to the situation.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at the afternoon news conference, said "emotions are running high in the community and they are running high for everybody in the city right now" and asked for patience with the investigation.

"It's important for the community to be able to move forward together effectively in the coming days and weeks and months," Hodges said.

Earlier in the day, protesters shouted at police as officers pulled down an awning at the 4th Precinct, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Read more about the protests here.

Read more about the investigation here.

-<http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/11/to-bear-witness-in-the-4th-precinct/>

(numerous tweets, not copied in)

The day may yet come when the need for a healthy news media is eclipsed by the technology that makes them irrelevant. But last night's assault on protesters by the Minneapolis Police Department showed we're not there yet, not nearly so.

Twitter proved again last night that it — not radio, not TV, not newspapers, not blogs — is the most effective medium for covering the reality of events on our streets.

And it's true that a smartphone and a pair of eyes can make anyone a journalist, able to tell their story as they see fit.

But it's difficult to sort out the spin. That much was made clear by this tweet last night from the Minneapolis Police Department, which, like its enemy in the street, attempted to control the story in a tug-of-war on Twitter. But you can't tell a story from somewhere else.

Journalists, some of whom were maced by police, immediately offered a confirmation that the police were at least partially responsible, a confirmation that the MPD eventually acknowledged.

Protesters tweeted, too, that they weren't provoking the cops. But some were. Journalists' tweets showed some throwing rocks.

KARE 11's Ben Garvin was one of those with a seat at the Twitter fight for the soul of the narrative.

By mid-evening a small army of reporters reliably told the whole story, armed with their smartphones and their most potent weapon: trust.

There is value, of course, to the social media of participants, who now have the freedom to raise voices previously muzzled.

But it has not yet eclipsed — not nearly so — the value of a courageous storyteller.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/nation-now/2015/11/18/minneapolis-police-death/76008458/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis officers removed activists, who had been camping out three days to protest the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of police, from the front of their 4th Precinct station Wednesday after releasing the names of officers involved in the incident.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze were among those who responded to reports of a domestic assault in north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. CT Sunday, according to Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of the shooting. When authorities arrived, Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, who was a suspect in the assault, was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said.

Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze have been with the Minneapolis department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years, state officials said. Police released the two officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law.

The officers were interviewed Tuesday night. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said Wednesday that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said of the investigation. Both officers are on paid administrative leave pending the probe's outcome.

While Kroll said that neither officer had faced disciplinary action while working for the Minneapolis police department, Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while working as an officer with the Richfield, Minn., Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge with prejudice.

Riggenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove, Minn., before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Hours after the officers' names were released — one the activists' demands — police stormed their encampment and created a human chain between Black Lives Matter activists and the 4th Precinct building.

Police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to demonstrators starting about 1:30 p.m. CT, moving them away from the station. SWAT teams dressed in camouflage who jumped out of vans quickly followed the first line of officers.

"We don't die, we multiply!" some protesters chanted as they stood directly in front of the officers. Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street.

Clark died Monday evening, a day after police shot him during the early Sunday struggle. Some community members have alleged that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot but later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the state agency's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

Clark has convictions that include aggravated robbery and terroristic threatening but had no weapon that night, investigators later said.

Clark's sister Javille Burns said Wednesday that she wanted to dispel misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. At a Minneapolis Urban League press conference, she spoke of Clark as generous, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store.

He was a decent person whose life and death will not be forgotten, she said.

"He will not die in vain," Burns said. "His voice will be heard across the country."

Protesters have had three demands since they learned of the shooting:

Release the names of the officers involved

Request a federal civil-rights investigation and

Release any associated video.

Now they and others also want a meeting with federal Justice Department officials, who in the spring had selected the city for a program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

The FBI agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation, but on Tuesday state investigators said they would not release video while their probe was ongoing because no dashboard or body camera footage existed.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

On Wednesday as police cleared the encampment in front of the 4th Precinct near Sunday's shooting, images from KARE-TV's news helicopter Wednesday showed a crowd of more than 100 with more arriving by the minute.

More police crews also arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area.

Some chaos ensued, including a moment when multiple officers chased a demonstrator for unknown reasons. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested.

The decision to retake the precinct building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety because protesters were blocking the entrance to the precinct building and not allowing the public inside, she later said.

As protesters were shouting down police in the afternoon, Burns drove by the police station, clearly angry

after speaking calmly at the Urban League press conference about wanting justice for her brother.

"You're pissing people off," she yelled at the activists. "These officers can't do nothing for you."

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-<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-force-black-lives-protesters-to-move-off-precinct-7844221>

The very day Jamar Clark was gunned down in North Minneapolis by police, about 20 Black Lives Matter activists crowded into the vestibule of the fourth precinct police station. An overnight sit-in swelled into a campsite, and four days later the 1900 block of Plymouth had become a shanty-town replete with fire pits, port-o-johns, hot food and donations of blankets and fresh socks.

Protesters vowed to stay until three demands were met: a federal investigation, release of video footage, and termination of the two officers involved.

So far, they've only gotten one of those things. Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for and received the U.S.

Department of Justice's pledge to investigate what happened the night of Clark's death. Cops claim Clark reached for an officer's gun while interfering with paramedics trying to treat a domestic assault victim. A number of witnesses claim he had been lying on the ground, bound with handcuffs, when a cop shot him in the head for no apparent reason.

On Wednesday Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau decided that enough was enough, and ordered the protesters' eviction. They were blocking off the entrance and preventing citizens from reporting crimes, said Sgt. Steve Mosey.

Infuriated, protesters accused Hodges of conspiring with the police, luring leaders of BLM into a meeting just as cops moved in. Hodges' office denies the claim — the mayor met with a handful of BLM organizers and members of the Clark family in the morning, while the clearing of the vestibule began at about 2 p.m. As protesters screamed bloody murder and "Fuck the police," cops in riot gear attempted to tear down their tents, leading to a tense exchange on the lawn.

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At one point James Hill, Clark's father, confronted an officer, saying, "They already killed my son, what can they do to me?" — to which the cop laughed and responded, "I appreciate you, I appreciate you."

For hours the crowd outside the station grew as protesters called for reinforcements and refreshments.

Police guarding the door, watching from the roof and surrounding streets ignored protesters taunting them to shoot, but did engage in sporadic debates about justice and due process. Protesters linked arms and encircled the building. Officers changed shifts.

As night fell, protesters claimed to have been maced and shot with rubber bullets. Minneapolis Police confirmed they did fire a marking round at a man who had been throwing rocks.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/police-storm-4th-precinct-remove-protesters/76005158/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - As night fell over Minneapolis Wednesday, tensions between protesters and police rose to a new peak.

Around 6:30 p.m., protesters began surrounding the precinct, continuing chants, demanding justice in the shooting death of Jamar Clark. Police say protesters began throwing rocks, bricks and bottles at officers.

Police say officers have been hit, but none have needed medical attention. Shortly before 9 p.m., chemical irritants were deployed, both from officers and protesters.

Police fired at least one "marking round" at someone who they say threw a brick which hit an officer. They say the suspect ran away and has not been arrested.

One protest organizer told KARE 11 those throwing bricks or bottles at officers are not part of the organized protest and that "there are angry people showing up and causing trouble and making the rest of us look bad."

Earlier Wednesday, police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to Black Lives Matter demonstrators, moving them away from the building in the process. The first line of officers was quickly followed by SWAT teams that jumped out of vans dressed in camouflage.

More crews then arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area. There was some chaos, including one moment when multiple officers chased a man who allegedly threw a bottle at an officer. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested. Later, she backed off that statement, saying protesters were allowed to peacefully protest in the area but they had to stay away from the entrances to the precinct.

KARE 11 photojournalists captured images of demonstrators standing directly in front of police officers, chanting "We don't die, we multiply!" Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street.

Images from SKY 11 showed a crowd of more than 100, with more people arriving and the noise increasing as the afternoon unfolded.

Harteau met with the media Wednesday afternoon and told reporters that the decision to retake the precinct

building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety -- and was a decision she made as chief. She said her department recognizes the public's right to protest, but said members of Black Lives Matter and other groups were sleeping and spending time in the precinct entry, blocking residents from getting in to see officers.

Fourth Precinct Inspector Mike Friestleben says four female protesters were occupying the entryway Wednesday afternoon and were asked to leave. When they refused, the women were cited for trespassing. As officers were moving the women out Friestleben says the crowd became agitated and violent, and started pelting officers with rocks and bottles. At that point tactical squads were called in armed with guns that fire beanbags.

During the uproar officers were able to identify and arrest a man suspected of punching a Minnesota State Trooper in the face on Monday night. They also chased down and arrested a protester who hit an officer with a bottle.

Both Chief Harteau and Inspector Friestleben commended officers for their poise and restraint, dealing with demonstrators who have at times been verbally abusive and physically violent, throwing rocks and bottles from the time the "occupation" began Sunday night. The chief says that protesters have become increasingly bold and comfortable as the demonstration went on, even smoking pot and sleeping in the entrance of the precinct.

Jamar Clark's sister confronts protesters KARE

Earlier Wednesday afternoon, there was an interesting moment as Jamar Clark's sister drove up on the scene as protesters were shouting down police. Javille Burns opened her window and addressed protesters, clearly angry, asking them what their goal was. "You're pissing people off," she shouted. "These officers can't do nothing for you... you're ignorant." When one protester tried to engage her, Burns jumped out of the car and ran at him. "That's my brother that got shot... my blood (expletive) brother!"

-<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/shooting-jamar-clark-what-we-know>

Early Sunday morning, on the city's North Side, a Minneapolis police officer shot a 24-year-old man named Jamar Clark in the head. In the three days since, the incident has made national headlines, led to state and federal investigations and inspired a protest that shut down one of the busiest highways in the state, resulting in dozens of arrests.

As of this moment, however, information about the incident itself is scarce, and in some cases, conflicting. Here's what we know so far — and what we don't — about what happened (note: this story was last updated November 20 to reflect new information):

How did this whole thing start?

Shortly after midnight, two Minneapolis police officers responded to a call for assistance from paramedics reporting a man interfering with their ability to help an assault victim, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The officers arrived at the scene, on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, and got into an altercation with Clark, who was a suspect in the assault. In the course of this encounter, one of the officers shot Clark.

Was Clark handcuffed when the officer shot him?

This is in dispute. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau says he was not. However, some witness accounts say otherwise. The group Black Lives Matter posted a video yesterday morning featuring a woman who says she saw the officer shoot Clark while Clark was in cuffs.

Did Clark die as a result of his wounds?

Yes. Despite some initial reports, Clark did survive the shooting, though he was in extremely critical condition. He died Monday night and his body has been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

What do we know about the officers involved?

The BCA released their names Wednesday morning: Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been police officers for seven years, and both have been with the Minneapolis Police Department for a little more than a year. Schwarze has faced two internal affairs complaints in his time on the force. One was dismissed with no discipline earlier this year; the other is still open. Police won't release any details on the nature of the complaints. Ringgenber has not had any complaints.

Was the shooting caught on video?

Yes. On Tuesday, the BCA acknowledged that footage of the incident does exist, including from an ambulance, bystanders, a police mobile video station and a public housing building. None captured the incident in full, so it's yet to be seen exactly what the video will show. Minnesota Public Radio has posted audio from the BCA press conference.

Why is there no police body camera footage?

The officers weren't wearing them. The Minneapolis Police Department hasn't officially rolled out its body camera program yet, though it expects to in early 2016. The department did run a pilot project, but it ended earlier this year.

How have critics responded?

Black Lives Matter and others assembled promptly after reports of the shooting and have since been camped outside the MPD's fourth precinct station. On Monday, the group issued a "list of demands,"

including that police release footage of the incident, which the protestors believe will confirm Jamar was handcuffed during the incident. The group also asked for an independent investigation into the shooting, saying the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension wasn't capable of being impartial. On Monday night, hundreds of protestors took the streets and blocked westbound traffic on I-94. Police arrested 51 people on various minor charges.

What's been the response of city officials?

Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference Monday night with several other city leaders, where she announced the city had asked the federal Department of Justice for an independent civil rights investigation, which will occur in concurrence with the state's BCA investigation. In her letter, Hodges said she and Harteau have "utmost faith" that the BCA can conduct a proper investigation, but "believe it assists the interests of transparency and community confidence" to have the DOJ step in too. Harteau added that the investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

What will be the DOJ's role?

The DOJ agreed to take the case Tuesday. The federal agency will make determinations on the case independent from the state, says Mark Osler, former assistant U.S. Attorney. The department also brings investigators with national experience in these types of cases, which the state doesn't have. If the DOJ does find criminal wrongdoing, the officers could potentially face federal charges (though, as FiveThirtyEight points out, that's proven to be historically rare). But that's not the only possible outcome, says Osler. Another would be issuing a report identifying problems in the system and making recommendations to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau

MinnPost photo by Peter Callaghan

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau stated at Monday's press conference that the BCA investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

Was this Jamar Clark's first encounter with police?

No. Clark has faced several criminal charges in the past. He was convicted of first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010 and terroristic threats-reckless disregard risk earlier this year, both felonies. In an interview with KARE-11, Clark's brother said Jamar was "trying to get his life back together."

How often do Minnesota police officers fatally shoot suspects?

Between 1994 and 2014, 115 people died in police shootings, according to data reported by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (though the Pioneer Press recently pointed out that this dataset may be incomplete). The deadliest years over that 20-year period were 2009 and 2010, with 11 officer-related shootings each year. In 2014, seven people died in police shootings, according to the data.

So why is this one getting so much more attention?

Partly due to the circumstances, but also because of the response from groups like Black Lives Matter. Many community leaders have likened the event to others around the country involving black victims, such as the case in Ferguson, Missouri, in which a white officer shot an unarmed black man.

Why haven't we seen the videos?

They're not public yet. As the Minnesota Coalition for Open Government points out, any video obtained by police falls under private "criminal investigative data." That doesn't mean we won't see the footage eventually. When the investigation ends, the videos will automatically become public. Given the high demand for the video, however, it's probable that investigators will release the footage once they've made a determination in the case.

Have the protests turned violent?

For the most part, the protests have been peaceful, but there have been some reports of violence. Harteau said in a press conference Thursday that some demonstrators had thrown bottles, rocks, bricks and Molotov cocktails at officers and squad cars, causing serious damage to 12 police vehicles, two portable cameras and the Fourth Precinct building. There was also a report of shots fired near the protest site. In response, police have used measures like chemical irritant spray and non-lethal marking rounds, which are supposed to identify agitators. Some protestors have alleged further abuse by the police. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP, said Thursday that cops beat up two women in an alley. Levy-Pounds said there was video of the incident, though none has come to light so far.

Has Clark's family responded?

Clark's sister, Javille Burns, criticized protestors who have been destructive in a sit-down interview with KARE-11. "Violence begets violence," she said. "I do not condone the people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property — any of those things are not getting our message across, period." She said the officer who shot her brother should be "tried and convicted as a murderer."

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51138169-story>

(with Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Minneapolis police officers began removing demonstrators protesting the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark from the Fourth Precinct Wednesday afternoon. The

demonstrators had been camped out in front of the building since Sunday, saying they intended to stay there until video footage of the incident was released. Chemical irritant was fired from both sides. Chief Janeé Harteau arrived at the Fourth Precinct early in the afternoon with several dozen officers to clear protestors away from the front entrance, a space they had been occupying for several days. The tense situation escalated when police in tactical gear arrived in an unmarked van across the street near an alleyway. Protesters confronted them, cursing and yelling.

Some protestors threw rocks and bricks at officers. Officers sprayed a chemical irritant into the crowd, along with several non-lethal marking rounds.

By evening, the situation calmed down until protestors moved to block the entrance of the police parking lot. Officers in tactical gear arrived again. Moments later, police say a man threw a brick at an officer, he was shot with several non-lethal marking rounds and then ran away.

At a press conference Thursday, Harteau said most protestors remained peaceful, but there were several anarchists in the crowd that were focused on mayhem.

Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were also fired at police during the standoff.

"We support first amendment rights [and] peaceful demonstrations, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that puts the public at risk in Minneapolis," Harteau said.

Both The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI are investigating the deadly confrontation that led to Clark's death. The BCA announced Tuesday they would not be releasing video footage of the incident until their external investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/police-remove-black-lives-matter-protesters-from-4th-precinct/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Officers and Black Lives Matter protesters clashed Wednesday night outside of a Minneapolis police station after a very tense day.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the Fourth Precinct building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him.

The rounds are essentially paint balls that mark clothing so suspects can be singled out for arrest. Police say the man fled the area and has not been caught.

Police also used chemical irritants on some of the crowd. WCCO's Reg Chapman was hit by the spray, but says he did not know where it came from. Chapman says protestors insisted that it came from police in the precinct's parking lot.

Police officials repeatedly denied this claim through the night. It was only after Chapman's report aired on the 10 p.m. news that police acknowledged he was "more than likely" hit by residual spray from an officer. Police officials also said several squad cars parked in the precinct's lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

A number of officers removed Black Lives Matter protesters Wednesday afternoon from the vestibule of the north Minneapolis police precinct where people had been staying since a fatal police shooting sparked protests over the weekend.

The removal led to a noisy stand-off between police and protestors. Police said rocks and bottles were thrown and that they took two people into custody, arresting one and releasing another. Some officers in riot gear eventually responded to the scene.

The recent protests stem from the Sunday shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who police say was a suspect in a domestic assault call. Community members say Clark was in handcuffs when a police officer shot him in the head. Police have said he was not in handcuffs.

For four straight days, groups of protestors have camped around the 4th Precinct and inside the building's vestibule. Chief Janeé Harteau said she made the call to remove people from the building.

"We have a responsibility to maintain public safety," she said at a press conference Wednesday afternoon. She said that after the shooting, a group of women had been staying inside the vestibule. As the days went by, more people were showing up – even smoking marijuana – and making it difficult for people to get into the building.

Shvonne Johnson, the former assistant dean of students at St. Catherine University, told WCCO-TV she was inside the vestibule with students when officers came to get them out. She said as they were donating supplies and taking photos of the entrance way when officers charged at them in a threatening way.

At the afternoon press conference, police described the event differently.

Inspector Michael Friestleben said officers in regular uniforms had planned to ask the women politely to leave the vestibule when a chaotic scene erupted.

"As we approached the door, people were throwing rocks and bottles at officers," he said. "As we opened the door, all the young ladies ran out."

Police then took down a banner that said "Black Lives Matter" and used a barrier to block protestors from the building.

Black Lives Matter called out on Twitter for people to come down to the precinct. Protesters chanted and eventually made a human chain along the front of the precinct.

Friestleben said that police arrested one man outside the precinct who'd punched a state trooper in the face during a protest on Interstate 94 Monday night.

Officers also brought a man into custody who threw a bottle at police during Wednesday's protest. He was released shortly after.

Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at Wednesday's press conference, said she stands by the police department's decision to remove protesters from the building.

"I completely support peoples' rights to assemble," she said. "That said, we have to balance that against public safety."

Protesters say it was Hodges who made the call to remove protesters.

"We think that it was a direct call from the mayor, because we just recently had a meeting with her, probably an hour before police descended on these peaceful protesters," Michael McDowell of Black Lives Matter said.

Another protester said they want the mayor to take action.

"We're really not seeing a response that we feel like is the mayor holding these cops accountable, holding them to the truth of what happened, and really standing up for this community," Lena K. Gardner of Black Lives Matter said.

Following the press conference, protesters were still gathering outside the 4th precinct. Police said they will be working with protest organizers to make sure they have a place to demonstrate.

Mayor Hodges released a statement on the night's protests later in the evening:

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today. I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. We also want to ensure everyone's safety. Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully. I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

-<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3967385.shtml>

(Didn't grab raw video)

Officers have lined up in front of the 4th precinct in Minneapolis where protesters have been camped since police fatally shot an unarmed black man on Sunday.

Protesters shouted at police Wednesday as officers pulled down an awning at the site. Police haven't made any move against some 18 other tents set up outside the 4th Precinct station, but officers did dump water on a campfire to extinguish it, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly re-lit. Besides officers blocking off the front of the station, orange barricades were set up on one of the street in front of the station and bicycle officers were blocking off the other end.

Protesters formed a human chain around their tents.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police have disputed that. A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

The Associated Press Contributed to this report.

-<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3967500.shtml>

(With video)

Protesters are clashing with police officers Wednesday during their demonstration at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis.

Protesters are demanding more answers in the death of Jamar Clark, who was shot during a struggle with police on Sunday. Clark is a suspect in an assault that happened that night.

Officers lined up in front of the precinct where protesters have been camped since the fatal police shooting.

As our cameras were rolling, something was thrown at the police officers who were facing the precinct.

Police officers then chased a man who they thought may have been responsible for throwing the item.

Police say they tagged that man and released him "to be nice."

Protesters can be heard taunting police officers.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police officials have disputed that. Minneapolis Police Union head Bob Kroll says Clark was never cuffed and was shot while reaching for an officer's gun.

A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/photos-black-lives-matter-protesters-surround-4th-precinct>

(photo slideshow)

-<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/18/police-begin-clearing-protesters-from-4th-precinct-in-wake-of-jamar-clarks-death/>

(Tweets and links to other stories)

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/urban-league-press-conference-echoes-communitys-call-for-justice-in-clark-shooting/>

The Minneapolis Urban League held a media press conference concerning the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday morning.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Around 10 a.m., members of the Urban League and north Minneapolis community held a press conference to discuss the events that have unfolded since the shooting and outline what actions they believe still need to happen.

Urban League president Steven Belton opened the press conference, calling for a prayer from a community member. Belton then spoke about the community's anger surrounding the accounts of the shooting. He said there have been two different accounts, the official's and the community's, and only one has changed over time. He said that as information has been released, the narrative has changed and has allowed bias to come into the situation.

"By failing to state immediately that he was unarmed, they have invited the assumption that the shooting was justified," he said.

Belton once again called for the names of the police officers to be released. Minutes later the BCA released the names of two officers who were involved in the shooting.

He said the Urban League is also demanding a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to elicit an explanation for why Minneapolis officials have not joined in any mediation discussions.

Civil rights activist Spike Moss echoed Belton's call for the U.S. Department to call on Minneapolis officials to be active in discussions about ways to curb tensions between the community and police officers.

Moss said the biggest issue with Clark's shooting wasn't whether there were handcuffs present or not; it was about discrimination.

"I don't really care about the handcuffs. That's their argument. I care about the fact that you murdered another black person that was unarmed in Minneapolis," he said.

Among the other speakers were Communities United Against Police Brutality, Michelle Gross, a friend of Clark, and Clark's sister Javille Burns.

Each spoke about the concern for the community and the need for members to come together. Gross once again called for a federal investigation of the crime, as well as the treatment of the witnesses.

Burns said that while the anger is understandable, what her family is really asking for is justice.

"Yes black lives matter, white lives matter, Chinese lives matter, everybody lives matter because God gave it to you. Justice for all is what we need," she said.

Belton and Gross invited witnesses of the shooting that perhaps are too afraid or frustrated to speak to police to visit the Urban League on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. Lawyers would be on hand to help prepare statements.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, has said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter."

He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51169866-story>

(With video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KSMP) - The head of the Minneapolis police union said Wednesday that Jamar Clark was disarming one of the officers and not wearing handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head on Sunday.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, told reporters that "the suspect has a violent history" and "the officers have no discipline on their records." The union also referenced the last local officer killed was Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Sandberg, who was disarmed and killed with his own gun.

-<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-union-president-jamar-clark-was-a-justifiable-shooting-7841420>

Minneapolis police union President Bob Kroll says Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old man who was shot in the head by police over the weekend, was "actively resisting arrest" and that "no handcuffs were applied" when the fatal bullet struck.

"... The shooting wasn't a misfire," he says. "It wasn't an accident. The officer intended to shoot this guy and the handcuffs were not on him at all."

The shooting ignited protests earlier this week after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when shot. Kroll's version of the Sunday morning events on the north side follows the same narrative put out by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"The paramedics are dealing with a person that was injured, who either was the victim of an assault or was

injured in the breaking up of an assault," says Kroll. "So the paramedics are dealing with that person in the rig when the suspect came to the rig and the paramedics called police for help. When the cops got there... a struggle ensued."

At the time, paramedics believed that Clark had assaulted the woman they were trying to help.

Clark was shot in the melee, according to Kroll, who adds, "I am very confident that it's going to be [determined] to be a justifiable shooting."

The Hennepin County medical examiner announced yesterday that a gunshot to the head killed Clark. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans has said there's no footage from officer body or police dash cameras. The BCA does have video from the ambulance, a stationed police camera in the area, a public housing authority camera and a witness cell phone. But Evans says nothing shows the entire event, and that investigators won't release it for fear it will taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked federal officials to also investigate the shooting.

Clark's family is scheduled to address reporters later today.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/jamar-clarks-family-calls-for-peaceful-protest-justice/>
(With Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Jamar Clark's family says Wednesday night they want closure and justice. As Black Lives Matter supporters chanted outside the Fourth Precinct in a tense night of protest, Eddie Sutton — Clark's brother — said they will hold their ground.

"This is what this is all about, you know," Sutton said. "Standing for what you believe in."

The family wants the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to release the videos they are reviewing of the shooting that killed Clark.

At a press conference earlier Wednesday, Javille Burns — Clark's sister — said her brother was loved in the community. She called him the type of person who would lend a stranger the shirt off his back.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," Burns said. "Just like your brother or your cousin or your son does not deserve to be shot down in the street like an animal."

Clark's family says he was non-violent.

"I do want peace because guess what? He was a peaceful person, despite what the people are saying about my brother," Burns said.

It was that same peace the family called for as tensions grew outside the Fourth Precinct into the night. The family says they are grateful for the community support.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/clarks-sister-i-dont-believe-in-violence/76030796/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, says she wants justice for Jamar as well as peace. In an exclusive interview with KARE 11's Camille Williams, Burns made it clear that she and her family do not believe in violence and do not support any violent actions.

"I do not condone people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property, any of those things are not getting our message across, period. I don't believe in violence," said Burns.

On Wednesday afternoon, Burns brought pictures of her little brother and shared her memories of him.

She says she and her family want justice for her brother and appreciate all the support from organizations that have come forward in support. However, she is passionately pleading that all actions to support her brother stay peaceful.

Scores of protesters are massed outside the 4th Precinct headquarters in north Minneapolis. Police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of protesters. Police spokesman John Elder says chemical spray has been coming from both police and the crowd.

Earlier Wednesday, police cleared the entryway where demonstrators had camped out since the shooting of Clark, 24, early Sunday. Clark died a day an officer shot the unarmed black man.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/union-official-officers-in-clark-shooting-interviewed/75982902/>

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis police union says two officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man have given statements to state investigators on the confrontation that led to the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Union president Lt. Bob Kroll says the officers met Tuesday night with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Kroll says he hopes the investigation moves quickly now. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that the names of the officers involved in the shooting would be released once they were interviewed.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say Clark was interfering with paramedics who were treating an injured woman, and have disputed that he was handcuffed.

Kroll says he hopes people who are making the handcuff allegations give statements to the BCA, and that they are charged with a crime if the statements turn out to be false.

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/coalition-demands-transparency-in-clark-shooting/75993382/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - A coalition of activists and neighborhood groups is demanding answers and

transparency in the investigation of the fatal police shooting of north side resident Jamar Clark. Acting Minneapolis Urban League President and CEO Steve Belton says there is a disconnect in two narratives surrounding Clark's death early Sunday morning: One, he says, is being pushed by Minneapolis Police and investigators. Belton says that narrative has changed as days have passed, while he maintains the story being told by neighborhood residents has been consistent. Belton asserts that witnesses have reported that Clark did not resist, was unarmed, and restrained in handcuffs at the time of his altercation with the two officers that led to the fatal shooting.

"The convergence of these two narratives demands a response, an official response," Belton stated forcefully at a press conference Wednesday morning.

The response Belton and the coalition want includes a laundry list of demands.

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice, as they assert that the feds abandoned a mediation process between residents and Minneapolis Police that was ordered in the wake of racial complaints against the department.

The release of the names of the two officers involved in the fatal shooting of Clark. Those names, Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were released by the BCA while the press conference was going on.

The release of all videotape of the incident in BCA possession so residents can decide what happened for themselves.

A call for investigators to stop releasing information in "piecemeal" fashion. Belton alleges that Minneapolis Police and the BCA have been releasing bits and pieces to support the department and its officers.

Veteran activist Spike Moss spoke fervently about his frustration that after what he described as 54 years of fighting for equality in the community that young black men are still dying in confrontations with authorities. "They're still the jury, judge and executioner," he said describing Minneapolis Police officers, "shooting us in the street."

"The same thing you found in Ferguson, you're going to find in Minneapolis, Minnesota," Moss said, referring to the fatal officer-involved shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown at the hands of police. He vowed that his fight, and the fight of the black community will continue. "I'm gonna stand up right now, I'm gonna fight back right now," Moss shouted.

Clark's sister Javille Burns wanted to dispel what she described as misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. She spoke of Jamar as generous, giving, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store. She says he was a decent person, whose life... and death... will not be forgotten. "He will not die in vain, his voice will be heard across the country," she insisted.

Burns also cited the need for forgiveness, saying she does not hate the officers who ended his life. "I don't hate you," she said in a message to the two Minneapolis officers. "I hate what happened to my brother. We don't want revenge, we want justice."

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/bca-names-officers>

The head of the Minneapolis police union says Jamar Clark was not handcuffed during a confrontation with Minneapolis police and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault, Lt. Bob Kroll said in an interview Wednesday with MPR News partner KARE 11.

Kroll's remarks stand in sharp contrast to what community members say happened during a Sunday morning confrontation in north Minneapolis. They came on the same day state investigators Wednesday named the officers involved in the shooting.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are each seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the pair responded to a request for help from paramedics reporting that a man, later identified as Clark, was "disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim at that location."

Citing Minneapolis police, the BCA said Clark was a suspect in the assault and that "at some point" during an altercation between the officers and Clark, "an officer discharged his weapon, striking Mr. Clark." Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, died of that gunshot wound to the head, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

The shooting led to an outcry in the community, protests and calls for justice.

That continued Wednesday as leaders of the Minneapolis Urban League and other community groups renewed their demands that officials release all video they've gathered of the incident so far.

BCA officials have said they do not have complete video footage of the incident and will not release what they do have until after the investigation concludes, saying they fear early release will taint the investigation.

Community leaders, though, said the need for transparency outweighs any investigative concerns.

"This situation begs for explanation," Urban League Interim CEO Steven Belton told reporters. "The

family deserves answers. They deserve clarity. They deserve closure but most of all they deserve justice." He urged investigators to not release information piecemeal: "Don't comment a little and then say, 'We can't say anything.'"

The BCA said both officers remain on standard administrative leave. The agency did not release any other data on the officers and did not indicate which officer fired the shot that ultimately killed Clark.

Witnesses to the shooting also said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry as well for possible federal civil rights violations.

Belton and other community leaders Wednesday called for the release of the officers' service records.

Belton also said the Urban League is inviting witnesses in the neighborhood who are "unwilling or afraid" to speak directly to the police to come to its offices to make statement before a lawyer.

"We don't want revenge. We do want justice," Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, told reporters during the Urban League briefing.

Burns said she is praying for the officers involved.

"I don't hate you. I hate what happened to my brother and I hate what happens to a lot of us," she said.

Clark, she added, didn't deserve to be killed, adding, "we want my brother's voice to be heard."

-<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/names-of-officers-in-clark-shooting-released/75991472/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The President of the Minneapolis Police Union says the man shot and killed by officers Sunday was trying to take one of their weapons.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Minneapolis Police Federation, told KARE 11's Lou Raguse Wednesday afternoon that Jamar Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault.

Kroll says handcuffs were never put on Clark, and emphasizes that his officers, identified by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, have no disciplinary incidents on their records while Clark has a history of convictions, some of them violent.

Ringgenberg and Schwarze were interviewed and gave statements to the BCA Tuesday night, according to Kroll. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans promised the names of the officers would be released after their official interviews.

Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department. Schwarze also has seven years of experience as a police officer, with 13 months on the Minneapolis force. Both men are on paid administrative leave following the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday morning.

An internet search reveals that Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while he was working as an officer with the Richfield Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge, with prejudice.

Ringgenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Investigators say Clark was shot by police after a scuffle with the officers. Police were initially called to the scene for a domestic assault where Clark was considered the suspect. Police say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who were tending to the victim in that assault, which prompted a call to authorities. Few details have been released about what happened in that alleged assault, and Evans said they continue to compile witness statements and piece together what happened.

Evans said on Tuesday they have several videos from the scene but none show the entire incident. Several members of the community allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot but police have disputed that claim.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner released their report Tuesday night, which states Clark died after being shot once in the head.

A federal civil rights investigation has also been launched.

-<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/18/minneapolis-police-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting-identified/>

(links, tweets, etc)

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/2-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting-identified/> (with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Union officials with Minneapolis police say an investigation shows Jamar Clark was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot early Sunday morning in north Minneapolis. The police union also says Clark was not handcuffed when the shooting took place and handcuffs were never on. Clark was shot during a struggle with officers who were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted. Clark allegedly was preventing emergency responders from providing medical care when the struggle ensued. The police union also says Clark has a violent criminal history.

The police union said Clark reached for an officer's gun, and that officer's partner shot Clark. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension identified Wednesday the two officers involved in Clark's shooting as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Both have been officers for seven years, and have both been with the Minneapolis Police Department for 13 months. Both also have clean records, free of any disciplinary actions.

Ringgenberg has previously worked as an officer in Maple Grove, Osseo and San Diego, California. He went to college at St. Mary's University in Winona, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice.

Schwarze was an officer for Richfield Police before coming to MPD, and he was also a community service officer with Brooklyn Park Police. A 2005 graduate of Plymouth's Armstrong High School, Schwarze has a degree in law enforcement from Hennepin Technical College.

Both are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure in situations of this kind.

Twenty-four-year-old Clark was shot early Sunday. The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation.

The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

Clark wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs. Clark was taken off life support Monday night and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

The Hennepin County Medical Center determined Tuesday that he died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Minnesota Sen. Al Franken said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon that he supports an independent investigation of Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said. "A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened. In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

Protesters held a night of unity outside the police precinct on Plymouth Avenue, and it was a peaceful demonstration.

The protesters say they will stay at the police station until they have the officers' names and see the video. The BCA says the investigation could take from two to four months, but one of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

The protesters did not make their way towards Interstate 94 as they did the night before, but a number of squads parked near the interstate Tuesday night.

-<http://www.fox9.com/news/51067870-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released on Wednesday the names of the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

-Officer Mark Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

-Officer Dustin Schwarze has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

Both officers were placed on standard administrative leave.

The BCA is still asking anyone who witnessed or captured video of the shooting contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Tuesday night, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. BCA officials confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

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Clark was shot during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

"[We] don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

Evans confirmed handcuffs were found at the scene.

"We're still examining whether [the handcuffs] were on Mr Clark or if they just fell out at the scene.

That's what we are trying to assert."

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene. The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

-<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/bca-has-interviewed-officers-involved-in-jamar-clark-shooting/>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minneapolis Police officers who tried to arrest and ultimately shot Jamar Clark have been interviewed by state investigators.

The head of the Minneapolis Police Federation said the interviews wrapped up late Tuesday night.

The 24-year-old was shot by Minneapolis Police early Sunday.

The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation. The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

The FBI is also conducting an investigation, after being asked by Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau.

One of the looming questions is whether Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. He wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs.

Protestors held a night of unity outside the police precinct on Plymouth Avenue, and it was a peaceful demonstration.

The protesters say they will stay at the police station until they have the officers' names and see the video. The BCA says the investigation could take from 2 to 4 months, but one of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

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-<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3967984.shtml>
(with video)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Harteau said most of the protesters were peaceful, but some were violent and threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and about a dozen large-scale bricks.

Harteau said 12 squad cars have "significant" damage at an estimated \$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said.

"We support the First Amendment right. We support peaceful demonstration, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis," Harteau said. "We will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers, and I will hold those responsible for doing so. They will be held accountable."

Late at night after many of the protesters left, Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and that several shots were simultaneously fired just east of the precinct. Harteau said they have not yet identified any suspects but that they are looking at video.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw," Harteau said. "We believe people from outside of the community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau said officers used marking rounds to help them identify the ones who hit police with rocks, and they ultimately used a chemical irritant once things began to escalate.

Harteau urged peace, citing the police department's previous willingness to keep protesters safe.

"As you know, we have a history of helping facilitate peaceful demonstrations," Harteau said. "We've done it in the past specifically with Black Live Matter and other organizations."

"We love Minneapolis," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect."

"I love this city and I love the north side. But I've seen actions that are corrupt. I applaud Mark Dayton for having National Guard troops," longtime community activist Ronald Edwards said.

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner ruled Tuesday that Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. The

head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark tried to disarm one of the officers, prompting the shooting.

Police did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation. The condition of the woman has not been released. Attorneys and the Presidents of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis say the woman had a broken ankle and other injuries, and this was the second domestic incident Clark has been involved in.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and there will also be a federal civil rights investigation at Hodges' request.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will continue alongside the investigation already being conducted by the BCA.

Demonstrators continued to be out Thursday in cold and blustery conditions. Minneapolis Urban League interim President Steve Belton said they are asking for the following:

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to get an explanation why a mediation agreement between the DOJ and Minneapolis Police Department in 2003 was abandoned without penalty or consequence.

Release of the videos the BCA has.

An end to the piecemeal release of information.

-<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/protest-continues-north-minneapolis>

A gathering of hundreds of protesters at a north Minneapolis precinct grew tense Wednesday night, after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Sunday after Jamar Clark was shot by police.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

By late afternoon, around 300 Black Lives Matter protesters stood in a cold rain outside the precinct. When police removed a few of them from inside the vestibule, the protest grew outside.

The protesters demanded city leaders and investigators release video footage of the fatal police shooting of the 24-year-old African-American. Police had responded early Sunday to a suspect who was interfering with EMS personnel tending to a victim.

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

On Wednesday, a top Minneapolis police union official said Clark had reached for one of the officers' weapon when he shot. The union also contends Clark was not handcuffed, as some community members have said.

The BCA identified the officers Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

The fourth day of protests was mostly peaceful with a few confrontations between protesters and police officers. At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

It's not clear how many people were hit by pepper spray or the marking round. One man, who declined to identify himself citing safety concerns, pointed at green residue on his gray glove from the marking round as he described the painful hit.

Protesters with the Black Lives Matter helped each other pour milk in their eyes after police sprayed them with pepper spray through a fence. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Minneapolis police say several officers sustained minor injuries. Inspector Mike Friestleben said the officers were hurt after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges issued a statement asking protesters to remain calm. She said she and Police Chief Janeé Harteau asked officers to "exercise maximum restraint."

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today," Hodges said. "I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully."

Black Lives Matter protesters blocked a gate outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said

officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

[-http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/the-officers-in-the-jamar-clark-shooting?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/the-officers-in-the-jamar-clark-shooting?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29)

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

- Where it stands: The shooting of Jamar Clark

The Minneapolis Police Department has declined to disclose the races of two officers. The department released personnel records but redacted information on race, which the public isn't entitled to under state law.

- Tensions high: Protesters, police clash after officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark was trying to disarm an officer and was not handcuffed when he was shot. "Cuffs were never on," he told The Associated Press. But some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Department of Justice has launched an inquiry into the case.

What do we know about officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg

Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

Ringgenberg was hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Ringgenberg's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. While in California, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of using excessive force in 2012, according to the AP. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

A records summary released Friday by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He had no disciplinary action taken against him in Maple Grove, according to a former supervisor.

Officer Dustin Schwarze

Schwarze was also hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Schwarze's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Richfield, Minn., from 2008 until 2014.

According to a records release from the Minneapolis Police Department Friday, Schwarze has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him.

How does an investigation like this work?

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted and yelled at police outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

It took several days for the BCA to interview the officers following the shooting. Does that mean the statements they get from the officers will be less accurate than if they talked to them sooner?

Several people who are very familiar with officer-involved shooting investigations and said it's generally best to talk to an officer while their memory of the event is fresh.

But attorney Gregg Corwin, who has represented officers involved in critical incidents, said sometimes it's best to wait until an officer's adrenaline has subsided.

Corwin said officers are often very agitated, especially after having to use lethal force and it's hard for them to collect their thoughts.

What happens when the BCA investigates an officer-involved shooting?

MPR News reporter Brandt Williams reviewed interview transcripts from a few other BCA investigations. One that stands out, he said, is the 2012 investigation of three Woodbury police officers who shot and killed 19-year-old Mark Eric Henderson. The officers were questioned on the same morning of the shooting. The interviews were digitally recorded and lasted between 30 and 40 minutes. But the BCA, Williams said, only released summaries of the interviews and did not release the full transcripts, nor the recordings.

After the BCA finishes its investigation, what's next?

The agency will turn over all its findings to the Hennepin County Attorney's office, which will decide if it will file charges.

What if the BCA or the FBI investigations don't result in criminal charges?

If no charges are filed, the officers could still face disciplinary actions from the chief if it's determined

either of them violated department policy.

The family of Jamar Clark could also decide to file a civil suit, which could result in either a financial settlement or jury award for the family.

There's also the possibility — which has happened before — that the city could pay out millions of dollars, but the officers face no penalty. That was the case in the 2006 shooting death of Dominic Felder, who was killed in a struggle with two officers. A federal jury found the officers liable for wrongful death and awarded the family more than \$2 million. But the officers were not sanctioned by the Minneapolis Police Department.

The Associated Press and MPR News reporter Brandt Williams contributed to this report.

-<http://socialistworker.org/2015/11/19/on-the-road-for-justice-in-minneapolis>

Ryan Green reports on the protests that have followed in the wake of case example of police violence in the Twin Cities, as activists demand to see the facts for themselves.

MORE THAN 50 people were arrested in Minneapolis for blocking Interstate 94 as anger erupted at the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on November 14.

As this story was being written, large numbers of police had arrived to begin clearing an activist encampment set up on the lawn in front of the Fourth Precinct since the day Clark was killed. The occupation was designed to pressure authorities to meet a series of demands, including releasing video footage of the incident.

Clark was shot in a confrontation with police on a residential street in North Minneapolis. The cops claim they stopped Clark in connection to an assault, and the head of the police union is claiming to reporters that Clark went for the weapon of one of the two officers involved. But witnesses tell a very different story--with many insisting they saw that Clark was handcuffed when the officer's gun was fired. Clark died on Monday night after being taken off life support at a local hospital.

There is video of the shooting from several sources, including public housing security cameras and cell phone footage from witnesses. But the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), which is investigating the killing, has defied calls from activists to release the footage it has gathered, claiming that this might interfere with its inquiry.

In addition to calling for the release of the video footage, activists are calling for an independent organization to investigate the shooting, rather than BCA; for media representations that include the testimony of witnesses, instead of just police; for community oversight of the police; and for police to live in the communities where they are assigned.

BEFORE THE sit-in on Interstate 94, several hundred people gathered for a rally before marching to the highway, which was shut down for several hours.

Quay, a young woman who would be among those arrested in a few hours, said she was at the protest because she worries about her two younger brothers, one of whom is frequently approached by the police for reasons of "mistaken identity." She emphasized the importance of the BCA releasing the footage so people can see what really happened.

Mona Abdi, who originally hails from Nairobi, Kenya, says she worries about her two sons, aged eight and ten, who live in the same neighborhood where Clark was killed. "This could have been them," she said.

Nearby was Gayla, who wore a sweatshirt with a silk-screened picture of her son, who she came to the protest to honor, she said. In 2012, he was killed six days before his 21st birthday, shot in the back of the head by a police officer in neighboring St. Paul. Though reluctant to go into detail since she has filed suit against the authorities, Gayla said that her son was killed while allegedly robbing a store, but that witnesses dispute the police version of the shooting, just as they do in Jamar Clark's case.

One major concern among both speakers and those listening in the crowd is the media's representation of the Black community. One woman used the bullhorn to express anger that Blacks are routinely described as "criminals" and "thugs." She said that information about the day's protest would be spread alternatively, through Twitter, Facebook and a livestream being provided by Unicorn Riot.

The rally ended with a plea for people to remain vigilant against police violence and ready to provide support when police inevitably tried to clear the Fourth Precinct occupation.

The crowd then marched to Interstate 94 and a group of protesters blocked traffic. The demonstrators faced a force of more than 100 state troopers, who eventually moved in and made arrests after giving a warning.

Those who made the decision to leave the freeway before arrests began marched back to the Fourth Precinct, stopping to join hands and share a moment of silence at the place where Jamar was killed.

Among those who were arrested, spending the night in a jail cell turned into a bonding experiences--one that quickly turned strangers into comrades. The arrestees, which included eight people under age 18, were loaded onto police buses and taken to a downtown precinct.

There were conversations about a variety of topics throughout the night: whether Jamar Clark's murder would spark a movement like Mike Brown's did in Ferguson; what kind of role did police play; how was the issue of the violence of militarized police connected to U.S. wars overseas; what had happened in the attacks in Lebanon, Paris and Lebanon.

By 5 a.m., all of those arrested had been released. Outside the precinct, they were greeted by a "prison

support" team. The feeling among people in those early morning hours was that a corner had been turned--and that the movement to win justice for Jamar Clark would continue.

Thursday, November 19th

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-mayor-takes-heat-over-handling-of-clark-shooting/352005461/>

The uproar over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark is turning into a political crisis for Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, whose handling of the situation put her at odds Thursday with some of the progressive allies who helped propel her into office in 2013.

A day after a marathon standoff between activists and police at the Fourth Precinct in north Minneapolis, the state council of one of Minnesota's largest labor unions, the SEIU, called on Hodges to "engage directly to de-escalate the current situation brought on by the police." Activists, some of whom went searching for Hodges at her home Wednesday night, confronted her for not responding to their demands and for allowing police to physically disperse protesters.

"You're supposed to be this different mayor, right? Everybody told me to vote for you. And I just didn't believe that you were ready," North Side activist Roxxanne O'Brien told Hodges at her office Thursday. O'Brien also criticized Hodges for requesting patience with an investigation process "designed by people who have historically traumatized us." The exchange was streamed live on social media.

Meanwhile, the chief of the police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, faulted Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau, saying they did not support the officers involved in the Clark shooting. "Someone has to stand up for the officer," Kroll said at a late afternoon news conference Thursday.

Clark's death also has exposed political tension at City Hall, punctuated by the presence of five council members alongside activists at the precinct Wednesday night. One, Lisa Bender, acknowledged that she stepped in front of an officer and told him to put his gun down. Another, Alondra Cano, publicly called for police to stop Macing protesters.

Thursday evening's protests at the Fourth Precinct station in Minneapolis were more mellow and festive at times.

Video (01:23): Thursday night's protest had peaceful moments

None of them stood alongside Hodges, the police chief and the two North Side council members at a news conference Thursday afternoon largely focused on the previous night's violence.

"My first and foremost consideration is the safety of the people of the city of Minneapolis," Hodges told reporters. "And my first and foremost consideration is making sure that people can also express their constitutional rights peaceably. So to that end, I have been working every day to make sure that we have the best situation possible."

Council President Barbara Johnson called the situation with other council members "very awkward." "It's not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief," Johnson said.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents the North Side, said in an interview that justice requires letting the process play out and gathering all the facts. "My colleagues going out there ... and just kind of taking one perspective, I don't think that helps anybody."

Hodges said some activists will not be satisfied until she calls for a release of tapes that may show the encounter between Clark and the two police officers. Those tapes are now controlled by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"I am committed to meeting the request for an independent investigation," Hodges said. "And ... doing so requires that I not give any appearance of attempting to influence the process or the outcome of that investigation."

Activist Ashley Fairbanks told Hodges in the meeting that they traveled to her house hoping she would "break through this shell."

"[We were] really hoping that we would see the side of you that really cares on a human level about this," Fairbanks said. "And you're kind of repeating the press conferences."

Hodges said anyone who doubts her concern should examine her record at City Hall.

"By God, I give a damn. By God, I'm out there doing the work every single day to the best of my ability," Hodges said. "Perhaps I don't show emotion the way people expect a woman to show emotion."

<http://www.startribune.com/news-guide-unrest-after-minneapolis-cop-shot-black-man/351901021/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to

help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct. Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it "agonizing for me to see." Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NACCP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.startribune.com/latest-naacp-to-hold-vigil-at-minneapolis-police-station/351851831/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

12:45 a.m.

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

The Star Tribune reports the scene was mostly peaceful Thursday night. A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

8:15 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

5 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers. The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Union head Bob Kroll says officers are under fire in a chaotic situation and no one has been arrested. He says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

Chief Janee (juh-NAY') Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

2:30 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison is upset with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside a Minneapolis police station over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The Minneapolis Democrat, who is black, posted on his Twitter account Thursday that a Star Tribune photo showing his son and an officer in riot gear was "agonizing" to see. He says it shows his son was peacefully protesting with his hands up, while the officer is shouldering a gun.

The photo has been circulating on social media. It was taken Wednesday night amid protests taking place at the station since another officer shot Jamar Clark in a confrontation Sunday.

It's not clear if the officer shown in the photo was pointing the gun directly at Ellison's son.

1:45 p.m.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

Police used a chemical irritant to control protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where a makeshift encampment has been set up and hundreds of demonstrators have gathered since Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

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1:30 p.m.

The NAACP is organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening outside a Minneapolis police station that's been the scene of protests since the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Speaking at a news conference outside the station Thursday, Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, called for a candlelight vigil and march there starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday. He said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot by an officer Sunday.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-to-speak-on-jamar-clark-s-death-after-night-of-clashes/351803771/>

With moments of high tension on the fifth night of a vigil at a north Minneapolis police precinct, the head of the national NAACP said Thursday that a "criminal justice crisis" is bringing him to Minneapolis, where he will join with activists angered over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, a black man who was unarmed when he scuffled with police.

Cornell William Brooks, president of one of the nation's oldest and most influential black civil rights organizations, will attend a rally and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters, where activists have been maintaining a presence since Clark's shooting a few blocks away early Sunday.

The scene was mostly peaceful Thursday, with a few protesters tagging the police station's walls and windows with profane messages or words supporting Clark. After someone spray-painted over a security camera lens, police gave chase and several protesters followed behind the officers, hands raised in a "don't shoot" posture.

Two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property over the profanity, Minneapolis police said early Friday via Twitter, adding they were the night's only arrests.

The vigil attracted multiple City Council members and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose district includes north Minneapolis.

Ellison and Council Member Cam Gordon spoke to a crowd of several hundred demonstrators about 7:45 p.m. Both pledged support for the protesters' cause and commended them on pushing public officials to meet some of their demands, including an independent investigation into Clark's death and naming the officers.

Local and national NAACP join together for rally on Friday.

Video (01:20): National NAACP leaders coming to Minneapolis

In an interview, Ellison said he might not have known the extent of the situation if not for a Star Tribune photo showing officers pointing a weapon at his son Wednesday.

Ellison's adult son and daughter, who live in the area where Clark was shot, have been involved with the protest and want to make sure it stays on track, he said.

Ellison said he's concerned about their safety, but praised Black Lives Matter organizers for trying to keep the situation peaceful. Ellison also spoke about people from outside the community, some of whom have been blamed for rock throwing and other violence during the protests.

"You're going to [have] some people who weren't invited, who don't share the same goals, and that may be distracting," he said. "But I hope the public doesn't get distracted."

The events have grabbed national and global attention.

"We are watching the Minneapolis Police Department," Stephen Green, national youth and college division director for the NAACP, said in a media briefing earlier Thursday outside the police station. "We may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice."

Brooks said he is "bringing the full weight of the NAACP to bear. This latest incident is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

He said that the NAACP has been in touch with the U.S. Justice Department about Clark's death and that he wants to meet with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton while in Minnesota to insist on an "independent, transparent and timely investigation."

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"I'm here to lend body and spirit, both moral and legal, to those people on the ground" protesting outside the Fourth Precinct headquarters, he said.

He also wants to see that protesters are given a full opportunity to exercise their free-speech rights and hopes that they do so nonviolently.

Protest disputes

Throughout Thursday, the local NAACP, city leaders and the police union held news conferences to give their versions of Wednesday night's events, when protesters clashed with police and officers forced the activists from in front of the station on Plymouth Avenue N.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter, listed abuses that she maintained occurred at the hands of police. She alleged that "two protesters, both women, were beaten in an alley" by police. She said she'd heard that the violence was captured on video.

Levy-Pounds also alluded to a gun being pointed at Ellison's son. She said three City Council members had a similar experience. "It's hard to tell if these are real guns" or ones that fire something less lethal than bullets, she said.

In response, Police Chief Janeé Harteau said that no such allegations have been brought to her attention. She noted that unruly elements among the 400 or so protesters — some of them "people outside the community" whom she characterized as "anarchists" — hit police with pepper spray and threw objects, including rocks and three Molotov cocktails, at officers.

The chief hoisted a large rock above her head to drive home the point before ticking off the damage: 12 squad cars damaged (\$25,000), portable cameras damaged (\$13,000) and minor damage to the station's building and fencing. She praised her officers for acting "appropriately and with maximum restraint" under the circumstances.

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Hodges said the city is facing something that no community wants to face. She stressed the need to keep officers and the neighborhood safe and requested calm. She said she understands the importance of "hearing everybody's voices" and that "we have many things to get right."

Two longtime North Siders spoke at the mayor's news conference. Ezra Hyland said he saw protesters throwing rocks at officers. Some argued with members of Clark's relatives about "who is his true family," he said.

Ron Edwards, a longtime activist and sometimes critic of City Hall, said city leaders "have developed a plan and are taking every course of action to not allow" Minneapolis to be torn apart by the same unrest

over police shootings that recently scarred other American cities.

The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

Under investigation

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, offered more specifics Thursday about the fatal shooting, saying the officers told a union attorney that Clark spun one officer's gun belt and had "manual control" of the weapon by the handle.

"Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist," Kroll said. "Instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head.

Before the shooting, Clark had an altercation with a woman, and her ankle was broken, Kroll said.

The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has several videos of the shooting but none showing the event in its entirety. The videos will not be released until the investigation is finished.

<http://www.startribune.com/father-5-year-old-son-shot-in-minneapolis/352157091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Authorities say a father and his 5-year-old son were shot in Minneapolis less than a block from where an unarmed man was recently killed by police.

Investigators say there's no indication the shooting Thursday is related to ongoing protests over the death of Jamar Clark.

Police say the 40-year-old father was shot in the arm and behind while the boy was shot in the leg. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. Officials say the shooter fled in a blue Cadillac.

The shooting is several blocks from the police precinct station where demonstrators have gathered over the fatal shooting of Clark.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29141132/

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The Minneapolis police chief on Thursday blamed "anarchists" from outside the community for stirring up trouble Wednesday night, using the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to sow violence against officers.

Meanwhile, protesters demanded federal action, accusing police of abuse following the weekend shooting of Jamar Clark, 24, during a confrontation with two officers. Clark, who was shot in the head, died Monday.

At a Thursday news conference, Minneapolis police Chief Janee Harteau holds a chunk of pavement that she said was thrown at officers outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night on the city's North Side.

Harteau said outside anarchists were to blame for the most violent actions during clashes with people protesting Sunday's fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24. At right is Minneapolis City Council Member Blong Yang. (Photo courtesy Minneapolis Police)

Speaking with reporters about Wednesday night's clashes between police and protesters, Chief Janee Harteau said that several Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers at the Fourth Precinct station in North Minneapolis.

While many in the community are not happy with police, Harteau blamed outsiders for the most violent actions.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists," Harteau said of Wednesday night's unrest, which broke out as police tried to control the growing crowd of up to 400 protesters. "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to promote violence."

Harteau said chemical irritants were sprayed at officers, resulting in one needing medical treatment.

While "most people were peaceful," hundreds of rocks, bottles, full-size bricks and chunks of pavement were thrown at police.

Officers responded by spraying chemical irritants at the throwers, Harteau said.

Several officers suffered injuries from the thrown objects, and thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to cars and other police property, Harteau added.

While she was blaming outside agitators for the night's problems, protest organizers said police were abusing them.

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Nekima Levy-Pounds, center, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release videos of the fatal shooting by Minneapolis police of Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, while speaking at the Black Lives Matter encampment outside the Minneapolis police department's Fourth Precinct, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis alleged several cases of police abuse, including using chemical irritant on a young woman and a WCCO-TV reporter; brandishing weapons at several "peaceful protesters,"

including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's son; and making "false claims" that protesters sprayed chemical irritants at them.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said the police department cannot fix itself. "We are also asking for the Minneapolis Police Department to be placed under federal receivership," she said Thursday. "What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg."

Levy-Pounds alleged that police beat two female protesters and pointed guns at others who were chanting peacefully.

Police say Clark was a suspect in an abuse case and interfered with paramedics trying to treat the abuse victim early Sunday in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. All agree that Clark was not armed, but witnesses disagree about whether he was handcuffed.

Some who reported seeing the shooting say Clark was not struggling and was handcuffed at the time.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said that handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

Authorities have said Clark was not carrying a weapon but have said little else about the incident, saying they do not want to compromise the investigation by state and federal officials.

However, the president of the Minneapolis police union has said that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the struggle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP-TV that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. A scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

A major point of contention with protesters is the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's refusal to release video from several sources showing the shooting incident. BCA officials said release of the video, which does not show the entire incident, would "taint" future interviews in the case. The officers were not wearing body cameras, and there is no video from police cars. The video sources include an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

Since shortly after the shooting, protesters have camped out at the Fourth Precinct, with a tense relationship between them and police.

"Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint and are asking protesters to act peacefully," Mayor Betsy Hodges said Thursday. "I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

The NAACP's Levy-Pounds also asked the community to exercise restraint.

And by Thursday evening, the mood had indeed relaxed significantly, with dozens of protesters milling about on the street and sidewalk in front of the precinct while sharing coffee, fruit and chili in near-freezing temperatures. Portable campfire rings helped to keep them warm.

About a dozen police officers stood outside the door of the precinct in standard uniform, and at least one chatted amiably with a protester across a short metal barricade.

Some participants brought their small children. But despite the lighter atmosphere and wintry weather, protesters said they were no less committed to holding police accountable for Clark's death.

An activist supporting the Black Lives Matter-backed protests posted a Twitter news media photo of one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line Wednesday night. It was not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured.

A helmeted police officer has a weapon shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be pointed directly at Ellison's son.

"My son is peacefully protesting w/hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" the Minneapolis Democrat said on his Twitter account.

NAACP national President Cornell William Brooks was en route to Minneapolis to lead a Friday afternoon rally at the Fourth Precinct.

"Our goal is to come to a resolution," NAACP spokeswoman Raquel Coombs said.

Similar situations in which officers killed a young black man, such as in Ferguson, Mo., have resulted in violent and sometimes-deadly clashes between police and protesters.

"We don't want it to get to that," Coombs said.

This article includes Pioneer Press staff reports.

<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/11/19/rep-keith-ellison-agonized-photo-son-facing-police-protest/>

The son of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison was among the protesters facing down Minneapolis police Wednesday evening during a tense showdown in response to the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, an African-American.

Activists on Twitter have shared a photo by taken by the Minneapolis Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider that shows one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line. It's not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured. A helmeted police officer has what appears to be a gas-launching gun shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be

pointed directly at Ellison's son.

One tweet containing the photo has been shared on Twitter almost 1,700 times — including by Ellison himself, who commented that the photo was “agonizing for me to see.” “My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?” Ellison tweeted.

Ellison's own tweet has been shared on Twitter more than 1,800 times.

Neither the Minneapolis Police Department nor Ellison's office responded immediately to a request for comment Thursday.

In an afternoon news conference, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said police have been using long guns, which look like rifles, but contain non-lethal marking chalk at protests.

Ellison's district includes the entire city of Minneapolis, where Clark was shot and where protesters have rallied in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct for several days.

On Monday, Ellison called for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Clark's shooting, a step he said was “necessary to restore trust.”

“At a time when the relationship between law enforcement and the people they protect has reached a crisis point, a federal investigation has the potential to instill a level of trust and confidence people expect when they give authority to government,” Ellison wrote in a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch. “A Department of Justice inquiry would send an important message to the people of Minneapolis and the country: our top law enforcement agency is committed to the transparency and accountability that justice requires.”

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also called for a Justice Department investigation. On Wednesday, the Justice Department agreed to investigate the shooting.

UPDATE: This story has been changed to credit the Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider with the photo and to remove the embedded image.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/20/hodges-confronted-by-demonstrators-as-she-visits-4th-precinct>
Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges visited with demonstrators Thursday night outside the city's 4th Precinct police station, where residents angry about the police shooting of Jamar Clark have camped for nearly a week.

A police officer shot and killed the 24-year-old African-American man early Sunday.

Hodges got a chilly reception as temperatures fell and gusty winds beat the sides of protesters' tents. One person told Hodges he felt terrorized by police.

Protester: "We as the people want to know what are you going to do?"

Hodges: "Do you want to know what I've been working on?"

Protesters: "No! What are you going to do? Answer the question that has been asked to you! See all this rhetoric! She works for them now!"

Hodges: "What I'm going to do is what I've been doing..."

Hodges then said she's gathering resources from around the city and country to help resolve longstanding issues of racial inequity. Protesters weren't satisfied with that answer, booing the mayor and saying her visit was only a photo op.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison spoke to the crowd, saying he supported the demand to see any footage of the Jamar Clark shooting. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Rep. Ellison urges release of shooting video

Meanwhile Thursday, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., called for state investigators to release video that may shed light on the shooting death of Clark — a move not echoed by Hodges.

"I'm in favor of transparency and disclosure," Ellison said. "I urge the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Department of Justice to release video or audio recordings in their possession of the incident that resulted in Mr. Clark's death. This would send a message to our community that the process will be transparent and open."

Ellison urged protesters to focus their message on getting "justice for Jamar Clark" but urged them to keep their emotions in check. The group Black Lives Matter is also demanding that the BCA release video of the shooting

Harteau: 'We are dealing with anarchists'

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janeé Harteau said some protesters threw Molotov cocktails, bottles and bricks at officers, and sprayed chemical irritants at them late Wednesday night. And she said demonstrators did thousands of dollars in damage to the police station, squad cars and portable cameras.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau shows a rock that was thrown at a police car the night before during protests outside the 4th Precinct headquarters. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"We believe that we were dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence. And as you know we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations. We've done it over the past several months and the past several years."

Minneapolis police made two arrests near the protests on Thursday night after profanities were spray painted on the precinct's walls.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the police union president, said the situation at the 4th Precinct has gotten out of hand and that officers are so busy guarding their workplace that police from elsewhere in the city have to handle routine calls for them. Read more.

On Friday morning, police removed three protesters from the Minneapolis City Council chambers during the first council meeting since the Clark shooting.

Michelle Gross, president of Citizens United Against Police Brutality, was removed for speaking out of turn during a Friday Minneapolis City Council meeting. Courtney Perry for MPR News

Several people affiliated with the group Communities United Against Police Brutality began disrupting the meeting. Michelle Gross, the group's leader, shouted demands for police accountability before she was removed.

National NAACP leaders will be in Minneapolis to lead a 4:30 p.m. vigil.

MPR News reporter Jon Collins contributed to this report.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/hodges-calls-clarks-death-an-awful-thing-in-meeting-with-community-members/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges Thursday morning, calling for the release of video and a de-escalation of police presence at a northside precinct which saw an overnight clash between officers and protesters.

The protesters and community members met with Hodges at Minneapolis City Hall, and community organizer Ashley Fairbanks, who is with a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, streamed the meeting on Periscope.

On Wednesday night, Fairbanks was one of the people who went to Hodges' home to ask the mayor to ease the situation at the city's 4th Precinct, where protesters and police came to a standoff after officers cleared demonstrators from the building's vestibule.

Early in the meeting, Hodges called the death of Clark "an awful thing" and began pounding on the desk before her when community members told her they thought she'd be "a different mayor."

Hodges maintained that she's worked every day from her office to address inequality in the city.

The meeting on Thursday had protesters and community members asking several things of the mayor, including that video of the shooting be released and that police at the 4th Precinct stand down and stop using weapons (chemical irritant, tracer bullets) against demonstrators.

The mayor, who on Wednesday said she supported the Minneapolis Police Department's decision to remove protesters from the vestibule of the precinct, said she supported the community's right to demonstrate, but said the situation at the precinct was becoming a public safety issue.

While she did not commit to restricting police officers in any way, she said she'll do her best to make sure authorities "are as good of actors as possible."

In regards to releasing videos, she said the matter was out of her hands.

The mayor said the best decision she could make in this circumstance was to call for an independent investigation, which she did.

"Once the request is made, I want to honor it," Hodges said.

She told the community members that if she calls for the release of the videos, it could compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Since Clark was shot in the head Sunday morning by an officer responding to a domestic situation call, the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Black Lives Matter and community members have called for the release of video. The community says Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Police dispute that.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading the state's investigation of the shooting, said it's received partial video of the shooting.

Community members also told Hodges that Clark had been severely beaten by Minneapolis police and was taking legal action against the department. The protesters wanted the mayor to look into video of that alleged incident, which protesters say was captured by police dash cam and hasn't been released.

The mayor told the community members to take that information to the BCA.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968872.shtml>

(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau answered questions from the media following a news conference held amid protests Thursday.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

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Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

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<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968837.shtml>
(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man. Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

"We love Minneapolis," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect."

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/protesters-we-knocked-on-the-mayors-door-her-husband-let-us-in/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting say they were "pleasantly surprised" Wednesday night when they knocked on the door of Mayor Betsy Hodges' home and her husband let them in.

Ashley Fairbanks, one of the protesters in a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, says she and about 10 others went to the mayor's home after police retook the 4th Precinct earlier in the afternoon.

She said her group was upset the mayor approved of the police action, adding that police used violence to remove the protesters, some of which had been staying in the vestibule of the building since the fatal weekend shooting.

Fairbanks said a group of about 13 protesters went to Hodges' home when the situation at the 4th Precinct escalated. She said while the mayor wasn't there, her husband, Gary Cunningham, let them in.

He spoke to the protesters for about 10 minutes, in what Fairbanks described as a "calm exchange."

Cunningham didn't tell protesters where the mayor was, and when asked to contact her, he refused.

When protesters arrived at the home, there were two squad cars outside, Fairbanks said. When they left, there were around nine.

She added that protesters went to the mayor's home in hopes of diffusing the situation at the 4th Precinct, which was the scene of a violent exchange between police and protesters Wednesday night, by getting the mayor to release the video in the Clark shooting.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the state agency investigating the shooting, said they have partial video of the incident.

Since Clark was shot in the head early Sunday morning, protesters have demanded that city leaders release the video. They say that in other cities, video has been quickly released in similar situations.

Protesters have also demanded the names of the officers involved, which the BCA released Wednesday.

They were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, who both started with Minneapolis police on the same day last September.

According to community members, Clark was fatally shot while in handcuffs. Police have disputed that.

The head of the police union said Clark, who was a suspect in a domestic situation early Sunday morning, reached for an officer's gun before he was shot.

The officers involved in the shooting are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure. Protesters have demanded that they be arrested.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/rep-ellison-council-members-call-for-clark-tapes/76085744/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - It wasn't violent behavior, like throwing bricks or rocks, but two demonstrators were arrested overnight after police say they spray painted profane graffiti on a wall of the 4th Precinct police building overnight Friday.

Reports are that the men arrested will face charges of damage to property. Besides profanities, Jamar Clark's name was sprayed on the wall, along with messages like "no justice, no peace."

Minneapolis Police spokesman John Elder also confirms that a driver was arrested after crashing into the gate that leads into the precinct parking lot where squad cars and personal vehicles are parked. Elder says the driver was arrested, and tests were taken to see if that person was intoxicated. At this point it is unclear if the person arrested was affiliated with the Jamar Clark protests.

One media outlet reported that shots were fired during the incident, something Elder strongly denied Friday morning.

Otherwise the night was mostly quiet as demonstrators camping out at the 4th precinct were joined Thursday night by U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison and three city council members calling for transparency in the Jamar Clark shooting.

Clark, 24, was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some allege Clark was handcuffed at the time, which the police union has staunchly disputed.

"I think it is fair, just and right to prioritize transparency. At the end of the day we want the truth," Ellison said.

Earlier Thursday, Ellison expressed in a Twitter post his frustration with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside the fourth precinct Wednesday night.

"The people of Minneapolis are in pain right now and to get the healing we need we're going to need truth, transparency, and we're going to need justice both in this instance and that of a larger justice," said Second Ward council member Cam Gordon.

The demonstration Thursday night was much different than the night before. On Wednesday, some in the crowd of 400 or so threw bottles, rocks and bricks towards the precinct causing thousands of dollars in damage, according to Chief Janee Harteau. Tenth Ward council member Lisa Bender said the difference is night and day.

"The difference is how the police are responding to the situation," Bender said. "We have seen what happens when police de-escalate and stand in support of our community. I am so grateful for the MPD to responding this way."

Protesters continue to demand the release of any video showing the Jamar Clark shooting. Ninth Ward council member Alondra Cano is asking for Governor Dayton to step in.

"I'm requesting the help of Gov. Dayton to release the tapes to allow us to build a clear path towards justice. This is the least we can do to build trust between police and our community members, and the least we can do for the family of Jamar Clark," Cano said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/ellison-mpls-councilmembers-stand-with-blm-in-quest-for-video-release/>

(with video)

Several political and religious leaders joined with members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis Thursday evening to demand the release of videos involving the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Rep. Keith Ellison and Minneapolis City Council members Alondra Cano, Cam Gordon and Lisa Bender addressed the media in a show of solidarity with protesters. Members and supporters quietly stood behind the speakers while raising their fists.

BLM and the family of 24-year-old Jamar Clark want footage of the deadly altercation involving Minneapolis Police officers Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg released to the public.

BLM leaders singled out Mayor Betsy Hodges for not coming to Thursday's event. She met with members earlier in the day at city hall, and members showed up to her home Wednesday night. The mayor was not there, but her husband let them inside and spoke with them.

U.S. Congressman Ellison asked for protesters to acknowledge how quickly their previous demands were met, including a state and federal investigation into the shooting, the identification of the officers and getting grief counselling to Clark's family. But Ellison says more needs to be done, including the release of the videos.

"At the end of the day, we want the truth," Ellison said.

Ward 9 Councilwoman Alondra Cano called upon Gov. Mark Dayton to help convince the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to bring the videos out into the open.

"Releasing the tapes is important so we can build a path to clear justice in this issue," Cano said.

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon underlined what he described as the importance of elected officials standing with the community.

"We are the peacemakers, and we are the change makers, and if we can be together and move to that, then we can get there," Gordon said.

Lisa Bender, Ward 10 councilwoman, echoed her colleagues and added that she wants to stop a culture where black men live in fear of police encounters.

Adja Gildersleeve from BLM told the crowd that an anonymous source has contacted her group to say Clark was in the midst of filing a civil rights lawsuit against Minneapolis Police after he was allegedly beaten by 4th Precinct officers in a previous incident.

Another leader from BLM, Lena Gardner, ended the rally by saying that after the videos are released, the next phase for the group is "to change Minneapolis to be a more racially-just city."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968943.shtml>

(with video)

A group of residents fresh off the protest lines shared a video of their encounter at Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges' home with 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS.

The cellphone video shows a group walking up to the door of Mayor Hodges' house not knowing what would happen when they knocked.

"We're not here as enemies, we wanted to knock and say 'can we come in and you were very gracious to allow us in'," said a man in the video.

Many in the group were fresh off the protest lines outside the 4th precinct police station.

"We knocked doors for Mayor Hodges, we expected that when we got her elected," said a woman in the video. "That she would stand up for us in situations like this and it's such a disappointment to us---that she's allowing us to be attacked."

The video went on for 15 minutes that showed the protestors in the mayor's home along with Minneapolis police officers.

The mayor's husband, Gary Cunningham, told the protestors she was not in the residence.

"I know about my wife and she cares about these issues deeply," Cunningham said.

Another woman in the video told Cunningham there needs to be an open line of communication between all parties.

"It's about dialogue and communication -- when there's hostilities being brought, when we are trying to have dialogue in a peaceful way," she said.

"There were people that came to my house last night. It doesn't thrill me. My husband's a gracious man, but I was happy to meet with many of those folks this morning," Hodges at a new conference Thursday.

During that meeting, the shooting of Jamar Clark, the investigation, Wednesday's police response outside the 4th precinct, and future community relations were discussed.

"I thought it was a good conversation. I very much appreciated they came directly to me," Hodges said.

"I'm happy the mayor heard what we had to say--and let us into the office--not happy to hear her repeat many of the things she's said in press conferences--but we'll keep working to see," said a woman at the meeting.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/minneapolis-city-leaders-discuss-black-lives-matter-protests/> MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis' mayor, police chief and two city council members faced the media Thursday afternoon to discuss the on-going protests in the city's 4th Precinct.

Thursday is the fifth day of protests over the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by a Minneapolis Police officer last weekend.

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Police ejected Black Lives Matter protesters from the entryway of the 4th Precinct police station Wednesday afternoon, leading to several tense hours and occasional violence.

Chief Janee Harteau says most of the 400 protesters were peaceful, but some were violent – throwing hundreds of rocks, bottles and bricks.

She says officers sprayed chemical irritants when people were seen throwing objects, but they also say some protesters also sprayed chemicals at officers.

Officers also fired compressed chalk rounds twice Wednesday, which marked suspects who threw objects so police are able to identify them later.

Harteau says about \$25,000 of damage occurred to 12 squad cars. Two portable cameras also sustained about \$13,000 of damage. The 4th Precinct building also sustained broken windows, damage to a fence and Harteau says a retaining wall was totaled.

She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers early Thursday morning, and shots were fired nearby the precinct. Police were not able to track down the suspects, but are reviewing surveillance video.

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Harteau says she believes anarchists may be to blame for some of the violent acts based on flags that some protesters were holding. She said some of these suspects are likely from outside of the community, and are trying to incite violence.

She says Minneapolis Police have a history of facilitating peaceful demonstrations.

"Specifically with Black Lives Matter, we support the First Amendment right, we support peaceful demonstration — but we will not tolerate violence," Harteau said.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she wants strength, peace and reconciliation for her city. She says she wants to honor those who want to grieve the death of Jamar Clark, but added that she must assure the safety of citizens, police officers and property.

"We are a city that must come together and help together," Hodges said.

She asked protesters who say they have been assaulted by police to contact the Office of Police Conduct Review at 612-673-5500, or the Internal Affairs Unit at 612-673-3074.

The mayor also addressed an incident Wednesday night when protesters showed up at her south Minneapolis home. She was not there at the time, but says her husband was "gracious" for allowing protesters inside to talk. Police officers accompanied the protesters inside.

Protesters also met with Hodges Thursday morning at city hall to discuss "big picture" topics, including the relationship between the community and police.

Harteau noted that one of the demands of Black Lives Matter protesters is the release of all videos of the deadly confrontation between officers and Clark. But she said the release of those videos is up to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The police chief said she is proud of her officers, who she says have responded appropriately to protesters and have shown adequate restraint. But she emphasized that they are tired from their multi-day ordeal.

Minneapolis City Council members Barb Johnson and Blong Yang were also at the press conference. Johnson said protesters must not impede police from during their jobs in the neighborhood.

"We need access to our police, and they need access to us," Johnson said.

She also discussed the presence of other council members at the demonstrations, and said it is not helpful for them to criticize decisions made by Chief Harteau.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/healing-power-of-pie-headed-for-the-fourth-precinct/76081452/>

MINNEAPOLIS – As people outside the Minnesota Police Department Fourth Precinct bundled inside their tents to protest the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, others conflicted about the turmoil in the North Minneapolis community gathered in conversation at a local café.

Sammy McDowell, owner of Avenue Eatery in North Minneapolis, said many people on all sides of the incident have come inside his business to share concerns.

"Some people are angry, some people are really upset about things going on, some people don't know where they fit at all," said McDowell. "This is great place to come and be calm, have a great conversation, great cup of coffee."

McDowell is among several chefs and bakers in the community coming together to serve sweet potato pies outside the Fourth Precinct Friday afternoon.

"In solidarity to the community as a whole. Having a great slice of pie is showing love and support to our community that's what we do. When we go through hard times in the African American community especially, we show our love through food, sweet potato pie especially," said McDowell.

McDowell said many in the public have been giving him donations for the sweet potato pie campaign.

It's the brainchild of Rose McGee, of Golden Valley, who is widely known for her sweet potato pie recipe. In August, McGee took her sweet potato pies to Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina to comfort the victims of the mass shooting. Last year, she took her pies to offer healing to the people of Ferguson, Missouri.

"As far as I am concerned, it's the sacred dessert of black culture, a comfort sweet potato pie, which means when you have this, it just soothes the soul," said Rose McGee, before she went to Charleston. "Others started calling it a ministry, a movement, so a comfort pie movement means you are putting something to action."

McGee said in the effort to heal all sides of the Jamar Clark shooting, she will deliver pies to protesters, police officers at the Fourth Precinct, Police Chief Janee Harteau, along with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges.

McDowell was excited when McGee asked him to join in the efforts in Minneapolis.

"Comfort food really calms people so we are able to have a level headed conversation, which is needed in times like this, we need to talk, and be very open minded," said McDowell. "Food in general brings everybody to the table."

The sweet potatoes pies will be delivered to the Fourth Precinct around 2 p.m., Friday, November 20th.

To follow McGee's Sweet Potato Comfort Pie, visit her Facebook page.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/meet-the-people-of-the-fourth-precinct-occupation-7846325>

Bundled in a red jacket, Sally Lieberman has been hanging around for about an hour. Since the protests began Sunday night, the retired 59-year-old has come by for a little while each day to show her support.

"I'm an old lady with arthritis, so I don't stay out in the cold too long. But this is really important to me," she says, peeking above her tightly wrapped scarf.

Sure, she's here for Jamar and Minneapolis' pervasive racial inequity, as described by the cardboard sign on her cart. But she's also here for the nameless man she spotted outside her house one summer night.

Six or seven years ago the Minneapolis woman awoke in the middle of the night to flashing lights and sirens outside her house. Her neighbor was ill, so she guessed it was an ambulance. Instead, an officer had pulled over a man on her block. She watched as a white officer cuffed and searched the man before leading him to his squad car. The cop was using "obscene language" and racial slurs toward the man, who was black.

As they walked, the cop said something that "pissed the young man off," who then tried to pull away and kick the officer. Dumb move, but she says the man was provoked. The cop slammed him on the street and repeatedly kicked him until he "pleaded for his life."

"I couldn't hear the entire sentence that the cop said, but it ended with '... and they'll find you dead in a dark alley and no one will ever know what happened to you,'" Lieberman recalls. "Then he said, 'Is that what you want to have happen to you?'"

"The next morning I got up thinking I'm going to do something about it, but I didn't know what to do," she says. "I didn't know how to find out who the young man who was brutalized was. Since then I'm not going to pass up any opportunity to be out here and speak out."

Nathanael Doehling made his first Fourth Precinct appearance Thursday. The Savage man would have been there sooner, but it was his first day off in a while. The 29-year-old, who cooks at Muddy Waters and works with families impacted by the justice system, says Clark's shooting "hit close to home."

Doehling says he's had his share of run-ins with the law and has experienced police brutality. The former

Minneapolis resident recalls a stop-and-frisk situation which, as he tells it, turned into more of a rough-up-and-release years ago on the North Side. After having his face pressed to the ground and his bum shoulder dislocated, Doehling claims he was let go without being told why he was pulled over to begin with.

"People go through this every day," he says. "It's not always violence, sometimes it's a mental thing. I've been told, 'Do you know what I could do to you? I'll kill you nigger.'"

Zack Pierson (who declined to be photographed) had a couple hours to kill before an English teachers convention. A grad student at the University of Minnesota, some of his peers camped outside the Fourth Precinct the night before, so he swung by to show his support.

The rural Ohio native says he's "tired of seeing police violence," which disproportionately hits minority and low-income communities.

"It's frustrating," Pierson says. "Being a white person and coming from the Midwest, I have plenty of friends who still proclaim they're not racist, but they still say awful, nasty racist things all the time."

As Pierson was getting ready to leave, Michael McDowell was fueling up for the night ahead. As a co-founder of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the 21-year-old was in the thick of the Wednesday night clash between police and protesters, talking to the cops while trying to keep the crowd in check.

"You can chant, do your thing, but let's make sure we're keeping this about Jamar," McDowell says. "Because if violence is incited, then it's not about Jamar anymore."

For his day job, the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts graduate helps organize low-wage workers. But it's his extracurricular Black Lives Matter activities that make headlines. He helped launch the Minneapolis chapter after being shaken by Michael Brown's killing in Ferguson, Missouri.

"It was just seeing myself on the ground," McDowell says. "I'm 21. Michael Brown was 18, so I'm not far from his age. I have siblings that are his age. So, it just being very personal, it easily could have been me."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51959667-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Minneapolis police arrested 2 people after they were caught vandalizing the walls of the 4th Precinct overnight. Behind the tents of demonstrators is a wall spray-painted with the name of Jamar Clark, along with profanity directed at Minneapolis police.

Also overnight, an SUV that attempted to drive through the fence at the precinct overnight, where protesters and outraged community members have been gathered since the shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The overnight incidents followed a relatively calm day of demonstrations Thursday, with no real violence or clashes with police. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to join hundreds of demonstrators who braved the cold to protest the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

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Photo SUV rams 4th Precinct gate, 2 arrested for Jamar Clark vandalism

"The message is one that it is fair, righteous and just to let your voice be heard," Ellison said. "The First Amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government, so this is our constitutional right to be here."

Shooting just blocks away

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Jamar Clark died, adding more tension to a community already on edge

The national president of the NAACP will be in Minneapolis on Friday, with a vigil planned for 4 p.m.

Police union: Jamar Clark grabbed officer's gun

While the investigation continues, the president of the police union is saying Jamar Clark grabbed an officer's gun, leading to the deadly shooting.

"The officers arrived, he was not compliant with the verbal commands," Lt. Bob Kroll said. "Officers went to restrain him. He chose to struggle and fight. At one point, he got a hold of an officer's gun belt and gun. It was in the holster and he had physical control of the hand grip.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, but police insist that he was not. Protests started just hours after the shooting and have continued for nearly a week now.

EDITOR'S NOTE - A previous version of this story stated that officers fired shots at the vehicle that attempted to ram the 4th Precinct's gate. Minneapolis police insist no shots were fired -- not even marking rounds.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/chief-violence-toward-police-by-anarchists-at-protests/76068822/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Twelve squad cars with significant damage, a broken window, a totaled retaining wall and three Molotov cocktails. A frustrated Minneapolis Police Chief listed the damages caused by night four of the ongoing protests at the Fourth Precinct.

Chief Janee Harteau said at a press conference on Thursday the squad car damages are estimated at \$25,000, there's another \$13,000 in damages for two portable cameras that were broken and they're still

waiting on total damages for the broken window, damaged fence and totaled retaining wall at the precinct. She said those at the protest, estimated at upwards of 400 total, were mostly peaceful -- but some threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and a dozen bricks. One officer was sprayed with an irritant and required medical attention, Harteau said.

But perhaps most disturbing were the three Molotov cocktails thrown at police officers late Wednesday night -- at a time when Harteau said most protesters had left the area for the evening.

She said officers searched for the suspects but were unsuccessful at locating them. However, they are still looking at surveillance tape. No arrests took place Wednesday.

"We are dealing with anarchists, based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau said police used a chemical irritant when people started throwing rocks and damaging property, as they felt the situation was escalating. Two marking rounds -- a chalk-like bullet used to mark suspects - - were also used to identify people in the crowd who were throwing rocks.

"We support peaceful demonstrations but we will not tolerate violent actions that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis," Harteau said. "And I also will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers and will hold those responsible ... accountable. The No. 1 priority continues to be public safety for everyone involved."

Ezra Hyland, resident of north Minneapolis KARE

Ezra Hyland, longtime Minneapolis resident, said he stands in solidarity with any organization that focuses on a beloved community and restoration. However, he believes not everyone who has been present at the protests are there for that cause.

"Since Sunday I have been out almost every day and I have witnessed people throwing rocks at the police," he said. "I witnessed last night people throwing rocks and the police shooting tear gas. I've witnessed people arguing with the family of Jamar Clark about who is his true family and who has the right to speak for him. I've witnessed people threatening to shoot police officers. Threatening community members with violence. Those things are not within the spirit of Dr. King."

Hyland said he believes people are using this opportunity -- a place that's supposed to be peaceful -- to get out their personal frustrations and their desires for violence.

"I also hope and pray that the people who are committed to violence and who are not part of the true aims of Black Lives Matter to remove themselves from the situation," he said.

Ronald Edwards, a longtime activist and a resident of north Minneapolis since 1945, said he was there when National Guard troops were called onto the streets of north Minneapolis and is thankful this situation is not a repeat of the past.

"It was not a very pleasant scene, the conditions were volatile," he said. "We were angry 47 years ago, we felt disillusioned, but at the same time, we had a sense of perseverance, we had a sense that something would happen and something would change. Things don't go the way we always wanted because we don't live in a perfect society and we are not perfect individuals. But I am concerned about the emergence of outside agitators and particularly the events that happened late last night, when individuals and military-style attacks jeopardized the safety and the continuity of an entire community."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3969021.shtml>

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Hundreds of protesters once again braved the cold and gathered outside the 4th Precinct on Thursday over the shooting death of Jamar Clark, for the fifth night in a row. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to show his support for the protesters.

"The message is one that it is fair, righteous, and just to let your voice be heard," Ellison said. "The first amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government. So this is our constitutional right to be here."

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Photo Rep. Keith Ellison at 4th Precinct: 'It's our constitutional right to be here'

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Clark died. They'll survive but the shooting added more tension to a community already on edge.

"It's sad," community activist John Martin said. "It's actually sad. You get emotional. You don't know what to say at all. Sometimes you have to shake your head and say when is the madness going to stop?" Ellison said he supports calls for a federal investigation, saying it doesn't look right to have police investigating themselves.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968832.shtml>

(with video)

The president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department after the shooting death of an unarmed black man.

Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested when protesters shut down Interstate 94 in downtown Minneapolis on Monday. She has since demanded police release video of the shooting of Jamar Clark.

Levy-Pounds spoke while standing outside the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis on Thursday. She asked for the community to exercise restraint, and she called for long-term reform of the Minneapolis Police Department.

"The problems that we're talking about today are not new; they have been going on for decades," Levy-Pounds said. "The city council has allowed tens of millions of dollars in excessive force complaint lawsuits to be settled by the city; that should have signaled a problem a long time ago to the city of Minneapolis as well as to the federal government."

Levy-Pounds asked that the Minneapolis Police Department be placed under federal receivership.

"What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular and throughout the Minneapolis community have faced at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We are here standing in solidarity with the community saying enough is enough. We are demanding the release of the tapes. We're demanding reform of the police department, and we're demanding justice right now."

At a news conference later in the day, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said the video tapes can't be released because they are part of the BCA's investigation into Clark's death. The chief also commended officers for showing restraint; she says they are tired but are acting professionally.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/natl-naacp-leaders-join-mpls-in-protests-against-jamar-clark-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP held a press conference Thursday morning to discuss the shooting of Jamar Clark. Shortly after 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, once again outlined the community's demands following Clark's death.

Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday morning when Minneapolis police responded to a call of a domestic assault. Police said Clark, who they said was the suspect in the call, was shot when he attempted to reach for an officer's gun. Witnesses dispute this claim and have said Clark was in handcuffs when he was shot. Protests began Monday evening, when members of Black Lives Matter closed down portions of I-94W near downtown Minneapolis.

They continued outside of the Minneapolis 4th precinct, as groups have set up tents and tarps outside of the precinct.

On Wednesday, shortly after 1:30 p.m. officers from the Minneapolis 4th precinct attempted to remove protesters from the area.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him. Police also said they had to spray chemical irritant after having rocks and bottles thrown at them.

From Sky4, WCCO also saw damage to squad cars in the 4th precinct parking lot. Police said this was caused by protesters throwing bricks.

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After an eventful evening, demonstrations have been peaceful Thursday but tensions have remained high. Shortly before noon, Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, the director of the Youth and College Division of the National NAACP, Reverend Nazim B. Fakir, from St. Peter AME Church in South Minneapolis, and community members.

"What happened to Jamar Clark is just the tip of the iceberg, in terms of the abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular, and throughout the Minneapolis community, have faced," Levy-Pounds said.

Levy-Pounds called once again for videos of the arrest to be made public. She said that while some of their

requests have been met, Minneapolis officials still refuse to release the videos. She also asked that grief counselors be made available to the witnesses who she said are scared after Sunday's events.

"It's a tale of two cities. It's the best of times if you're white and the worst of times if you're black," Levy-Pounds said.

As she spoke, she also called for restraint from the police when it comes to the protesters, but police say members of Black Lives Matter weren't the only ones outside the 4th Precinct.

"We believe people from outside the community are coming in to perpetrate violence," Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau said at a press conference Thursday. "As you know, we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations."

Wednesday night's tensions between protesters and police brought the national NAACP youth and college director to Minneapolis. Green arrived Thursday morning from Baltimore. He announced during the press conference that the president of the national NAACP will also be traveling to Minneapolis and set to arrive Thursday evening.

Green said their presence is to show that they stand in solidarity with Minneapolis NAACP. He called for people to join the group in a march and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

"We are watching. We are observing," Green said. "It may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved."

He said the public's trust in law enforcement has been broken.

As the day moves on, more Clark supporters are returning to the Minneapolis 4th police precinct. The police sign has been replaced with their messages of #JusticeForJamar and Black Lives Matter.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/naacp-alleges-police-violence-demands-mpd-restraint/76050746/>

MINNEAPOLIS - After a contentious night of protests outside the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct, organizers with the NAACP are calling for long-term reform of the police department, grief counseling for those who witnessed the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark and respect from the police as protests continue.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said Thursday they received reports that two female protesters were beaten by police in an alley during Wednesday night's protests.

"They reported that they were in an alley and they were physically beaten by police," she said. "We have heard that it was on video so we're asking for people to come forward with the video at this time."

Levy-Pounds asked protesters to continue non-violent efforts outside the Fourth Precinct but called on the police department to remove the threat of violence as well.

"We are asking the community to exercise restraint in the midst of grief, hurting and unanswered questions and we demand the same respect from the Minneapolis Police Department," she said.

Levy-Pounds mentioned other incidents that took place Wednesday night -- like the use of weapons for intimidation against protesters and elected officials, including the son of Rep. Keith Ellison.

"It's hard to tell, are these real guns? Are these rubber bullets? At the end of the day, it shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis and it is a response that is completely uncalled for," she said.

Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, national director of the youth and college division of the NAACP, who said they will stand in solidarity with the local community until justice is served.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice," he said. "And we will not be silent and we will not be moved."

Levy-Pounds said they also want to see a release of the video police have collected that allegedly shows what happened when Clark was shot in north Minneapolis last weekend by police. The BCA has said none of the videos they've obtained show the entire incident -- and have continually said those videos will not be released until after the investigation. Levy-Pounds rejected their claims that releasing the video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Levy-Pounds said the NAACP is planning to hold a candlelight vigil for Clark at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. They also plan to march, protest and "mobilize the community."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51600914-story>
(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Leaders of the national NAACP are joining local protestors in calling for investigators to release videos of the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has repeatedly denied these requests, saying they will not release any video footage of the incident until their investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head around 12:45 a.m. Sunday morning after allegedly disrupting paramedics' ability to render aid to a female assault victim.

Speaking outside the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct on Thursday, NAACP leaders also called for grief counselors in the community to help witnesses of the shooting. They claimed witnesses at the scene were intimidated and treated in dehumanizing ways by Minneapolis police officers.

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Photo NAACP: Jamar Clark's alleged assault victim had ankle surgery

Following the clash between police officers and demonstrators outside the Fourth Precinct Wednesday night, the NAACP released a statement, asking "the Minneapolis Police Department to exercise maximum restraint in handling and responding to nonviolent peaceful protestors, to refrain from the indiscriminate use of chemical weapons and rubber bullets, and to avoid physical contact with protestors."

National NAACP leaders are coming to Minneapolis to join the demonstrators, who have been camped outside the Fourth Precinct since Sunday.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice. And we will not be silent. We will not be moved. This is not the end," Minneapolis NAACP leader Stephen Green said.

The NAACP is planning to hold a vigil for Clark on Friday outside the Fourth Precinct at 4:30 p.m.

[http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-protest-](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-protest-demands?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29)

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The head of the Minneapolis NAACP Thursday called on federal authorities to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department in the wake of Sunday's police shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they're still demanding the release of video recordings of events surrounding Clark's shooting.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led Black Lives Matter protesters in a prayer and chant outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

"There have been so many false narratives that have been spun from the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We've been on the ground, we've talked to witnesses, we have serious concerns about the narratives that are out there that are inconsistent with what many witnesses in the community say happened."

Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP youth and college division, said the NAACP will lead a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the fourth precinct in north Minneapolis. "We may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved," Green said. "This is not the end, and we are not going to allow this one moment to pass us by. We are here to stand with systematic and long lasting transformation in this community."

Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Tensions rose through the night Wednesday as crowds gathered around the 4th Precinct station in Minneapolis.

"We're saying enough is enough," Levy-Pounds told reporters Thursday outside the precinct station.

Accusing the police of a pattern of "abuse and harassment" of north Minneapolis citizens, she called for the department to be placed in "receivership" where it would be overseen by the federal government.

Levy-Pounds also called for grief counselors to be made available to those who witnessed the shooting and accused the police of beating two women outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night.

Hundreds of demonstrators surrounded the station Wednesday night after police cleared the building entrance where some protesters had been camped since the Sunday shooting.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

A police officer sprayed liquid toward demonstrators outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Wednesday night. John Autey | Pioneer Press via AP

At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Levy-Pounds on Thursday called on police and protesters to "exercise restraint."

Jason Morris lives only a few blocks away from the precinct. He said Wednesday night's confrontations with police were intense, but that protesters were able to stop people who were throwing rocks and water bottles at officers.

"That helped our cause a lot because the police see that. They are trying to be peaceful, they are policing themselves, they're not actually trying to destroy us, but they actually want change and justice," Morris said.

At least two Minneapolis City Council members attended Wednesday's protests. But Morris said he'd like to see more local lawmakers come and show support.

"We never see them in the streets," Morris said. "And when we do see them, it's when the media is here, that's when they want to come out and show face — we need people here regardless if media is here or

not."

John Martin took charge of restoring order at the protest camp on Thursday morning, which had been disordered not only by the night of protest, but by strong winds that had turned over tents across the campsite. The ground of the precinct lawn is torn up, and mud cakes everything from protest signs to the blankets the cold demonstrators had wrapped themselves in.

"We're just reorganizing and regrouping today, and we're not going to rest until justice has been served," Martin said. "We want answers, and we'll continue to do what we're doing until our voices are heard." North Minneapolis resident Leonard Blount stopped by the protest camp on Thursday afternoon on his way to a doctor's appointment. He said the police response the day before, which included the use of so-called non-lethal weapons like pepper spray, was excessive, especially considering that children were present at the protest.

Blount, who is 48, said he'd like to see a rule requiring more officers to live in the same communities they patrol. An MPR News analysis of police data earlier this year found that only about 5.4 percent of Minneapolis officers live within city limits. State law does not allow cities to institute residency requirements.

"The police used to live in the community: You know your neighbors, you know the business owners, you know the kids," Blount said. "You can deal with people in a different way, and people respect your different way."

Levy-Pounds also dismissed remarks by Minneapolis police union President Lt. Bob Kroll, who told reporters Wednesday that Clark was not handcuffed, as some witnesses allege and that Clark was going for an officer's gun when he was shot.

"The union needs to be dealt with as well," Levy-Pounds said. "There must be checks and balances in terms of police power ... Bob Kroll needs to understand that."

Reggie LeFlore, 29, just moved to south Minneapolis from Omaha, Neb. He said Clark's case is reminiscent of others across the country, but that it's inspiring to see people so actively pushing for more information about his death.

"I spend a lot of time seeing online warriors on Facebook and social media talking about the problems and issues that are going on," LeFlore said. "Yet you have people here in 30 degree weather freezing for a cause, and the cause is just wanting justice."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968951.shtml>

(with video)

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers. The Minneapolis Police Federation president Lieutenant Bob Kroll also had strong criticism for city leaders during a Thursday afternoon meeting with reporters.

Kroll says the police officers of the 4th Precinct are under siege and that someone needs to stand up for the two officers involved in the Jamar Clark shooting. Kroll says the officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze acted lawfully and will not be charged with any wrongdoing when the investigation is complete. Kroll was very critical of the protesters allowed to camp out outside the 4th precinct, stating that officers there are spending more time protecting their building than the streets of North Minneapolis. Kroll says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

He took pointed issue with officers being instructed to remove protesters from the precinct without wearing tactical equipment.

"At first they weren't able to put on helmets and batons. As a police supervisor, I would have never let them go out there without helmets and batons because it looked intimidating. You're not going to risk the officers safety because of the appearance of a militaristic look, that's poor leadership." Kroll add he believes that decision came from the top, or Mayor Betsy Hodges.

Kroll was asked if the people who say they saw Clark in handcuffs at the time of the shooting, were mistaken or lying. He said it's one thing to say that to a reporter or spread it on social media, but if the investigation shows the person was making a false statement, they should be arrested.

Chief Janeé Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she firmly believes in everyone's right to protest and understands that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. She added that she also wanted to ensure everyone's safety. She also asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and for protesters to act peacefully.

Meanwhile, the president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/mpd-union-head-speaks-out-on-jamar-clark-case-protests/>
MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The head of the Minneapolis Police Department union spoke out about the demonstrations happening this week at the 4th precinct in North Minneapolis and the ongoing

investigations into the incident.

Lt. Bob Kroll, with the MPD Federation, talked with Chad Hartman on WCCO Radio on Thursday afternoon. He addressed the protests by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, which have been ongoing since shortly after Clark's death early Sunday morning.

"What's going on right now has nothing to do with the investigation, it has to do with an activism movement," he said. "Where is the frustration with the 40-plus murders that have occurred in Minneapolis this year? Why don't we have outcry there?"

Sunday morning's shooting death of Jamar Clark brought two Minneapolis police officers into the limelight. On Wednesday, Kroll stated that Clark was trying to grab one officer's gun and that's when the other shot him.

Kroll disputed the assertions of witnesses who said that Clark, who was unarmed, was handcuffed when he was shot.

"I know that if he had complied with the officers verbal request and leave the scene, come over and be detained and identified, it wouldn't have resulted in a shooting," Kroll said. "I don't think that all 19 arrests by Mr. Clark were by accident or coincidence. At age 24, 19 arrests and a criminal suspect in four others just in the city of Minneapolis isn't by accident. It's criminal behavior by a violent person."

Both Officer Dustin Schwarze and Officer Mark Ringgenberg, who were identified on Wednesday by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, worked in other departments for seven years prior to their hire by Minneapolis.

When asked if Kroll felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he had this to say: "if we had doubts you wouldn't see me coming out." He also added: "What we need is calm. We need a thorough investigation. We need everyone on both sides to remain calm. Let the facts be done and let the facts be presented."

Kroll also criticized what he characterized as weak leadership at City Hall, saying Mayor Betsy Hodges isn't letting police crack down on the protesters because they voted her into office.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/black-lives-matter-leaders/76080172/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Black Lives Matter is unlike the movements before it because it is not led, cannot be led, its members say by one voice.

"It's a decentralized movement. A leader-full movement working to liberate black folks in all realms of oppression," Michael McDowell, one of eight leaders of the Minneapolis BLM chapter, said Thursday.

Not having that one person to be led by, or to be held accountable, is a source of discomfort for those outside the movement but there is a BLM purposefully chose to be led by committee in each of its 26 U.S. chapters.

"I think it's uncomfortable because we live in a hierarchal society. All of our institutional structures embrace that kind of structure and part of this movement is actually challenging those structures," leader Lena K. Gardner said.

It was a movement created just more than two years ago – it began as a hashtag created by a woman in California sharing her thoughts on social media about the Trayvon Martin case.

It swelled quickly and she partnered with others to create the beginning of it all with social pages under the name Black Lives Matter.

The Minneapolis chapter is governed by eight people and the community that guides them.

They are very aware many of you are upset by their occupation of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct and their numerous highway shutdowns.

But that, they say, is precisely the point.

"It's easier just to be confused or to be angry about these small little things instead of just saying I need to face this head on and I do have a role," leader Kandace Montgomery said.

Two different times, especially Wednesday night, violence has come at the BLM campsite at the precinct. And Black Lives Matter says that is not their work.

"That's another group," Gardner said – adding at many of the BLM rallies and marches outside anarchists and agitators come just to invoke violence.

"One thing we are all on the same page about is that we are absolutely dedicated to nonviolent direct action," Gardner went on to say.

Black Lives Matter has no intention to stop its actions, even those that disrupt, anytime in the near future because they say demonstrations and holding their issues up to the spotlight is the only way everyone can see them.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968899.shtml>

(with video)

Community leaders are pleading for peace after protesters and police squared off outside the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis on Wednesday night.

Bottles, rocks and Molotov cocktails were thrown, according to police, as protesters demanded answers in the investigation of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the deadly shooting of Jamar Clark.

"It's just a few people, man, that want to sling rocks and, ya know, be negative," VJ Smith, President of the

community group Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MAD DADS) said.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janee Harteau said "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau showed a rock roughly the size of a football that was allegedly thrown at officers after they cleared protesters away from the precinct's front entrance Wednesday afternoon. She also said several shots were fired. Police eventually used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Harteau says she believes most of the protesters are peaceful, a sentiment echoed by Smith as he spoke to volunteers at the MAD DADS office just hours after the violence subsided.

"You let a few bad apples mess up the whole thing," Smith said.

He sent volunteers to canvass the neighborhood where Clark was shot early Sunday morning.

Fliers stuffed in front doors on Emerson Avenue North encouraged anyone who saw the shooting to meet with attorneys or paralegals at the Urban League to provide testimony that can help investigators.

"The Urban League is not trying to establish a separate process, to coach witnesses, or to establish an alternative process outside, or parallel to the BCA/DOJ investigation," the flier read. "The goal is to provide a safer environment (considering the circumstances) for the community to tell their stories."

Smith hopes someone can provide a video showing the entire incident. Videos already obtained by state investigators do not show the incident in its entirety, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"We have to have everybody that can, come forward," Smith said, adding "whatever you got on your cell phone, whatever you've seen, we need everybody to come forward."

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/clark-not-handcuffed-had-control-of-officers-gun-union-says/76071962/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis Police Union said Thursday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but he was armed -- as he had control of an officer's gun.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, said in a press conference that "Jamar Clark was not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

He went on to say that "someone needs to stand up in a leadership position and make a positive statement for the officers."

"Their names are out there being smeared and everyone's laying by their dish," he said. "They've destroyed the Fourth Precinct and the front yards there. They've taken it over. That's not a place to exercise your First Amendment rights. That's police property. What if people go in there and need our police services? They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire or block the entryway for one minute."

He said Clark refused to show his hands or comply with police orders when police arrived to the scene of a domestic assault. He said he was involved in another domestic incident on Nov. 15, which sent a victim to the hospital with a broken ankle, among other injuries.

Kroll said he was "intimidating paramedics" that were trying to tend to the victim when police were called. As officers were trying to detain Clark, he pushed back, according to Kroll.

NAACP alleges police violence, demands MPD restraint

"He chose to resist, fight officers and to seize control of an officer's firearm," he said. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist, but instead chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

According to the officer's statements about the incident, Clark had physical control of the hand grip of the gun, while it was in the holster.

Kroll said the incident should have been a peaceful encounter with officers.

"It was the actions and the choices of Mr. Clark alone which determined its outcome," he said.

"The officers are going to be exonerated for any wrongdoing. It is a homicide and it will turn out to not be a criminal homicide. It's someone's job to stand up and say that and stand up for the officers because no one else in the city is doing it."

Kroll said Clark's record included a guilty plea to first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010, in which he was sentenced to 41 months in prison. In April, Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats and as part of his sentence, was given a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order, which required him to stay away from the victim until 2020.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/timeline-of-events-in-the-jamar-clark-case/>

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That single action of pulling the trigger put officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze under an intense investigation.

Lt. Bob Kroll of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis said Wednesday that state and federal authorities are investigating a homicide.

"The question is: Is it justifiable or not?" he told WCCO Radio.

When asked if he felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he said if he had doubts, "you wouldn't see me coming out."

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This is the first time either Ringgenberg or Schwarze has faced a deadly force investigation.

Prior to working in Minneapolis, Schwarze worked as a Richfield police officer beginning in 2008. Two years before that, he was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park.

Schwarze's employment history doesn't include mention of awards or disciplinary issues, only where he's worked and for how long.

Meanwhile in his two years as a Maple Grove officer, Ringgenberg had two exemplary evaluations, no disciplinary action and internal recognition.

Before that he worked as an officer in San Diego, California.

Both officers have faced lawsuits in federal court.

A 2009 lawsuit accused Schwarze of forcing a man to become an informant through false arrests. A settlement was reached in that case.

Ringgenberg was involved in a 2012 suit that alleged rough treatment during an arrest.

That case was dismissed.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-shooting-4-things-to-know/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct.

Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On

Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it “agonizing for me to see.” Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NAACP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP’s youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/protesters-stand-ground-amid-clouds-of-mace-at-minneapolis-police-station-7845212>

An overnight standoff at the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis between police and Black Lives Matters protesters became increasingly hostile throughout the evening as police sprayed mace and fired rubber rounds into the crowds.

BLM activists have been camping out at the Fourth Precinct since Sunday afternoon, demanding the release of footage that captured the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer. BLM believes video will show that Clark was handcuffed and lying on the ground when he was executed in point blank range and not reaching for an officer’s gun while harassing a domestic assault victim, as the cops claim.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau ordered the removal of the protesters’ encampment at the door of the precinct Wednesday afternoon because they blocked ordinary citizens from reporting crimes, police said. The chief also demanded maximum restraint.

That order did not exclude the use of mace.

Late into the night, after protesters had spent hours shouting into the cops’ faces and the cops had attempted several maneuvers to surround the crowd and tear down their tents, police began spraying people through the parking lot fence. Protesters held their ground by lifting up tarps and covering their faces.

“They were macing through the entirety of the night,” says BLM spokeswoman Lena Gardner. “It was happening very frequently and very freely. Several officers were being intentionally aggressive, trying to provoke people into being more violent.”

Despite rumors that the police were also shooting off rubber bullets, it appears protesters were referring to marking rounds, which were used to identify people suspected of throwing bricks. Minneapolis police do not have any rubber bullets, spokesman John Elder said.

At the end of the night, most of the crowd had dispersed, but about 20 or two protesters remained on site. The rally continues today.

UPDATE: This video could cast some doubt on the police claim that cops were, themselves, hit with pepperspray by "people who are not officers." Look past the edited video, which is playing for laughs, and you'll see that one cop's indiscriminate use of the spraygun manages to catch another, standing directly in front of him, right in the face.

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Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation in north Minneapolis Nov. 15. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend.

According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Crowds have gathered for more than a week at the 4th Precinct police station to protest the shooting.

- Jamar Clark's parents: 'He should still be here'

The BCA is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Meanwhile, the U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Here's what we know so far about the case.

The latest

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night, Nov. 23, 2015, after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Hennepin County prosecutors have until noon Monday to charge four men connected with last week's shootings near a protest camp outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

Five people were shot; none of the victims' injuries were life-threatening, said Minneapolis Police Department spokesperson John Elder.

Activists allege the four men in police custody are "white supremacists" who came to cause trouble.

On Nov. 24, organizers led a march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a

stop at the site where Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station.

Differing accounts about what happened

Jamar Clark Javille Burns via AP

Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, told MPR News partner KARE 11 that Clark was not handcuffed during the confrontation and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

However, witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

Experts: Justice probe may not bring closure

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led protesters in a prayer and chanting outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting. And on Nov. 20, national NAACP leaders met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton. The leaders joined demonstrators in a vigil outside the 4th Precinct.

However, former federal officials say the process can be long and can leave community members with dashed expectations, especially when it comes to charges being filed.

The civil rights division of the Justice Department has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the DOJ under President George W. Bush.

Protesters want videos released; BCA says no — at least for now

Activists are demanding authorities release video evidence they've gathered.

The BCA said it has some video from the scene in north Minneapolis — including from personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station — although none of it shows the incident "in its entirety," Evans said.

Investigators and protesters alike are interested in video that may exist from cameras mounted on the Elks Club across the street from the shooting. Evans said the BCA is "working with the Elks Club ... to examine their video."

The Ames Elk Lodge on Plymouth Avenue has four security cameras mounted near the roof. There are two cameras on the east wall, directly across the street from the scene of the shooting. The camera closest to the scene of the incident has a fixed mount and faces away from the site of the shooting. Tim Nelson |

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The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota is among the groups that have called for the videos of the incident to be released. Legal Director Teresa Nelson said that argument could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

Meanwhile, Dayton said that he's seen video from the ambulance camera and that it does not confirm either side's allegations of what happened.

Who are the officers involved?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

BCA investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the fatal shooting. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

A records summary released by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He previously worked as police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. In 2012, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of excessive force. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

Schwarze worked as an officer in Richfield, Minn., between 2008 and 2014. He has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him, according to a records release summary from the Minneapolis Police Department.

- What we know: Officers Ringgenberg, Schwarze
Protesters clash with police

Reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has been swift.

On Nov. 16, protesters blocked the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

State Patrol officers and Black Lives Matter protesters showed a battle of wills Monday night as the demonstrators blocked I-94 westbound in Minneapolis for several hours and refused to leave. Many were eventually arrested. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

On Nov. 18, a gathering of hundreds of protesters at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis grew tense after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Clark was shot by police.

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Inspector Mike Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

A police officer sprayed a liquid toward demonstrators at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct building, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

A chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car.

And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/what-we-know-about-the-cops-involved-in-jamar-clarks-shooting-7845522>

As tension between protesters and cops mounted outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct on Wednesday, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released the names of the officers involved in Jamar Clark's shooting.

Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are veteran cops who joined the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014. Prior to that, Ringgenberg spent two and a half years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments.

According to Capt. Adam Lindquist, Ringgenberg's personnel file at Maple Grove was squeaky clean.

During his tenure, Ringgenberg received two internal recognitions and "exceeded expectations" in two performance reviews. As one of the state's top DWI arresters, the 30-year-old was given a bronze award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving last year.

No complaints were filed against Ringgenberg, nor were any disciplinary actions taken by the Maple Grove department. He was a "trusted" cop who was respected throughout the department and left in good standing, Lindquist says.

Lindquist, who was once Ringgenberg's supervisor, praised his worth ethic and ability to make "sound judgements on the street." Before taking the job in suburban Minnesota, Ringgenberg was a San Diego cop for more than three and a half years.

"He came to us with valued experience and you can tell," Lindquist says. "He's one of those you hate to see go."

While in San Diego, Ringgenberg was sued for his alleged rough handling of a suspect who was resisting arrest, the Star Tribune reports. However, the 2012 case was eventually thrown out.

Schwarze joined the Minneapolis force after six years with the Richfield Police Department. From September 2006 to October 2008, Schwarze was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park. The entry-level position had Schwarze, now 28, dealing with low-level tasks, such as parking complaints. He did not carry a gun or have authority to make arrests.

Although the case was later dismissed, a 2009 lawsuit reportedly accused Schwarze of trying to force a man to become an informant using threats, unlawful searches, and falsifying police reports. Richfield police did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Clark, 24, died Sunday night of a gunshot wound to the head. He was shot early that morning at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues in north Minneapolis after officers responded to an alleged assault call. Clark's shooting sparked ongoing protests anchored outside the police department's Fourth Precinct.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51962>

As protests roiled North Minneapolis, authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting death (recently ruled a homicide by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner) of Jamar Clark. At the city's fourth precinct police station, officers used a chemical irritant and other methods to disperse a crowd that had assembled to demand action on the case. KFAI's Friday Morning Blend producer, Rico

Morales and Ryan Dawes of the Tuesday Morning Blend were there to report on the story, narrated by Paul Brohaugh of the Thursday Morning Blend.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/city-hall-update/city-leaders-asked-to-show-sympathy-in-wake-of-shooting-death-of-jamar-clark>

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Events surrounding the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer were recorded by a number of video cameras, including the phones in people's pockets and a surveillance camera outside a nearby public housing unit.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer and later died after a confrontation in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police said they were called because Clark was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat an injured woman.

Protesters camped outside the Police Department's 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis have demanded the release of the videos in hope of learning more about how Clark died.

But officials with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting the state investigation into Clark's killing, have said the entire incident isn't contained in any of the videos. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said they won't release the videos during the investigation because it could contaminate witness statements.

"Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently, and would impact the integrity of the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation," Evans said.

State law makes data collected by the law enforcement for an active criminal investigation private.

If police think releasing the video to clear up a misconception about the incident, they could, although they're under no legal obligation to do so. In the past, police departments have released videos of officer-related incidents — St. Paul police released a video showing officers in a skyway stunning a man with a Taser and arresting him.

A camera above the back doors on a paramedic rig outside Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. Brandt Williams | MPR News

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fear of tainting witness statements could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

"We have called on police departments to have more transparency because it helps build that relationship with the community," Nelson said. "If the department is closed off and won't provide answers and is very secretive in everything that happens and not communicating with the community, that can foster a climate of distrust."

Since law enforcement officials have declined to release the videos, state law dictates that they'll be released once the investigation becomes inactive. That will occur if an agency drops the investigation, prosecutors decline charges, the statute of limitations expires, all appeals are exhausted or the data are presented as evidence in court, according to statute.

The video obtained by the BCA in the course of the investigation came from sources including personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station.

The BCA has asked anyone with further video of the incident to come forward. Nelson said it's unlikely people would face any legal repercussions for posting videos online that they took of the incident on their own.

"Certainly if they provide BCA with a copy of the video, they still own it, and I would think that BCA would need a court order to prevent them from publishing it," Nelson said. "Courts and the First Amendment frown on that type of prior restraint."

Officers weren't wearing body cameras during the incident. Minneapolis ended a pilot program with body cameras earlier this year, but plan to implement the program in 2016.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/19/%E2%80%98we%E2%80%99ve-shut-place-down%E2%80%99-0>

Sprays of chemical irritant mixed with freezing mist in the air outside Minneapolis' 4th Precinct Wednesday night as police officers attempted to break up the demonstrators who had occupied part of the station since Sunday.

Since the fatal police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday, the city has seen continuous protests led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. On Wednesday evening, a crowd of hundreds rallied outside the precinct, among them University of Minnesota students.

Montana Filoteo, a gender, women and sexuality studies junior from the University, said she came to the precinct after Black Lives Matter called for backup to keep the group from being pushed out of the space by law enforcement.

Law enforcement has maintained that Clark was trying to disarm police during a physical altercation and deny witness claims that Clark was in handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head.

"We are here to get justice for Jamar," Filoteo said.

She and other University students said Clark's death and the resulting turmoil called them to action.

Earlier this week, demonstrators pressed for an independent investigation into the incident, identification of the officers involved and the release of video footage of the shooting. The first two demands have since been met.

On Thursday, Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension — which is leading an investigation into Sunday's early-morning incident — named Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze as the officers involved. The U.S. Department of Justice has also launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released.

He said more people showed up than he expected at Wednesday's rally, where "Release the tapes" was a popular chant.

"People started pouring in from every angle," he said.

At points, some protesters became aggressive, but organizers sent out "marshals" to deal with them before they got out of hand, he said.

"I'd rather be pushed than have someone push a police officer," McDowell said.

Jesse Meisenhelter, a political science senior at Macalester College, said she had been considering participating in the Black Lives Matter movement for some time. Clark's death prompted her to finally act, she said.

"I've always wanted to get involved; this was the most straightforward way to do that," she said.

On Wednesday afternoon, officers began attempting to clear protesters' encampments. Their efforts were soon stymied by a human chain that formed outside of the precinct's chain-linked perimeter.

"We've shut this place down," said McDowell. "We've locked them in here."

Throughout the day, demonstrators faced off with dozens of Minneapolis police officers while chanting phrases including, "Hands up, don't shoot," and "Handcuffs, don't shoot."

At around 8 p.m., the bottles and gallon jugs that protesters had earlier filled with milk were put into use when officers sprayed chemical irritant at the crowds through the precinct's fence.

Minneapolis Police tweeted that at least one officer was also hit with irritant sprayed from the crowd.

No one appeared to have been seriously injured in the course of the night's events.

"I really appreciate the peaceful, restrained nature of the protest," said Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon.

"I wish we would do more as a city to support the protests in the face of this serious and critical time after a terrible killing."

Earlier this week, hundreds blocked Interstate 94-West, demanding that video footage of the incident be made public. The highway's shutdown ended with 51 arrests.

A number of protesters at the precinct Wednesday declined to speak with members of the media — including one woman dressed in University of Minnesota attire.

"I'm here for my community, not for a story," she said.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/crowds-gather-outside-fourth-precinct-for-another-night/>

(links, info from other stories, etc)

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3969227.shtml>

(with video)

Hundreds gathered outside a north Minneapolis police precinct to remember a black man who was fatally shot by an officer.

A candlelight vigil and march organized by the NAACP started at 4:30 p.m. outside the 4th Precinct.

Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The group started marching peacefully at 6 p.m. heading east down Plymouth Ave N. toward the area where Clark was shot by police. They stopped at the site to pray and sing the protest song "We Shall Overcome" before marching back to the 4th Precinct.

Several speakers are calling for unity and justice. Many attendees are holding candles, and several children are sitting on their parents' shoulders, taking in the event on a cold night. Several bonfires have been lit in the area, filling the air with smoke.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Police Department is warning of a group that may cause a "disturbance", and they are asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that seem out of the ordinary.

"The intelligence we have received has also been distributed through a number of social media channels.

We urge everyone to take those messages seriously," a statement from police reads.

Police are asking people take note of physical descriptions, clothing descriptions and vehicle descriptions and call 911.

Dayton Meets with NAACP

Gov. Mark Dayton and the Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges met with national and local leaders of the NAACP at 1 p.m. Friday. The meeting comes as tensions rise between protesters and police after the fatal shooting of Clark.

NAACP national president Cornell William Brooks said Clark's death "is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

Hodges said they talked about the gravity about what happened in Minneapolis and what is happening in the city.

"The governor and I expressed that our hands are out, that our doors are open to anybody who wishes to talk about a peaceful resolution to what's happening right now; but also about long term, what solutions we need to find regarding police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton says the meeting was constructive and he is asking those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and property.

I take this very, very seriously. I want to bring a set of proposals to the Minnesota Legislature in the next session," Dayton told reporters. When asked to react to protests, Dayton said: "The No. 1 priority is peace."

He said he asks those who are understandably grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and safety.

"I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together, in a way that only strengthens or overall Minnesota community," he said.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Thursday Night Arrests

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over Clark.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station, where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said 12 squad cars had "significant" damage at an estimated

\$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said. She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers during Wednesday's protests.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the early Sunday morning shooting of Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute. The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/photos-thursday-protests-quieter-more-upbeat>
(photo album)

Friday November 20

<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-national-president-to-join-minneapolis-rally-over-police-shooting/352243161/>

Hundreds of people of all races and backgrounds congregated Friday evening near police headquarters in north Minneapolis for an emotional rally and candlelight vigil that culminated a week of protests over officers' fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The president of the national NAACP, who met with state and city leaders earlier in the day at Gov. Mark Dayton's residence in St. Paul, was among those speaking at the peaceful rally, which many participants called the most significant and inspiring local civil rights gathering in years.

"We are not here to tell you what to do," Cornell Brooks, head of the national NAACP, told the emotional crowd. "I believe in what's happening in Minneapolis."

The death of Jamar Clark, 24, shot in the head during a scuffle Sunday on the city's North Side, has galvanized Minnesota activists — from North Side residents to Black Lives Matter activists to the NAACP — and garnered national attention. As protesters have camped outside Fourth Precinct headquarters on Plymouth Avenue N. and engaged in sometimes tense confrontations with officers, police and civic leaders have pleaded for time to thoroughly investigate the shooting, which is also being examined by federal officials and the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Police have said that Clark lunged for an officer's gun and interfered with officers and paramedics responding to a domestic dispute in which a woman had been injured. The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

After the rally, the group marched to the spot a few blocks away where Clark was shot. There, Nekima Levy-Pounds, the Minneapolis NAACP chapter president, said "it could have been any one of us who died."

The president of the NAACP Cornell Brooks spoke during a vigil held in front of the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct. Protesters in front of Minneapolis Fourth Precinct in Minneapolis MN, Friday November 20, 2015.

City Council Member Blong Yang, whose district includes the North Side, and his wife attended the rally. Protesters have called for Yang to join some fellow council members in pushing the city to quickly release tapes of the shooting. He said Friday that he doesn't have the authority to make such a demand. "Legally speaking, we have no control over the tapes at this point," he said.

Other speakers at Friday's rally included the Rev. Brian Herron of Minneapolis' Zion Baptist Church, longtime civil rights activist Josie Johnson and Mahmoud El-Kati, a former Macalester College professor and an African-American history expert.

"I've been to rallies in Ferguson, South Charleston, Los Angeles, Staten Island and Cleveland," the NAACP's Brooks said. "We need to turn up the heat and be in the fight for the long run."

Hours earlier, Brooks met with Dayton, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and others.

"We were talking about community policing and some of the other steps we can take in Minnesota in the future to prevent this kind of tragedy, and I am certainly very interested to pursue those discussions,"

Dayton said.

As for specific changes, the governor said he is still mulling ways to rebuild trust between black residents and police.

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"I couldn't give you an answer to that today, except that I asked the president of the NAACP to give us some examples of other states, in terms of community policing, in terms of various outreach that can be made," he said. "I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota."

Throughout Friday, the scene at precinct headquarters was peaceful, with some protesters warming themselves at campfires and donning donated hats and mittens. Among those dropping by to express support were clergy members and students from nearby Anwatin Middle School.

Some protesters worked to clear the streets of debris, while others directed traffic.

Helen Williams, who has lived in north Minneapolis for more than 40 years, came to sweep the street and

show her support for protesters. Williams, who has long helped families bury their dead when they cannot afford it, said she is helping the Clark family plan for their son's funeral.

"I'm here to do my part to offer crowd control and hugs," she said.

'We are all one'

Several Minnesota progressive and labor groups issued statements urging a thorough and transparent investigation. State DFL Chair Ken Martin said, "It is hard to have hope for the future when it seems that our community has turned an indifferent eye to the very real and persistent issues facing communities of color in Minnesota. The DFL stands by everyone working peacefully for a transparent investigation and to bring the conversation of fairness and justice to the forefront."

A coalition of leaders from African immigrant communities said at a news conference in Brooklyn Park that immigrant groups support protesters' call for clarity and justice in the Clark case.

"The African community is united with our African-American brothers and sisters," said Abdullah Kiatamba, executive director of the group African Immigrant Services. "We are all one. A harm to one is a harm to all of us."

Early in the day, a divided Minneapolis City Council met in a closed session. City Attorney Susan Segal said the council received a briefing from the city's emergency management director, Barret Lane, and a police update.

The issue has exposed divisions among council members, some of whom have occasionally joined the protest. North Side council members have criticized their colleagues for participating in the occupation of the precinct, calling their actions unhelpful.

On Friday afternoon, tensions between the police union and Chief Janeé Harteau spilled over when Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the police union, said on WCCO Radio that Harteau has not handled the crisis well and that she should have ordered an immediate clearing of the protesters' camp.

Chief speaks briefly

The chief appeared before the crowd around 8:30 p.m., speaking behind a double barricade at the precinct's main entrance. She tried to talk to individual demonstrators, but those unable to hear quickly became agitated and urged her to get a microphone.

A bystander yelled, "we want to be able to hear you so we can hold you accountable."

"I don't have tapes to release," Harteau calmly told one protester. "I thought I'd come out and talk to you, but if you only want to talk to someone who has the power to release tapes, that's not me."

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The crowd began chanting "show the tapes," and Harteau left a minute later, going back inside the precinct.

The BCA has several videos of the shooting but none shows the event in its entirety. The videos will not be released until the investigation is finished, the agency said.

At the outset, police leaders and Kroll said Clark was not handcuffed at the time he was shot. The BCA said handcuffs were at the scene and agents were working to determine whether they were on Clark.

Police records show no disciplinary actions directed at Ringgenberg. Schwarze has been the subject of one case closed with no discipline; another remains under investigation. Both men have been police officers for seven years, including 13 months apiece with the Minneapolis department.

Late Friday, U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Vanita Gupta and Minneapolis FBI Division chief Richard Thornton issued a joint statement emphasizing that the shooting is under intensive investigation and adding: "Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner."

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The meeting with Dayton and Hodges was at the request of national and local NAACP leaders. The meeting with the governor lasted nearly two hours at his residence in St. Paul. When he had to leave to attend the investiture of Minnesota's newest Supreme Court Justice, Natalie Hudson, the meeting continued without him for another 30 minutes. Dayton said he's available to meet with the leaders again over the weekend if necessary.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. - Minnesota's Governor and the mayor of Minneapolis are meeting Friday afternoon with national and local leaders of the NAACP in an effort to ease the racial tensions ignited by the death of a black man at the hands of two police officers.

The meeting was called after six days of unrest in the wake of the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. As hostilities, rhetoric and demonstrations at the fourth police precinct have escalated, the eyes of the nation have increasingly been on Minneapolis and its long-simmering racial wounds.

NAACP National President Cornell William Brooks, Minnesota NAACP President WC Jordan, Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds and St. Paul NAACP President Jeff Martin were all seen walking into the Governor's mansion around 1 p.m. Friday to sit down with Mr. Dayton and Betsy Hodges, who earlier this week agreed to put federal authorities in charge of the officer-involved shooting of Clark.

A candlelight vigil and march is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday at the fourth precinct, the site of violent episodes in recent nights. Both activists and police have blamed each other for escalating violence, but both sides have also sounded calls for restraint and respect during protests.

<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/wake-police-shooting-split-among-minneapolis-council-members>

Tension over the shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer spilled over into a meeting of the 13-member city council Friday, spurred by a brief protest by longtime anti-police-brutality activists.

Although nothing directly related to Clark's shooting — or to the community's response to it — was on the council's agenda, the Friday morning incident revealed an ongoing dispute that has been waged throughout the week via press conferences and social media: a disagreement between council members who believe they should be directly involved in protests and those who think such participation is premature, even inappropriate.

Staged by three members of Communities United Against Police Brutality, Friday morning's protest got underway just as the council's regular business meeting was beginning. That's when Communities United's Michelle Gross approached the podium and began speaking to the council about what she thinks

is a lack of police accountability. “We’re amending your agenda,” Gross said.

Council members and city staff seemed prepared for the protest, however. Council President Barbara Johnson immediately told Gross there was no public testimony taken at regular meetings, read the rule and asked security guards, who were there in greater numbers than usual, to remove Gross. Two other protesters took to the podium in sequence and were also removed.

“This is just another sign that the city is not ready to listen and not ready to take action on pressing matters,” said Dave Bickling as he was being removed. The three were not arrested or cited.

Between the protester comments, Council Member Lisa Bender tried to intervene in Johnson’s order to remove the protesters, moving to suspend the rule against public testimony. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alondra Cano but failed on a voice vote. The move constituted a public challenge to Johnson, and came just a day after Johnson had called out Bender and other council members for taking part in demonstrations at the 4th precinct police station.

“It is not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief of police,” Johnson said at a Thursday press conference with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau, called to talk about the previous evening, when police cleared demonstrators from the entrance to the 4th precinct. That move triggered even broader protests and tense confrontations between police and protesters.

Johnson, who along with Council Member Blong Yang represents the parts of the city covered by the 4th precinct, called the presence of council members at the protests “very awkward.”

“I just think people need to act responsibly about their duties and understand this is a very troubling challenge for a community that Council Member Yang and I represent,” Johnson said. “This is our 4th precinct. Our citizens and residents depend on this precinct.”

Yang said the city has responded to most of the demands made by protesters: an independent investigation and the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting. But the video of the incident isn’t the city’s to release, he said. It is now possessed by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is doing the initial investigation.

Johnson mentioned no names but at least three council members took part in demonstrations: Bender, Cano and Cam Gordon. Their appearances gave support to demands made by Black Lives Matter and other groups, including a demand to immediately release all video that might capture the shooting.

Bender and Cano were both critical of the police use of chemical irritants and devices Wednesday night that might have been paintball-type guns but looked very real to demonstrators:

Gordon said Friday he wasn’t bothered by criticism of his presence at the demonstration, calling it part of the job. “We can be supportive,” he said. “We can encourage positive people to come out there and be part of the solution.”

Friday’s protest at the meeting pointed out what some view as a gap in council rules. Unlike some other local governments, Minneapolis’ council does not provide any opportunity for residents to speak on general topics. Testimony is taken at committee meetings, but only on the matters before that committee. Its rules can be suspended to allow the public to address the council — something it did Wednesday for testimony on the city budget — but that procedure is rarely followed.

Both the Minneapolis Board of Education and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board have public forums during its regular meetings that allow residents to speak on any topic. Gordon was asked by a reporter after Friday’s meeting why residents shouldn’t have expected the council to discuss the killing of Clark. Gordon said that the every-other-week regular meeting is mostly to approve the work of the committees. But he said he would support a change to council rules to provide for a public forum.

“But I’m just one vote,” Gordon said.

Twelve of the 13 members are DFL party members. Gordon is affiliated with the Green Party and on many issues is more liberal than many of the DFL members. That doesn’t mean the council is monolithic.

Several votes during last year’s budget adoption, for example — including one to reduce to size of the tax levy — were 7-6, with Johnson prevailing thanks to the support of Council Members Yang, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Jacob Frey and Linea Palmisano. Voting against the tax cut — and some resulting cuts to the budget proposal — were Elizabeth Glidden, Gordon, Bender, Cano, John Quincy and Andrew Johnson.

The only mention of the Sunday shooting came from Glidden, the council’s vice president, who referenced the incident during the approval of a historic designation for the headquarters of the city’s black-owned newspaper, the Spokesman-Recorder.

“It is no secret that Minnesota and Minneapolis are the subject to international news right now in a way that we wish we were not but we are,” Glidden said. The Spokesman-Recorder, she said, has been in the middle of covering that news for the community.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/minneapolis-council-meeting-interrupted-protest/76130324/>

MINNEAPOLIS – Observers expected a protest at Friday’s meeting of the Minneapolis City Council by the Black Lives Matter group. Instead, there was a disruption by a different group: “Communities United Against Police Brutality” (CUAPB).

Three members of the group tried to talk over Council President Barbara Johnson at the beginning of the regularly scheduled meeting. All three were removed by security as they continued to call loudly to the council members.

"We will be heard! We will be heard!" shouted Michelle Gross of Minneapolis.

However, she and her fellow protesters were not heard. The Council rules prohibit public comment at their meetings. They permit public comment at committee meetings. An attempt to suspend the rules and allow the speakers failed on a voice vote.

Afterwards, CUAPB member Dave Bicken said their protest was in sympathy with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest at the Minneapolis 4th Precinct.

"It was prompted by the shooting of Jamar Clark, of course," said Bicken. "And the outrage that is shown by that. Outrage in the community and the outrageous behavior of our police department for the shooting itself."

Three Council members, Cam Gordon, Lisa Bender and Alondra Cano spoke at the 4th Precinct Thursday night in support of the BLM protest, which reportedly did not please Council President Barbara Johnson.

"She has not talked to me about this," said Gordon. "That is fine. That is what my job is. People look at what I am doing. They give me input and feedback and advice and criticism and everybody has their right to do that."

The council held a closed meeting after the regular council meeting. They got a briefing on security at the 4th Precinct, but took no votes, according to Susan Segal, Minneapolis City Attorney.

"I cannot disclose anything that was discussed during it because it is confidential," said Segal. "I mean It is private under the open meeting law."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3970093.shtml>

(RAW video, didn't grab)

A community group upset about an officer-involved shooting of a black man blasted Minneapolis Council Members on Friday.

Three members of the group Communities United Against Police Brutality were escorted out of the council chambers four minutes after the meeting started. Watch raw video of the interactions in the video player above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/3-activists-removed-from-mpls-city-council-meeting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Friday's Minneapolis City Council meeting received an unexpected interruption as one organization spoke out against the shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Jamar Clark was shot and killed by Minneapolis Police early Sunday morning after officers responded to an assault call. The police union says Clark tried reaching for one of the officers guns. Some witnesses say Clark was restrained and in handcuffs.

It was a quieter and peaceful night Thursday at Minneapolis' 4th precinct as people continue to protest, but protesters — not associated with the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis — showed up at the Minneapolis City Council meeting to confront councilmembers.

Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality asked supporters to join her at Friday's meeting.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, Gross interrupted and told leaders police need to be held accountable for Clark's death.

City Council president Barb Johnson told Gross she was out of order, but she continued her message until being escorted outside by four officers. As she was escorted out, Gross shouted, "We will be heard. You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Two more supporters followed her lead, before also being led outside.

Even though the protesters were escorted out of the meeting, they believe they were still effective. They say Friday's actions are just the beginning, but stopped short of giving details about future plans.

"We have people who are righteously angered, and we need to address people's concerns. They shouldn't be sitting there talking about mundane matters of city business," Gross said. "Not now. They should be addressing the community and dealing with what the community needs right now ... Our city's an inch away from turning into Ferguson."

Lamorris Brayden left the sit-in at the 4th Precinct to see if his voice would be heard, but not to interrupt the meeting.

"Right now, there ain't no place I'd rather be. I quit my job to be there," Brayden said. "I'm willing to talk to anyone that's willing to listen."

He never got that opportunity, and neither did Julian Johnson. City council meetings do not allow for public comment, which is left for committee meetings.

"It would have been nice if they would have allowed some public comment because we're in crisis," Johnson said. "We are definitely in crisis."

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon says this is a scenario he has seen play out before.

"It's not unusual for me to see people coming in thinking they're going to have opportunity to address the

council and we're not really providing it automatically here," Gordon said.

The meeting ended with many promising to return. For them, this issue is too important to ignore.

"You can't continue to have business as usual," Johnson said. "Look in streets, OK. They're not going anywhere."

There was an attempt to suspend the rules and allow that public comment Friday, but that motion failed.

After talking to the more vocal demonstrators, it is sounding like this will not be the last time that the city council meeting has that kind of interruption.

Gordon and fellow councilmembers Alondra Cano and Lisa Bender have expressed their support for protesters and their demands to release video evidence in the case. They even attended a rally to show solidarity Thursday night.

Someone was at the meeting wearing a shirt bearing a "Black Lives Matter" message. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has spent its time at the 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue. Protesters remain there. Some have camped out since Sunday.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders tweeted support for those protesting Clark's death in North Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mayor-hodges-to-meet-with-naacp-members-friday/>
MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — National and state leaders met Friday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul to talk about the investigation of the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the demands protesters are making.

NAACP President Cornell William Brooks met with Gov. Mark Dayton, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and other local NAACP leaders to discuss tensions between members of the community and the police.

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"It certainly wasn't a conversation about, you know, 'This is what we demand,'" Mayor Betsy Hodges said.

Hodges said after the meeting that they focused on immediate and long-term solutions for peace.

"It was a 'big picture' conversation about police-community relationships and what we can do moving forward," she said.

NAACP leaders declined to comment as they left the mansion. Brooks is expected to join in on protests outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis Friday night – which has been the epicenter of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since Sunday.

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Hodges says she reiterated the work the city is doing to improve community and police relations.

"The governor and I have our hands extended and the door open to talking to whoever wants to come to talk about peaceful resolution at the precinct and long-term, positive police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton also declined to comment, but a spokesperson says he called it a "constrictive meeting."

He also said the NAACP had requested Friday's meeting.

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/52088444-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Three people protesting the shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police were removed from Friday morning's city council meeting for disrupting the scheduled proceedings.

"We will be heard," said Michelle Gross, an activist with Communities United Against Police Brutality.

"You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Hundreds of protesters have been occupying the grounds of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct since Sunday's deadly shooting. Clark, 24, was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N.

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3969529.shtml>

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/small-protest-opens-mpls-city-council-meeting/76103086/>

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mayor-hodges-to-meet-with-naacp-members-friday/>

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/21/u-s-attorney-fbi-reaffirm-that-jamar-clark-footage-wont-be-released/>

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mpd-chief-union-head-spar-over-4th-precinct-protests-on-wcco-radio/>

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<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/naacp-president-leads-hundreds-in-minneapolis-rally-police-on-alert/>

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<http://www.startribune.com/tensions-between-black-community-police-resurface-after-shooting/352750561/>
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<http://www.fox9.com/news/52914033-story>
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<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/22/a-week-after-jamar-clark-shooting-black-lives-matter-to-discuss-its-next-step/>
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ABC News: The Latest: NAACP Plans Minneapolis Vigil on Police Shooting

The nation's oldest civil rights organization is calling for a candlelight vigil and march in Minneapolis to bring attention to the latest fatal shooting of a young black man by a police officer. (AP wire story)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-naACP-plans-minneapolis-vigil-police-shooting-35321157>

TIME: Why Minneapolis Is Erupting Over a Police-Related Shooting

The Department of Justice is currently investigating to determine whether Clark's civil rights were violated, and the FBI is conducting its own investigation. The Minneapolis Police Department, meanwhile, has had a history of misconduct. <http://time.com/4120901/minneapolis-jamar-clark-protests/>

NPR: After Night Of Clashes, Protests Continue In Minneapolis

Protesters in Minneapolis clashed with police Wednesday night, as demonstrations over the police shooting of a black man intensified.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/11/19/456643663/after-night-of-clashes-protests-continue-in-minneapolis>

US News & World Report: The Latest: 2 accused of spray-painting police building arrested during protest in Minneapolis

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer. (AP story)

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/19/latest-naACP-calls-for-police-restraint-in-minneapolis>

CBS News: Civil rights leaders, police spar over Minneapolis protest response

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers. (CBS/AP)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/civil-rights-leaders-police-spar-over-minneapolis-protest-response-jamar-clark/>

Christian Science Monitor: Protests continue in Minneapolis over police shooting

The protests were sparked by the death of Jamar Clark on Sunday. The 24-year-old black man was shot in the head during a confrontation with police. (AP)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2015/1119/Protests-continue-in-Minneapolis-over-police-shooting>

Yahoo News: Minneapolis NAACP chief calls for release of videos in fatal police shooting

The head of the Minneapolis NAACP on Thursday joined protesters in demanding that authorities release videos of an altercation earlier this week in which a police officer shot an unarmed black man to death.

(Reuters report)

<http://news.yahoo.com/minneapolis-naACP-chief-demands-release-video-minnesota-shooting-012050059.html>

Inforum: Minneapolis police say Molotov cocktails thrown at protest, blame 'anarchists'

The Minneapolis police chief says anarchists from outside the community are attacking police, using an early Sunday police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to conduct violence.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3886335-minneapolis-police-say-molotov-cocktails-thrown-protest-blame-anarchists>

Boston Globe: Editorial: To restore trust, make police accountable in Minneapolis

THERE ARE a few searing facts that Black Lives Matter protesters, the Minneapolis Police Department, and residents of North Minneapolis agree on: Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, is dead.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2015/11/19/restore-trust-make-police-accountable-minneapolis/gdD3tBqtE3cedccqVPGWO/story.html>

DailyMail (UK): Dramatic moment: Cop 'aimed rifle at congressman's son' in Minneapolis during protest over 'execution-style' police shooting of unarmed black man

A dramatic photograph from last night's protests in Minneapolis over the 'execution-style' shooting of an unarmed black man appears to show a police officer pointing a rifle at the son of a congressman.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3326279/Dramatic-moment-cop-aimed-rifle-congressman-s-son-Minneapolis-protest-execution-style-police-shooting-unarmed-black-man.html>

ColorLines: UPDATE: Minneapolis Cops Who Killed Jamar Clark ID'd, FBI to Investigate

And police donned riot gear and fired rubber bullets and a chemical agent into the crowd outside the Minneapolis Police Department's fourth precinct building.

<http://www.colorlines.com/articles/update-minneapolis-cops-who-killed-jamar-clark-idd-fbi-investigate>

LA Times: Civil rights leaders, police differ over protest response

Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer. (AP)

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151119-story.html>

NBC News: Protesters Join City Leaders to Urge Calm After Police Killing of Black Minneapolis Man

Demonstrators protesting the killing of an unarmed black man during a scuffle with police joined Minneapolis officials Thursday in urging protesters to remain calm after a night of violence.
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/protesters-join-city-leaders-urge-calm-after-police-killing-black-n466581>

FoxNews: The Latest: NAACP calls for police restraint at Minneapolis protests of man's shooting
Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer. (AP)
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/19/latest-naacp-calls-for-police-restraint-at-minneapolis-protests-man-shooting/>

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CBS News: National NAACP head joins Minneapolis protest over police shooting
The demonstrations were prompted by the police shooting of an unarmed black man -- 24-year-old Jamar Clark -- on Sunday night. (video report by Dean Reynolds – played on 530 p.m. national news)
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/national-naacp-head-joins-minneapolis-protest-over-police-shooting-of-jamar-clark/>

New York Times: The Latest: Feds Reject Releasing Video of Fatal Shooting
Federal authorities say releasing videos from the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer would harm the investigation. (AP)
<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/20/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

Spokesman-Recorder: Calls for justice intensify as police clash with protesters
The NAACP Minneapolis branch is calling for a federal takeover of the city's police department in light of the treatment of protesters Wednesday night, said its branch president.

<http://spokesman-recorder.com/2015/11/20/national-naacp-joins-local-chapter-fight-answers/>
Reuters: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting ousted from city council meeting
Three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis city council meeting on Friday after they voiced disapproval over how city leaders have handled the investigation of Sunday's police killing of an unarmed African-American man.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/21/us-minnesota-shooting-idUSKCN0T92FT20151121>

ABC News: Protesters Call for Peace at Vigil for Slain Minneapolis Man
Protesters have been camped at the police station since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot last Sunday. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said "coming together shows we can achieve justice."

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/activists-press-answers-minnesota-police-shooting-35329317>
FoxNews: Protesters, activists press for answers in fatal shooting of black man by Minneapolis officer
Hundreds of people gathered outside a Minneapolis police precinct on a cold Friday night to call for unity and justice after a black man was fatally shot by an officer. (AP)
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/20/protesters-activists-press-for-answers-in-fatal-shooting-black-man-by/>

CNN: Union chief: Minneapolis police worried protests may turn violent
In an interview on WCCO radio, Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the city police union, accused Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau and Mayor Betsy Hodges of not listening to police concerns. Harteau called in during the interview, leading to a tense conversation.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/index.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Hundreds at vigil remember man shot by officer
The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local): (AP updates)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/latest-us-rep-ellison-wants-shooting-video-released/2015/11/19/2aba8d10-8f34-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

Chicago Tribune: Protesters call for peace at vigil for slain Minneapolis man
Also Friday, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, national and local leaders of the NAACP, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and other officials to discuss the shooting and the protests that have followed. (AP)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151120-story.html>

TIME: Minnesota Congressman Shares 'Agonizing' Photo of Son's Protest
Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison shared a photo on Twitter Thursday that shows a police officer pointing a gun toward his son during a recent protest. (Nov. 19)

<http://time.com/4120694/congressman-shares-agonizing-photo-of-sons-protest/>

Rapid News Network: What we know about Minneapolis police shooting
Police in Minneapolis say a move against protesters camped out at a north side precinct was limited to clearing its entryway of demonstrators.

<http://rapidnewsnetwork.com/what-we-know-about-minneapolis-police-shooting/300386/>

ChronicleOracle: Jamar Clark Protests Continue at Minneapolis Police Station

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

<http://chronicleoracle.com/2015/11/jamar-clark-protests-continue-at-minneapolis-police-station/>

Wireless Goodness: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting thrown out of city council meeting
National and state leaders met Friday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul to talk about the investigation of the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the demands protesters are making.

<http://wirelessgoodness.com/2015/11/21/protesters-against-minneapolis-police-shooting-thrown-out19994/>
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CNN: Jamar Clark shooting: Witness says he was in handcuffs

Smoke tumbled from several small bonfires surrounded by protesters warming their hands outside the 4th Police Precinct in North Minneapolis on Saturday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/>

ABC News: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he will urge the Justice Department to investigate any police actions in Minneapolis this past week that may have violated civil rights. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-union-members-rally-minneapolis-35345610>

ABC News: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/federal-lawyers-fly-minneapolis-probe-shooting-35352530>

FoxNews: Union members to rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting shooting

Labor groups plan to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in north Minneapolis last Sunday.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/21/latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis-in-support-activists-protesting/>

New York Times: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/21/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

Salt Lake Tribune: Minneapolis protesters vow to stay outside police station

Tents, fire pits and stools have been set up outside the Fourth Precinct, in the heart of a predominantly black section of the city and just blocks from where Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday after police responded to an assault complaint. (AP)

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3211546-155/story.html>

LA Times: Minneapolis protesters demand answers in fatal police shooting of black man

An encampment of protesters outside a Minneapolis police station vowed Saturday to maintain their vigil over the death of a black man who was shot by police, saying they won't move until video recordings of the encounter are released and authorities change how they interact with communities they serve.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-minneapolis-shooting-20151121-story.html>

KTAR: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://ktar.com/story/777246/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting/>

Yahoo News: Protesters of Minneapolis police shooting press on in bitter cold

A few dozen demonstrators endured bitter cold on Saturday outside a Minneapolis police station, where they have spent the last week encamped in protest of the killing of an unarmed African-American man. (Reuters)

<http://news.yahoo.com/protesters-minneapolis-police-shooting-press-bitter-cold-040400031.html>

NY Times: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Anti-police graffiti removed in Minneapolis

Workers have painted over anti-police graffiti on a Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days over the death of a black man.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis/2015/11/21/42ba9cb0-9070-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe police shooting of Jamar Clark

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said (Wire updates)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

US News & World Report: US Justice Department lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate fatal shooting of black man

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<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/22/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting>
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NPR: Minneapolis Protesters Keep Up Pressure After Black Man Is Killed By Police

Justice Department lawyers are in Minneapolis conducting a civil rights investigation, and are expected to discuss the possible release of video that may show the shooting. (3:09 audio report)

<http://www.npr.org/2015/11/23/457063768/minneapolis-protesters-keep-up-pressure-after-black-man-is-killed-by-police>

Yahoo News: From Ferguson to Minneapolis: Crisis of confidence plagues police in wake of deadly officer-involved shootings

Balancing transparency and due process a tricky proposition (Yahoo reporter)

<http://news.yahoo.com/from-ferguson-to-minneapolis-crisis-of-confidence-plagues-police-in-wake-of-deadly-officer-involved-shootings-143019360.html>

FergusFallsJournal: NAACP, government talk about easing Minneapolis tension

Tension over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man turned to talks about the future Friday, the most peaceful day in North Minneapolis since the early Sunday incident.

<http://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/2015/11/naACP-government-talk-about-easing-minneapolis-tension/>

GreenPartyWatch: Green Party councilmember joins Minneapolis protests over Clark shooting

MinnPost reports that Cam Gordon, a Green Party member of the Minneapolis city council, is among three councilmembers who have been taking part in protests over the police shooting of Jamar Clark. Gordon has faced some criticism for joining the demonstrations, but said it does not bother him.

<http://www.greenpartywatch.org/2015/11/22/green-party-councilmember-joins-minneapolis-protests-over-clark-shooting/>

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate shooting of Jamar Clark

A key issue during their visit will be whether authorities should release to the public videos of the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark a week ago. (Tribune wire reports - updated)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

Washington Post: The Latest: Funeral set for man killed by Minneapolis police

Funeral plans are set for a black man whose fatal shooting by Minneapolis police has sparked protests. (AP)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-federal-lawyers-to-probe-death-of-black-man/2015/11/22/c853c320-90e7-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

From: Eidem, Anna
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 2:40 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Protest Update 12/01/2015 (1700) - 12/02/2015 (0300)

Unicorn Riot live stream was not up tonight.
No further incidents with protesters at P4.

Nothing else to report.

From: Popular in your network
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 7:31 PM CST
To: Velasco-Thompson, Ellen S.
Subject: Jim Souhan tweeted: Twins signing of Byung Ho Park shouldn't remind you of anyone

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Jim Souhan @SouhanStrib

Twins signing of Byung Ho Park shouldn't remind you of anyone srib.mn/1Rmqk2K

Nekima Levy-Pounds @nvlevy

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Bleacher Report @BleacherReport

Minnesota holder [@PMortell37](#) gives himself a special award ble.ac/1QUOmCF

Star Tribune Sports @StribSports

Former [#Gophers](#) star Mike Reilly called up from Iowa by [#mnwild](#). [@Russostrib](#) explains: strib.mn/1XyYR2K [#NHL](#) [pic.twitter.com](#)

Mr. Berg [@FHSBerg](#)

He's baaaaack!! Finals, let's do this!! See everyone at 8:20 am. pic.twitter.com/JsNmrnBQTj

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To: Hecker, Ben A.; Khamsot, Tou Tou
Subject: Contact Hodges: Opinion

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Opinion Dear Mayor Hodges, I have been watching live stream footage of the 4th precinct protests in N Min via Unicorn Riot. I don't understand. It seems like the protesters do not feel protected by the police in their community and alienated from governmental/ judicial system that does not work for them. At first I thought that they were a small, very vocal, but fringe element that was over reacting to a sad, but unavoidable event in the shooting of Mr. Clark. But after watching this protest unfold for weeks I also believe the system doesn't work for them. And you are not representing them fairly or equally. The protesters appear to receive nothing from the system but hostility or this weird condescending smugness. Forget Jamar. Do you think it is ok that a community and the people policing it have this type of relationship. It is shameful. If I had a voice I would say shut that precinct down as well. If wrong doing occurs, silent observers are as guilty as the perpetrators. If you think it is wrong. You should say so. Warm regards 13.356

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To: 'sheriff.cisa@co.hennepin.mn.us'; Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Unicorn Riot

New Link for the protest tonight at city hall:

<http://livestream.com/unicornriot/events/4559180>

Not streaming yet as of right now

Lt. Jeff Rugel
Minneapolis Police Department
Strategic Information Center
Desk: 612-673-3428
Main: 612-673-3700

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To: Elder, John A.
Subject: FW: Unicorn Riot

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From: Elder, John A.
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2015 5:00 PM CST
To: J. Elder
Subject: Fwd: Unicorn Riot

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Best Regards,
John A. Elder
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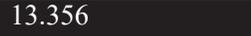
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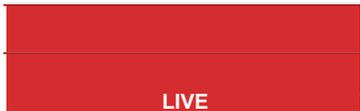
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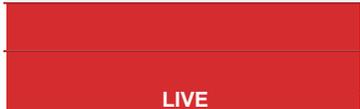
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Subject: Justice for #ResurrectionVi... is live!

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From: Wolf, Jill
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 2:25 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: Protest Update 12/3/2015 (1700) - 12/4/2015 (0300)

- At the start of our shift there was a protest at City Hall. They marched into the tunnel and defaced Wings bank windows with graffiti.
- The group left and walked to Bottineau Park (2000 2 St NE) and had a ceremony there.
- They blocked major streets on the way and formed large circles and danced, sang and shouted.
- The group then went to the Federation with more of the same.
- The group then dispersed and has been quite the rest of our shift.
- Unicorn Riot had two live feeds going.
- We later learned that the group had went to Elsie's Bowling alley where a Hennepin County Sheriff fundraiser was going on. The owners shut down the business. Unsure what time this occurred.
- CCN 15-441418 for event

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Subject: Suggestions based on Lightskin Tyreese



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Great Nagging Shark™ @colocha_rachel

amplification & ranting. minneapolis (& stl in my heart).

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black woman. ace + queer af. equal parts awkward and aggressive.

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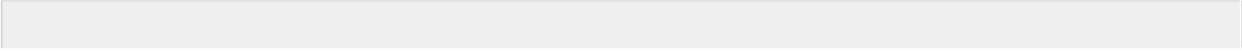
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From: Popular in your network
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2015 3:36 PM CST
To: Angel GarciaLonetree
Subject: SUBWAY® tweeted: @itsAaliyahJade Best comment ever.

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[@itsAaliyahJade](#) Best comment ever.

Unicorn Riot @UR_Ninja

Nov 15: Police Precinct Occupied after [#JamarClark's 'Executed' While Handcuffed](#) [bit.ly/1j2V8HI](#) [#4thPrecinctShutDown](#) [#Justice](#)

Sam Richards @MinneapolisSam

I am proud of the [@NStarPost](#) and our brave reporting from the front lines of the fights for civil liberties and social justice.

Alondra Cano @People4Alondra

As ppl gather @GovMarkDayton's house 2 say #RefugeesWelcomeMN message @JigmeUgen 2 request a sign + show ur support

Jhonna Elzie @Nettaaaaaaaaa

The amount of mixtape links I receive....

|||| || ||| | |||| | @micamaryjane

the complexities of the heart, as told by a rose

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From: Wilcox, Matthew
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2015 4:06 PM CST
To: Carter, Brian
Subject: RE: GoPro Guy

Georgiades, [REDACTED]

The unicorn riot guy?

I think this is the one.

From: Carter, Brian
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Wilcox, Matthew; Bates, Christopher
Subject: GoPro Guy

What is the name of the guy with the GoPro who is claiming that he is press?

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From: Carter, Brian
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2015 4:07 PM CST
To: Wilcox, Matthew
Subject: RE: GoPro Guy

Ah, ok—thanks.

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From: Twitter
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2015 4:47 PM CST
To: Angel GarciaLonetree
Subject: Follow Nimisha Nagalia, Lucky and Milk Chocolate on Twitter!

 Angel GarciaLonetree,

Here are some people we think you might like to follow:

Nimisha Nagalia @nim_nags

Followed by Unicorn Riot and KurvyKurly.

Lucky @mosaicgraffiti

Followed by Unicorn Riot and KurvyKurly.

Milk Chocolate @Bobo_Datdeal

Followed by Og2Tone and CallMeImAFoolWitIt.

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From: Popular in your network
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 3:38 PM CST
To: Angel GarciaLonetree
Subject: Nekima Levy-
Pounds tweeted: Peeps, my FB Friend Michele Michele Livingston and her contacts created a petition for us to demand removal of...



Popular in your network

Nekima Levy-Pounds @nvlevy

Peeps, my FB Friend Michele Michele Livingston and her contacts created a petition for us to demand removal of... fb.me/7RnbT

Johnetta Elzie @Nettaaaaaaaaa

how dare you send me this jumbled up hotep letter -_-

Unicorn Riot @UR_Ninja

Hello beautiful people out there, enjoy this new video from our 2015 footage

'Unicorn Riot - Your Alternative Media'

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Rocky Diamonds @RockyDiamonds

#oners if I don't follow you like this tweet so I can!

Black Lives Matter @Blklivesmatter

Why SFPD must be held accountable for the murder of Mario Woods: sfexaminer.com/absent-politic...

Dr. Cornel Fresh @WyzeChef

Nah. That article was about how the BLM *organization* was started. There's a difference. twitter.com/sidcombs/statu...

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From: Popular in your network
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2015 2:45 PM CST
To: Angel GarciaLonetree
Subject: Unicorn Riot tweeted: Beautiful day at #Redlines #D12 #COP21 protest in Paris

 Popular in your network

Unicorn Riot @UR_Ninja

Beautiful day at [#Redlines](#) [#D12](#) [#COP21](#) protest in Paris

Nekima Levy-Pounds @nvlevy

This looks like it will be a fun time at the 4th Precinct tomorrow. Please join the Northside Riders 4 Justice, a... fb.me/7yF7yj0BZ

kellen @officialkellen

i hate argyle don't @ me

Issa Rae @IssaRae

This episode is so funny, and stellar commentary about Black women in Hollywood: [#GetYourLife](#)

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Dr. Cornel Fresh @WyzeChef

I don't think Trump will win but just in case...

5 Places Black People Can Move When They've Had Enough of America [theroot.com/articles/cultu...](#)

KurvyKurly @klmontgom

. [@TrillhouseP](#) you brought me to tears. Ty for seeing us brotha [#reclaimmn twitter.com/frommecl/statu...](#)

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From: Seroka, Scott
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 2:50 PM CST
To: Miles, Molly J
Subject: FW: contact info on photographer?
Attachments: WEEK 3 News Clips, 4th Precinct Protest.docx

2 things.

Can you contact Jean? Email is below. She is very sweet!

Also, attached is the final week of news clips logs for you from the occupation/protest.

Thanks,

Scott

From: Jean Johnson [mailto:jean@johnsonlc.com]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Seroka, Scott
Subject: contact info on photographer?

Hi Scott:

It was a real pleasure to meet you yesterday and see the Fourth Precinct's LFL. I hope we can keep up the good work!

Would you please send me the email address for the photographer? I'd like to touch base with her about getting copies of some photos to share with our club.

I look forward to staying in touch.

Jean Johnson

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<http://www.startribune.com/a-guide-to-minneapolis-police-shooting-of-jamar-clark/359327011/>

<http://www.startribune.com/standing-tall-for-justice-will-bring-revolution-of-attitude/359082831/>

<http://www.startribune.com/don-t-risk-credibility-on-hands-up-style-claims/359082731/>

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29184255/

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29183565/

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/30/4th-precinct-protesters-not-budging-despite-requests-from-city-leaders/>

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/30/ellison-hodges-call-for-occupation-at-4th-precinct-to-end-say-its-a-safety-issue/>

<http://www.journalmpls.com/news/news/hodges-community-leaders-call-for-an-end-to-4th-precinct-occupation>

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3977346.shtml>

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/30/mayor-hodges-calls-for-an-end-to-4th-precinct-protests/76562752/>

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/news/hodges-community-leaders-call-for-an-end-to-4th-precinct-occupation>

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/54850374-story>

<http://blogs.mprnews.org/capitol-view/2015/12/daily-digest-criminal-charges-and-a-call-to-disperse/>

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<http://www.southwestjournal.com/voices/historyapolis/the-long-legacy-of-mistrust-of-police-on-the-north-side>

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/30/4th-precinct-officers-serve-meals-with-community-in-need/76593392/>

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3977948.shtml>

<http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/12/ellison-loses-grip-influence-on-police-shooting-protest/>

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/12/01/an-overview-of-the-jamar-clark-shooting/>

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/30/photos-protest-goes-on-in-spite-of-city-leaders-plea?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

<https://www.minnpost.com/data/2015/11/protest-shooters-wont-be-charged-hate-crime-heres-why-would-have-been-mostly-symbolic-a>

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news-feed/4-men-face-felony-charges-for-shooting-near-4th-precinct-protest-site>

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<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/12/01/shooting-suspects-charged>

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/01/us/four-charged-in-shooting-of-protesters-in-minneapolis.html?_r=0

<http://www.citypages.com/news/allen-scarsella-3-others-charged-in-black-lives-matter-protest-shooting-7868116>

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/30/4-charged-in-4th-precinct-shooting/76565136/>

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/54860963-story>

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/30/charges-possible-against-4-men-in-4th-precinct-protest-shooting/>

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/30/protesters-say-they-arent-leaving-the-4th-precinct/>

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<http://www.startribune.com/protests-loom-over-north-side-groundbreaking/359621601/>

<http://www.startribune.com/protesters-criticize-minnesota-congressman-who-backs-cause/359851091/>

<http://www.startribune.com/attorneys-men-charged-in-minneapolis-attack-not-racist/359682041/>

<http://www.startribune.com/alleged-gunman-others-in-court-today-in-shooting-of-blm-protesters/359602741/>

<http://www.startribune.com/editorial-counterpoint-protesters-need-support-not-lectures/359736091/>

<http://www.startribune.com/end-the-24-7-demonstration-at-north-minneapolis-police-station/359736031/>

<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/12/01/keith-ellison-takes-to-twitter-to-debate-black-lives-matter-activists/>

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/12/01/dayton-asks-protesters-to-leave-precinct-proposes-15m-to-address-racial-disparities/>

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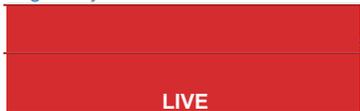
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Sunday, November 15

<http://www.startribune.com/protests-erupt-after-black-man-shot-by-police-in-minneapolis/350404501/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being gone about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-officer-shoots-wounds-person-after-altercation/349782511/>

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The shooting happened after police said they were called to north Minneapolis at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. When they arrived, the man had returned and was interfering with paramedics who were assisting the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle.

At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

Protesters organized by the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis marched through the streets Sunday afternoon. Some beat drums and others carried banners. The group went to a police precinct, where they banged on the door and demanded to be allowed inside.

Raeisha Williams with the Minneapolis NAACP told the AP protesters plan to stay at the precinct until the names of the officers involved are released.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with the community Sunday evening.

Steven Belton, interim president and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League, was in attendance.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Belton said.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

The chief said she has asked the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

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The father of a man shot by Minneapolis police Sunday said his son is brain dead and that he wants the officers responsible prosecuted.

In a news conference Monday morning, James Hill said his son, Jamar Clark, "was already dead" when he was taken to the hospital after the shooting.

"We're just waiting to pull the plug," Hill said, adding that he saw the gunshot wound above his son's left eye while standing at his bedside on Monday. Clark was put on life support after being shot by a Minneapolis police officer during a struggle shortly after midnight Sunday.

Protesters are still at the city's fourth police precinct, where they've been since Sunday afternoon. They said they plan to stay until the name of the officer who shot Clark is released and an independent federal investigation is assured.

"We're very well equipped to stay here until our demands are met," said Kandace Montgomery, a spokeswoman for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. They say witnesses saw Clark, who was suspected in an assault, handcuffed before he was shot.

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Sunday's shooting happened after police said they were called to north Minneapolis at about 12:45 a.m. for a report of an assault. When they arrived, the man had returned and was interfering with paramedics who were assisting the victim, police said.

Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle.

An officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Martez McKnight, 22, said Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

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Protesters occupy the lobby and the sidewalk in front of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct headquarters building in North Minneapolis on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. They are protesting the shooting of Jamar Clark, who was shot by a Minneapolis police officer during a struggle early Sunday. Clark's family says the man is brain dead. (Pioneer Press: Scott Takushi)

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on Clark's condition.

Protesters organized by the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis marched through the streets Sunday afternoon. Some beat drums and others carried banners. The group went to a police precinct, where they banged on the door and demanded to be allowed inside.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with the community Sunday evening.

Steven Belton, interim president and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League, was in attendance.

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"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Belton said.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

The chief said she has asked the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29114930/how-many-minnesota-police-encounters-turn-fatal-dont

How many Minnesota police encounters turn fatal? Don't ask the state

A Pioneer Press database: The 90 people shot and killed by police in Minnesota since 2004

Three years ago, a St. Paul teen was shot multiple times and killed by Woodbury police during a tense standoff. A tragic case of mistaken identity, police confused Mark Henderson for the gunman who had actually taken Henderson hostage.

The three officers who shot Henderson were cleared of wrongdoing, the case was closed and the hostage-taker convicted.

But the highly publicized case -- investigated by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension -- does not exist in the bureau's database that tracks shots fired by law enforcement officials. According to that database, Woodbury officers didn't fire a single incident-related round all year long in 2012.

As national scrutiny of fatal police shootings grows, the BCA's discharge database has been picked over by media outlets hoping to draw conclusions about such shootings in Minnesota.

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Bureau officials note that they have no database specific to fatal police shootings, making their firearms discharge database -- which does categorize some incidents as "fatalities" -- the next-best thing.

There's one big problem: Like a national database kept by the FBI, the bureau's database has flaws that make drawing any conclusions from it problematic.

METHODOLOGY INADEQUATE

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings in the past decade, including Henderson's, that were not recorded in the database as "fatalities." In fact, no record exists in the database of any shots fired for at least three of those cases, including Henderson's.

That's in part because, like the FBI's database, the state relies on local law enforcement agencies to report the information themselves.

"To be included in the state crime book, agencies must submit data to the BCA by a certain date. Data received after that date do not appear in the annual report," said BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira.

It's a methodology that top law enforcement officials, at the national level, have determined to be inadequate.

In March, the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that the federal government's two databases tracking fatal police shootings severely undercounted the actual number of deaths.

"It's ridiculous that I can't tell you how many people were shot by the police last week, last month, last year," FBI director James Comey lamented to a gathering of Georgetown students this year. "Without complete and accurate data, we are left with ideological thunderbolts."

Minnesota is hardly alone in the practice, but relying on self-reporting worries not only federal law enforcement officials but others who've taken it upon themselves to pick up the slack.

"In a democracy, citizens should be able to figure out how many people are killed by law enforcement, why they were killed, and whether training and policies can be modified to decrease the number of

officer-involved deaths," said D. Brian Burghart, a journalist who has created one of the nation's most comprehensive private databases of police shootings.

FIREARMS USAGE

The closest Minnesota comes to tracking fatal police shootings is through a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension database titled "firearms discharges by agency," which tracks when officers use their firearms during an incident or arrest.

A Pioneer Press analysis found four fatal police shootings from the past decade that were not mentioned in the database, including two high-profile shootings that were investigated by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension itself.

In total, the database includes 74 people who were fatally shot by law enforcement officials in Minnesota from 2004 through the end of 2014.

The incidents not in the firearms discharge database include:

-- Mark Henderson Jr., who in 2012 was shot and killed by Woodbury police outside a room at the city's Red Roof Inn. Henderson, a hostage, was attempting to flee the room where he and others had been assaulted. Investigators later determined that Demetrius Ballinger, the man who had taken Henderson and others hostage, was firing his weapon from inside the room while Henderson was trying to flee, and police mistook Henderson for the gunman. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- Theodore Kowalzek, who in 2010 was killed by an Anoka County sheriff's sergeant during a standoff at Kowalzek's Ham Lake home. After exchanging gunfire with SWAT team members, Kowalzek bled to death from gunshot wounds. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigated the case.

-- William Krawchuk, who in 2007 was shot and killed by a Minnesota State Patrol trooper during a traffic stop in rural Sherburne County. Investigators determined that Krawchuk grabbed the trooper's arm and sped off, dragging the trooper for a third of a mile, reaching speeds of at least 55 mph, before the trooper fired. Sherburne County investigated the case.

-- Dominic Felder, who in 2006 was shot and killed by Minneapolis police near his home in the city's Powderhorn neighborhood. Police said Felder resisted them and tried to grab an officer's gun, while witnesses disputed officers' version of events. Minneapolis police investigated the case, though the FBI monitored the investigation. The officers were not disciplined, but a federal jury later awarded \$2.2 million to Felder's family in a wrongful-death civil suit, which the city eventually agreed to pay -- the second-largest award paid by Minneapolis in a police conduct case.

Bureau officials say they do their best to reach out to local jurisdictions to report their own data -- including sending multiple reminders.

BCA spokeswoman Jill Oliveira said the agency sends reminders each month, and half-year and year-end notifications to those they haven't received any information from.

"If we become aware that the required information has not been provided by a local agency about a specific incident, it has been our practice to reach out to the local agency to let them know that the data has not been submitted," Oliveira said.

But it's the "becoming aware" part that's always been the problem, federal officials note -- especially regarding departments with historically less crime to report.

'SIGNIFICANT UNDERESTIMATE'

In March, Bureau of Justice Statistics released a report on its "arrest-related deaths program," a national census of those who died during arrest or died in custody.

The purpose of the program was clear: "to inform specific policies that may increase the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens, identify training needs in law enforcement agencies, and assist in developing prevention strategies," the report noted.

And when relying solely on other agencies to self-report deaths, the feds found a big problem: a "significant underestimate" of arrest-related deaths. They concluded that about 50 percent of "estimated law enforcement homicides" weren't reported from 2003 to 2009 and 2011, the years the program tracked -- not including deaths relating to accidents, drug overdoses and natural causes.

(The Department of Justice and in turn the FBI defines such fatal shootings by law enforcement as "homicides.")

The program didn't track deaths of bystanders, hostages or law enforcement personnel -- or anyone other than those against whom original charges were intended.

The DOJ did note improvement over the years, however -- with federal officials researching deaths on their own through "open source" searches, such as media reports.

Even so, the report noted, between 31 percent and 41 percent of estimated "law enforcement homicides" weren't captured in 2011 -- the last year the report addressed.

A big problem lies in the fact that while federal officials could fact-check departments in which deaths had occurred, they couldn't keep tabs on the departments where no deaths had been reported at any point.

Doing so would have required surveying approximately 18,000 state and local agencies to determine whether "no deaths" was accurate, instead of surveying the hundreds of agencies where some deaths had been reported.

Wisconsin didn't report to the program at all from 2008 to 2011, and was one of only four states not to do so in 2011, the last year the report tracked.

But the FBI's tracking of fatal police incidents over the same time period was slightly worse -- prompting director Comey to complain, in the wake of growing public pressure, about incomplete data from local law enforcement agencies.

Because the FBI's "supplementary homicide report," a component of its uniform crime reporting program, was -- like the BCA's -- voluntary, many agencies "either do not consistently send their data ... or do not send it at all," the Bureau of Justice Statistics report noted.

Additionally, the FBI section that distinguished law enforcement-related homicides from others only tallied those deaths that were ruled "justifiable."

In all, the Bureau of Justice Statistics noted, the FBI database captured an estimated 46 percent of the actual number of homicides by law enforcement officials. Combined with those from the "arrest-related deaths" database, federal officials still missed an estimated 28 percent of such homicides.

The bureau's recommendation was that states should use other methods, including contacting medical examiners or coroners and state and local prosecutors, expanding the role of their own reporters, or conducting searches of other informational outlets, such as the media or private databases.

PICKING UP THE SLACK

When it comes to nongovernment databases, Burghart, editor and publisher of the Reno News and Review, the Nevada city's alternative weekly, has one of the biggest -- one he's personally built over the past three years.

"It's the most depressing hobby you can ever imagine. I cannot imagine anything worse to spend my time on," Burghart said. "I've had a lot of volunteers and people who come in and want to do this stuff, research. Some people can make it a couple weeks. One guy, about a year."

So, why do it then?

When pressed, Burghart makes the same argument FBI director Comey did.

"People should be able to look at their own jurisdiction and compare policies and procedures to other jurisdictions, so they can emulate them and get better outcomes," Burghart said. "Ultimately, I want fewer people to be killed by cops, and fewer cops to be killed by people."

But really, the impetus for Burghart was more personal than that -- a perceived indifference to the data outraged him.

When driving home from work in 2012, he passed a chaotic crime scene -- the scene of an obvious fatality -- and wondered how often it occurred.

Curious, he went home, looked for a couple of hours on the Internet and couldn't find anything, so he gave up.

A few months later, another fatal police shooting made headlines. Again, Burghart tried to research information about frequency but only came up with the FBI database, which even he could see was lacking. Florida, for instance, showed no fatal police shootings at all for more than a decade.

He probably would have dropped it a second time, Burghart says, if he'd found a state with figures that weren't so blatantly false.

"I found that offensive, to be honest. I just can't imagine in this day and age, the government does not track that," he said, "because they track anything. Anything they consider important, they track. So logic suggests, if they don't track it, they don't think it matters."

Burghart has hit some bumps along the way. After receiving national attention from a story on the website Gawker, the online trolls emerged.

"They started destroying spreadsheets, entering lines of false data, it was just a mess," Burghart said. Eventually, he was able to fix the damage and make the input process more restricted.

There are problems, of course, with private databases.

The Minneapolis-based Communities United Against Police Brutality, for example, lists incidents in which people shot themselves when police were present, or cardiac arrests with few additional details, as "stolen lives," or "people who have lost their lives through encounters with law enforcement agencies."

Given the lack of conclusive information -- or because of records strongly suggesting suicide or death by natural causes -- the Pioneer Press did not add these names to its own tally of police-related shootings from 2004 through 2014.

To see that list, go to pioneerpr.es/policeshootings.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3963744.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in the city of Minneapolis escalated as police launched an external investigation after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was shot.

Minneapolis Deputy Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

Folkens said a "physical altercation" happened between paramedics and the man. An officer then fired his weapon and hit the suspect, who was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center and was in critical condition, police said.

Two officers involved are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Family members confirmed that the man shot was 24-year-old Jamar Clark and that he has died.

According to a statement released by Rep. Raymond Dehn (DFL-Minneapolis), who represents the area in which the incident occurred, Clark is currently on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police did not release the man's identity or condition.

Preliminary information shows the man was not handcuffed, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said at an afternoon news conference. Investigators are now saying it is too early to tell if the man was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

Witness Accounts

Community leaders and witnesses are disputing the initial claims by police. Community leaders said witnesses told them the man was handcuffed at one point.

Nekelia Sharp, a witness, said it started when the man got into an argument with his girlfriend.

"He didn't resist. He did not fight back. There was no struggle and he was in handcuffs when he [police] shot that young man," Sharp added that after police shot the man, they took him out of handcuffs.

Sharp said police shoved witnesses back into their apartments.

"We were literally forced back into our apartment units so we would not be able to talk about the incident that happened. It's not fair." she said.

Another witness, Joseph Gipson, said "police killed him with his hands behind his back."

A video posted on Facebook showed a police officer leaning over the man. Bystanders can also be heard taunting police.

Police didn't say where the man was hit.

Community Reaction

A march of solidarity with the victim began on the corner of James Avenue North and Plymouth Avenue North at 3 p.m.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many residents of North Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole said.

John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

"We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood," Martin said at a news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Hodges and Harteau held an open-to-the-public listening session about the shooting at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Minneapolis Urban League, located at 2100 Plymouth Avenue North.

External Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal is investigating the shooting.

"We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible and the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," Hodges said at a news conference.

If you have information or video, call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know what happened. We need to know the truth," Harteau said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/11/16/outrage-and-little-clarity-in-minneapolis-after-black-man-is-shot-by-police/>

A young black man was shot by a police officer in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

On that much, police and the protesters who marched through the streets of Minneapolis Sunday agree. But on other, crucial points — Was the man handcuffed when he was shot? Is he even still alive? — there is little consensus or clarity.

Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Bruce Folkens said at a news conference that police were called to the scene of an assault around 12:45 a.m. Sunday. En route, they learned that a man was interfering with paramedics' efforts to treat his alleged victim. When officers arrived, they got into a "physical altercation" with the man, who was not in handcuffs. One officer fired his weapon at some point during the struggle; the man, whom they have not named, was hit and taken to a local hospital.

Protesters marched down Plymouth Avenue North to the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Neighbors and community members gathered at the scene where a man was shot and wounded by a Minneapolis Police officer early Nov. 15. (Mark Vanleave/Star Tribune via AP)

Multiple people who saw the shooting say that the man was not resisting police and was in handcuffs when he was shot in the head. Speaking to local TV station KTSP, family members identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. State representative Raymond Dehn (D), who represents the district where Clark was shot, tweeted that the young man was on life support. His family said he is brain dead.

"Jamar Clark was murdered, execution style," read a statement from the Minneapolis-St Paul Chapter of the NAACP that was posted to the organization's Facebook page Sunday.

Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) will now conduct an independent investigation of the shooting that activists have described as Minneapolis's Ferguson moment. The August 2014 police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., sparked demonstrations nationwide.

On Sunday, the group Black Lives Matter, which gained momentum in the wake of the Ferguson shooting, organized a protest through the streets of Minneapolis, ending at the front door of a police precinct near the site of the shooting. Pounding drums and shouting "Prosecute the police," they demanded to be let inside.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," Minneapolis NAACP member Jason Sole told Minnesota Public Radio on Sunday. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately."

The two police officers involved have been placed on paid administrative leave for the duration of the BCA investigation, police chief Janeé Harteau said at a news conference Sunday. That is a standard protocol. Harteau also urged people with knowledge of the case to speak to the BCA.

"We need to know exactly what happened," she said. "We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

At the same news conference, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene of the shooting, but “preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs.” Evans would not provide details about the man’s condition, but said that he was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

In the neighborhood where the shooting occurred, many mistrust authorities’ account.

Nekila Sharp, a witness to the shooting, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that an ambulance was called when the man and his girlfriend got into an argument. The man tried to talk to his girlfriend as paramedics took her away, and then police arrived and confronted him.

“That young man never struggled, he never resisted, he never got out of line with them,” Sharp said. “When they cuffed him, they cuffed him hand in hand and they slapped that man down. ... When he looked up, the only thing he could say was ‘F you. F you.’ And there was the bullet.”

A large crowd had gathered at the corner of Plymouth and James avenues as emergency responders and police swarmed to the scene. In a video taken just after the man was shot, upset onlookers can be heard shouting and cursing at officers. “That’s our [expletive] brother on the [expletive] ground,” a male voice yells. “Ya’ll just killed that man,” a woman wails.

Witnesses also told the Star Tribune that officers pushed the crowd away from the site of the shooting. They said several people were pepper sprayed.

“There is so much anger and pain, and it’s combined with a lack of information,” Steven Belton, interim president and chief executive of the Minneapolis Urban League, told the Associated Press.

Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a community listening session at the Urban League Sunday. But the gathering fell apart as participants were drowned out by shouts of “Justice for who? Jamar!” according to the Star-Tribune.

The protesters led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis refused to attend the meeting, the newspaper reported. They were convinced that the BCA would not be impartial in its investigation. The group is demanding that police release security camera footage allegedly taken from a nearby building and has called for an independent federal investigation of the incident.

Several protesters remained staked outside a door to the nearby police station late Sunday night. They said they’ll take shifts at the entryway until the two officers involved are fired or indicted.

“We’re here because police officers have gotten away with murder for so long and we’re tired of it,” Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, told the Star Tribune.

Earlier in the day, people lingered on the street where the shooting had occurred, taping posters and balloons to a lamppost. Standing among a crowd of her neighbors, Tequila Dillon told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that her 10-year-old son witnessed the shooting.

“My baby came in the bathroom, where I was taking a shower,” she said, her tone brittle as she recalled the events of the previous night. “He said, ‘Mom, they’re killing us.’ “

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/16/protests-erupt-after-mpls-shooting>

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said Monday she's asked the United States Justice Department for a federal civil rights investigation into Sunday's police shooting in north Minneapolis.

Hodges said that while she had "great confidence" in Minneapolis police investigators and in the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a Justice Department investigation would promote transparency and community trust. Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement he also supports the request.

Police Chief Janee Harteau said she backed the move but added, "This is not a predetermination of anyone's actions ... Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

The Justice Department request came hours after angry protesters rallied outside a police station in north Minneapolis demanding federal authorities examine what happened on Sunday. They also called for the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting happened.

Community members contend Clark was unarmed and on the ground when he was shot.

Earlier in the day, family members identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark, 24, and said they believe he may not survive.

Speaking to reporters Monday morning outside the precinct station, Jamar Clark's father, James Hill, said the shooting had left his son "brain dead." Hill said he was waiting for family members to arrive from out of town before discontinuing life support.

He said Clark wasn't a bad kid. "I love my son. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, the police superintendent don't care," he said. "I really just want to see some justice, or something, done."

On Sunday, protesters made their way from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station a few blocks away on Plymouth Avenue. Hundreds of people joined the rally and march. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Police said Clark had come out to an ambulance just before 1 a.m. Sunday as a woman was being treated outside a late-night birthday party. Witnesses said Clark was shot by a Minneapolis officer called to help.

People at the scene said the incident started as a series of assaults at the birthday party, including one involving Clark and his girlfriend.

Neighbor Kiesha Steele said she was on her porch when she saw a man approach an ambulance where paramedics were apparently attending to one of the partygoers. She said police pulled up and approached him.

"When the Minneapolis police got out of the car, they each took an arm, they arrested him, put him on the ground, the EMS commander put his knee on the man's chest, which is Jamar, and as soon as he put his knee on his chest, all you hear is the gunshot," she said. "... As soon as he got shot, the police took him, threw him in the ambulance. They released one arm — the right arm still had the handcuff on him."

The party where the trouble started was for Nekelia Sharp. She said she was in her yard and saw the officer fire.

"He took his gun and he shot this man in cold blood," she said. "I'm sorry that this happened to the family, but I feel like we need justice. Because it's not right. This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle and no questions were asked."

A handful of Black Lives Matter demonstrators camped out at the entrance of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct entrance overnight Sunday. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Witnesses differed with the official account in several aspects.

Police said the man shot by an officer was initially reported to be interfering with paramedics at the scene. Harteau said the medics called for help.

"When officers arrived there was a confrontation and struggle," she said.

She said one of the officers fired during the struggle. Two officers have been placed on administrative leave.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the official investigation into the shooting. It's expected to take several months.

"There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the subject was not in handcuffs at the time of this, but that is part of the active investigation," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said.

Both called for any witnesses with more information to contact the BCA.

The details of the incident had demonstrators comparing it to the death of 17-year-old Tycel Nelson, a police-involved shooting that prompted outrage in north Minneapolis in 1990. Others compared it to the shooting death of Oscar Grant at the hands of a transit police officer in Oakland in 2009.

Critics demanded, and got an independent investigation of the latest incident in Minneapolis, a shift in the recent debate over whether the city's police should investigate its own officers.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered.

"Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable," she said. "So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation."

Protesters are camped out at the front door of the Police Department's 4th Precinct and have vowed to stay until they're arrested. They've also started an online campaign to raise money for a defense fund if they're taken into custody.

John Martin, a community activist, urged the community Monday "to keep calm, hold your peace, because help is on the way and we're going to get exactly what we want, which is answers and accountability."

He vowed precinct protests would continue "until we find out what happened," adding "we don't need more listening sessions," an apparent reference to the initial, heated community meeting with Hodges and Harteau.

"The mayor, the police chief and the media don't know what happened," Martin said. "But we're going to find out what happened."

A Justice Department spokesman said the department received Hodges' investigation request this afternoon and that it was under review.

Harteau late Monday declined substantial comment on the case other than to say the officers involved in the incident were not wearing body cameras and that Clark's condition had not changed.

Protesters have also demanded the names of those officers involved in the shooting incident but authorities said they were not prepared to release the names yet.

Two officers connected to the incident are expected to meet soon with state investigators, said Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman. The names won't be released until those meetings are complete, she said.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/protesters-outside-4th-precinct/75852146/>

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MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor and police chief of Minneapolis have held a community meeting to address concerns about a police shooting that has prompted protests.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau convened a listening session Sunday evening. Authorities said earlier that the man who was shot was a suspect in an assault and kept paramedics from treating his victim. They said officers tried to intervene and a fight started, with an officer firing his weapon.

The shooting prompted protests after some witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

Approximately 100 protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct chanting and blocking any cars from coming into or out of the lot. The Black Lives Matter group set up in the front entry preparing to stay overnight.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3964210.shtml>

(with video)

Hundreds of protesters from the NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Community United Against Police Brutality gathered at the site where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was reportedly shot during an incident Sunday morning.

The incident happened just before 1 a.m. at the corner of Plymouth Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. Police were initially called to that area for a report of an assault.

Those protesting the incident began marching at 3 p.m. Sunday and continued into the night.

"We deserve truth, we deserve justice," Minister Charles Kane chanted.

"If police can't protect us we don't need police in our community," Michael McDowell, with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said.

Demonstrators lined up, forming a perimeter around the block, calling it a "no-cop zone." Jason Sole, an activist, said, "We're one bullet away from Ferguson; that bullet was fired."

There was chanting and marching from the scene of the shooting up the block to the 4th Precinct, which houses officers who patrol the city's north side. Some staged a sit-in, while others kept going to the Urban League where Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with citizens.

"Share what you want to share," Chief Harteau said.

What they heard instead was a yelling match.

As the investigation intensifies and expands, those closest to Clark chose to speak about the person they knew Clark to be.

"He was a good kid, he didn't do anything to deserve this; we all make mistakes," Chris Hill, Clark's cousin, said.

Clark's family admits to mistakes he had made. We checked and Clark has been arrested for robbery, terroristic threats, drugs and domestic assault.

"He was trying to get his life back together," Mario Reid, Clark's brother, said.

Another protest is set for Monday afternoon at the 4th Precinct.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/black-man-shot-by-police-ignites-protests-in-minneapolis/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota agency is investigating the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that prompted protests and led to a community forum with the mayor and police chief Sunday.

Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot sparked outrage. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed but the investigation is ongoing.

Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's criminal justice committee, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," he said referring to the shooting by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri last year of black 18-year-old Michael Brown, which sparked nationwide protests. "That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately," Sole told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The shooting happened after police said they were called to north Minneapolis at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. When they arrived, the man had returned and was interfering with paramedics who were assisting the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle.

At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said. Witnesses told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that there was a big crowd at the scene, and bystanders became agitated as police pushed them back. Some witnesses said police used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Authorities have declined to release the man's name, but the Minneapolis NAACP cited family members and witnesses in identifying him as Jamar Clark.

Martez McKnight, 22, told The Associated Press that Clark, his uncle, was put on life support after he was taken to a hospital.

"The family is heartbroken and traumatized by the whole event," McKnight said.

A statement Sunday night from state Rep. Raymond Dehn, who represents the area, said Clark was on life support.

Police and a spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Medical Center said they could not comment on the man's condition.

Protesters organized by the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis marched through the streets Sunday afternoon. Some beat drums and others carried banners. The group went to a police precinct, where they banged on the door and demanded to be allowed inside.

Raeisha Williams with the Minneapolis NAACP told the AP protesters plan to stay at the precinct until the names of the officers involved are released.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session with the community Sunday evening.

Steven Belton, interim president and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League, was in attendance.

"There is so much anger and pain, and it's combined with a lack of information," Belton said.

Harteau said after the meeting that "misinformation" is being spread about the case, but she would not elaborate.

The chief said she has asked the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said the agency wants to talk to anyone who saw the shooting or might have video of it. When asked about the handcuffs, Evans said there were handcuffs at the scene, but added that authorities are working to determine the exact situation when the man was shot.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/community-wants-answers-after-officer-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — People in north Minneapolis are demanding answers after a man was shot by police overnight.

Police say around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, they had a report of a man assaulting a woman in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue. On the way, another call came in that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

When officers arrived, police say there was a struggle, and an officer fired. Family members identify the man wounded as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

“He said mom, they just shot that man out there,” Tequila Dillon said.

Dillon said her 10-year-old son was among those who saw an officer shoot Jamar Clark. A friend of Clark’s said he was involved in an altercation with his girlfriend. Witnesses said when an ambulance arrived to help her, Clark was standing near it. A struggle then ensued between Clark and officers, and that’s when witnesses say he was shot.

“My baby is 10-years-old. There is no way my son should have witnessed that. He shouldn’t have to come and tell me piece by piece what happened,” Dillon said.

Several witnesses on hand said that Clark’s wrists were actually handcuffed behind his back when the shot was fired.

“That man was shot in cold blood while he had his hands behind his back. That’s not right,” Kiesha Steele said.

But police and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who is now investigating the incident, said Clark was not handcuffed.

“There were handcuffs at the scene. Preliminarily, the suspect was not in handcuffs at the time of this. But this is part of the investigation,” Drew Evans, superintendent of the BCA, said.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said both officers involved are on paid administrative leave while the investigation takes place. And she’s urging witnesses and anyone with video to come forward.

“We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that,” Harteau said.

“What everyone around said, he was lying on the ground when they shot him in the face,” James Clark said.

Clark said he and his wife adopted Jamar when he was 4 years old. He said his wife called him at work this morning to tell him Jamar had been shot.

“He never was someone who would hurt anyone deliberately, you know,” Clark said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/naacp-demands-justice-in-north-minneapolis-police-shooting/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – The Minneapolis NAACP is calling for justice following an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning on the city’s north side.

The group says police shot Jamar Clark “execution-style” at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

They said Clark was killed, although officials say he is being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

In a press release, the NAACP says several witnesses watched the shooting unfold. According to witness accounts, officers responding to a domestic situation placed Clark in handcuffs and then slammed him on the ground.

“The young man was just laying there; he was not resisting arrest,” said Teto Wilson, a north side resident quoted in the NAACP statement. “Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar’s body, and I heard the shot go off.”

Nekima Levy-Pounds, the president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said the group is demanding the officers involved in the shooting be fired and prosecuted. They also want grief counselors for the witnesses and a public apology from city leaders.

Earlier in the afternoon, Chief Janee Harteau of the Minneapolis Police Department announced that the BCA will head an independent investigation into the shooting.

She said two officers are on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. They have not been named.

Harteau also added that a preliminary investigation showed that Clark, whom officials have yet to identify, was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

“We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth,” said the police chief, speaking on the independent investigation. “Everyone involved needs that and deserves that.”

The NAACP says it’ll be part a rally and march for justice. The rally is slated to start at 3 p.m. at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963996.shtml>

(video of entire press conference, did not capture)

Minneapolis NAACP held a news conference Sunday after a man, who officials say kept paramedics from treating someone, was reportedly shot in an incident with police officers.

Minneapolis police have launched an external investigation into the incident.

John Martin, a North Minneapolis community activist, said they want to get answers to see what went wrong so they can find closure for the family of the man killed.

“We as a community have to come together, we have to find a way, so we can stop the gun violence in our neighborhood,” Martin said at the news conference with the NAACP and community leaders.

"What a sad day this is, what a sad moment in time this is, when an officer can shoot a man who is handcuffed at point-blank range," Raeisha Williams, spokeswoman with Minneapolis NAACP, said.

She also called on city council representatives to stand in solidarity with them to say that this is "no longer OK." Williams also called on Mayor Betsy Hodges.

"Had this happened at Hiawatha in south Minneapolis, I guarantee that she would be there right now," Williams said.

Witnesses, community leaders and NAACP representatives also spoke during the news conference.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3963864.shtml>

(Folkens presser raw, dd not capture)

The department said in a news release that police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday for a report of an assault. The suspect in the assault was keeping paramedics from treating the assault victim and police tried to calm him when they arrived, police said.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/15/minneapolis-police-shoot-suspect?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Minneapolis officials asked the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate a police-involved shooting in the city. Police shot a man early Sunday morning.

Police say two officers have been placed on routine administrative leave in the wake of the shooting.

Police said the man was shot during a scuffle on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North when officers reportedly tried to stop him from interfering with a paramedic crew.

A statement issued by the department said that police tried to intervene and a fight started. Police said that at some point during the struggle an officer fired at least once, hitting the man.

Witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not.

Nekelia Sharp lives in north Minneapolis where a man was shot by police early Sunday. She said she saw police place the man in handcuffs. Tim Nelson | MPR News

Nekelia Sharp, who lives in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, said she saw police place the man in handcuffs.

"One officer snatched one arm; the other grabbed the other arm. They instantly put him in cuffs and slammed him to the ground," she said. "This young man was in handcuffs. He did not resist. There was not a struggle," she said.

Witnesses also said the man died at the scene. Police said the man was being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Police have not released the man's name nor his medical condition.

James Clark, who attended a march to protest the shooting on Sunday, identified the victim as his adopted son, Jamar Clark, 23.

The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized the march.

Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau planned a community listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League on Plymouth Avenue North.

Hodges said the city is taking the unusual step of asking for a state investigation.

Drew Evans (left), superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Apprehension, said the BCA agreed to investigate a police-involved shooting in Minneapolis. Tim Nelson | MPR News

"A serious incident happened last night. There will be an independent and thorough investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. We don't know the timeline of that investigation, but it will be as expeditious as possible. And the investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

Critics say they think the shooting has dangerously strained police and community relations.

Jason Sole, with the Minneapolis NAACP, said many black residents of north Minneapolis are upset.

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson. That bullet was fired last night. We want justice immediately. We've been out here with the community. There are young people who witnessed this action. We want this cop fired. We want everything to fall down on the Minneapolis police department," he said.

Officials from the Minneapolis NAACP are asking the FBI to investigate the incident.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49410017-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - A Minneapolis police officer shot an assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate the suspect was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says neighbors are disputing that information.

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know the truth," she added.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jacob Wetterling The Morning Show Recipes Entertainment Gas Gauge Belle Plaine Minnesota Timberwolves Mayor Betsy Hodges and BCA Superintendent Drew Evans were also at the news conference.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His condition has not been released.

Minneapolis police are investigating and speaking with witnesses. The two officers involved in the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released. They added this incident was not related to any previous incidents reported in the Fourth Precinct earlier in the evening.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis response

The NAACP identified the man as Jamar Clark. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which has been abuzz all day after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot, conflicting with the police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed.

"Earlier today Sunday Nov. 15th, Jamar Clark, was shot by Minneapolis Police Dept. while unarmed at the intersection of James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. Overwhelmingly, neighbors are recounting that Jamar was handcuffed while shot and that the police threatened residents to leave the scene immediately after the incident. It is unknown if the victim is alive. This will not stand. Stay tuned here for updates on next steps," Black Lives Matter Minneapolis posted on their "Justice 4 Jamar" Facebook event.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also shared attorney and Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds' Facebook post, calling on the community to contact Minneapolis Mayor Hodges "to ensure that a process of justice is carried out." She said Clark is in his 20s.

"Family, early Sunday morning, neighbors near James & Plymouth in North Minneapolis are reporting that MPD has shot an unarmed black man. Many accounts are saying that he was handcuffed when shot in the head. Police refuse to release any information, including whether or not he is alive or being treated at HCMC. Please call on Mayor Betsy Hodges @ (612) 673-2100 to get on this shooting now and ensure that a process of justice is carried out for this man. Follow #JamesandPlymouth"

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/15/mpds-officer-shoots-wounds-suspect-following-struggle/>

An independent investigation is underway after a Minneapolis police officer shot a man early Sunday morning on the city's north side.

The Minneapolis Police Department said the shooting happened during a struggle around 1 a.m. on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Officers had responded to a help call in the area after paramedics on the scene said an assault suspect wasn't allowing them to treat a victim.

Police say a struggle with the suspect ensued and he was shot.

Officials have yet to release the suspect's name, but family identified him as 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

They say Clark is on life support at Hennepin County Medical Center.

At a press conference Sunday afternoon, Chief Janee Harteau said she's asked for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct an independent investigation into the shooting.

"We need to know exactly what happened, we need to know the truth," she said. "Everyone involved needs that and deserves that."

Mayor Betsy Hodges was also at the press conference. She added that although the timeline of the investigation is currently unknown, it will be as "expeditious as possible."

"The investigators will follow the facts wherever they lead," she said.

According to police, a preliminary investigation showed that the suspect was not handcuffed at the time of the shooting.

However, community members in north Minneapolis were quick to dispute that. They say that Clark was in handcuffs when an officer shot him.

Community member Tequila Dillon said her 10-year-old son saw the whole scene unfold.

“He don’t want to sleep, he don’t want to go to sleep whatsoever,” Dillon said. “It is going to be a tough day, and [police] need to do something about it.”

The police department says two officers are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting. The officers have yet to be identified.

Following the shooting, the hashtag #JamesandPlymouth started trending on Twitter. Users expressed concern over police violence and called for Hodges and Harteau to explain what happened.

The group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also held a press conference on Sunday, demanding justice for Clark. The activists plan to march in the afternoon from the scene of the shooting to downtown Minneapolis.

Drew Evans, the superintendent of the BCA, said the agency is seeking to speak with witnesses. He said those who saw the shooting, especially people with video, should call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

When asked at the press conference if the suspect was handcuffed, Evans said handcuffs were at the scene, but it’s too soon to tell what exactly happened.

“Our agents will examine all the facts in the case,” he said, “and determine exactly how the subject was at the time of the shooting.”

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/15/suspect-shot-during-struggle-with-minneapolis-police/>

(tweets, links to other stories, etc)

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/15/man-shot-during-struggle-with-police/75821724/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating an officer-involved shooting.

A man was shot during a physical altercation with police early Sunday morning, according to authorities.

Just before 1 a.m., Minneapolis Police were called to the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North on a report of an assault. Police say that while en route, officers were informed that the suspect in the assault had returned to the area and was confronting paramedics on the scene.

According to authorities, officers arrived and a physical altercation took place with Jamar Clark. Authorities say Clark was not in handcuffs. During the struggle, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the suspect, according to Minneapolis Police.

But several witnesses say Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting.

"Every witness account I heard said he was handcuffed. Every witness account. Put a knee on him and shot in the head. That's the account I've heard from young people, older people, etc," said Jason Sole, criminal justice chair for the Minneapolis NAACP.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they are demanding involvement by federal investigators, as well "grief counselors in the form of African-American psychologists to be supplied to people in north Minneapolis who witnessed the event."

Sole said kids as young as six-years-old witnessed the shooting.

Clark was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center. His condition has not been confirmed at this time. However, witnesses told KARE 11 he was "lifeless" at the scene.

Two Minneapolis police officers are currently on paid administrative leave while the investigation is ongoing, according to authorities.

Speaking at a press conference Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges said there will be an independent investigation into the incident by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

BCA to investigate officer-involved shooting in Mpls. KARE

Police Chief Harteau said the department has spoken with the family of the man who was shot and has reached out to many community leaders.

"I want to acknowledge that this is a very difficult situation for everyone involved: For members of our community, members of the Minneapolis Police Department and their families, and for the people that are standing here beside me," Harteau said.

Clark's condition is unclear. Sunday night, Harteau and Hodges said they last heard he was being treated at HCMC. However, the NAACP and multiple family members claim Clark was killed.

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

"We need to know exactly what happened. We need to know the truth. Everyone involved needs that and deserves that," Harteau said.

Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis organized a protest march Sunday afternoon. They started at James and Plymouth Avenues where the shooting occurred and marched to the Fourth Police Precinct.

Another protest will take place at the Fourth Police Precinct at 4 p.m. Monday.

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<http://www.startribune.com/black-lives-matter-wants-video-of-man-s-shooting-by-minneapolis-police-released/350570871/>

(with video)

Minneapolis officials have requested a federal investigation into Sunday's officer-involved shooting that critically injured a man on the city's North Side and reignited the debate about race and police use of force.

Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau said Monday that a federal investigation would be completed alongside a separate investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

The move followed a day of protests at the Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters and on the 1600 block of Plymouth Av. N., where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday.

By 6:45 p.m. Monday, about 100 protesters had moved across Interstate 94 south of Broadway, where they linked arms and blocked traffic lanes for more than two hours before State Patrol officers moved in and arrested 43 adults and eight juveniles, said Lt. Tiffani Schweigart of the State Patrol. Officers and troopers led the cuffed protesters one by one to waiting Metro Transit buses.

Those arrested likely will be cited for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway, which are misdemeanors, she said.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds could be seen kneeling on the road, hands up and willing to be the first to be arrested.

BLM activists want more answers in police shooting of suspect in Minneapolis early Sunday morning.

The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division were called into the investigation less than two days after Clark was shot by officers responding to a disturbance call across the street from the Elks Lodge, a popular neighborhood hangout less than two blocks from the precinct station.

The decision to invite a federal probe differed from other high-profile officer-involved shootings across the country that festered, sometimes for weeks, before outside agencies were called in.

In a letter to Justice Department officials, Hodges wrote that she and Harteau have "utmost faith" in the state investigation but that they believe a federal probe will assist "the interests of transparency and community confidence."

Protesters with Black Lives Matter had cited a federal investigation as one item on a broader list of demands. The group also has called for the city to release any video footage it may have of the shooting and to immediately fire the officers involved in the incident.

Protesters seek answers

A crowd of about 200 people who gathered outside the Fourth Precinct late Monday afternoon applauded when organizers announced the federal investigation. City officials have cautioned that it may take time, an organizer told the crowd through a bullhorn, adding, "But we can't let them bury it. ... We want to see the footage. We need justice for Jamar's family. We need justice for this community."

Organizers, asking protesters not to talk to members of the mainstream media, led chants and riled up a shivering crowd: "Black Lives Matter." "If we don't get it, shut it down." "Show me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like."

But before the bullhorns came out, a peaceful crowd grew and spilled out onto Plymouth Avenue N., which was blocked off by organizers.

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"We just want some answers," said Draper Larkins. "The federal investigation might get answers. But we want the correct answers."

He and others said they hope video of the incident will clear up discrepancies between the accounts of some witnesses and police officers.

Protesters have alleged that Clark, who is black, was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot. Police have said he was not handcuffed and that Clark was shot during a struggle following an alleged domestic assault. They said Clark was interfering with emergency responders who were treating his girlfriend.

Clark's record shows he has previous convictions for armed robbery and domestic abuse.

Parallel investigations

In a news conference Monday afternoon at City Hall, Harteau declined to answer questions about the existence of video showing the shooting, other than to note that the officers were not wearing body cameras. She would not say whether there was dashboard cam video. She also deferred a question about the range at which Clark was shot, citing the investigation. Police said they will investigate surveillance video from the Elks Lodge.

Officials did not name the officers involved in the shooting, but Ramona Dohman, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the names would be released following meetings with those officers that had been "tentatively scheduled."

Hodges said at the news conference that the federal investigation would run parallel to a separate investigation by the BCA, which handles the bulk of such investigations in the state. The agency will look into whether two officers violated department policy in the shooting of Clark, who remained in critical condition at a hospital Monday evening.

Black Lives Matter protesters were surrounded and arrested by police on I-94 in North Minneapolis on Monday night.

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The two involved officers were put on administrative leave, according to department policy, after undergoing drug testing and visiting a police psychologist.

Gov. Mark Dayton and Rep. Keith Ellison issued statements Monday afternoon in support of the city's request for federal assistance.

"While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties," Dayton said.

Dohman said the length of time for investigations by the BCA can vary, sometimes taking two to four months.

Harteau and Hodges also recognized the work of police officers, especially those who have been working in the Fourth Precinct.

Police union boss Lt. Bob Kroll said that he had spoken briefly with the two officers and cautioned against rushing to judgment without first knowing all the facts. He added that allowing authorities to "cherry-pick" which incidents to investigate sets a "dangerous precedent." He also questioned the timing of the decision.

"Ideally ... in any type of critical incident or murder scene, you want to get there immediately to begin the investigation," Kroll said. "And now we're talking about on Monday bringing in someone else. They're way behind where they should be."

The BCA's findings will be turned over to the Hennepin County attorney's office, which will decide whether to impanel a 23-person grand jury and, potentially, charge the officers.

Protesters stood on I-94 north of Plymouth Avenue, shutting it down Monday night in Minneapolis.

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Council support

Some City Council members said that they understand the interest in a speedy release of information but that they also believe it's important to sort out the facts and follow an established process.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents part of the North Side and oversees the council's Public Safety Committee, said he supports a federal investigation. He said the pace of the process so far is in line with those of other officer-involved incidents.

"In my view, you have to trust our process," Yang said.

As with most police forces, Minneapolis officers are authorized to use deadly force when they believe their lives are in danger or if a suspect is likely to commit a violent crime.

Don Samuels, a Minneapolis school board member and former City Council member, said he talked with family members and others who were confident that the city has video that will paint a clear picture of the incident. Samuels said that releasing the video as soon as possible would be “a good thing” but that he doesn’t believe the city can immediately fire an officer without completing a more detailed investigation.

Council President Barbara Johnson said that she’s following the situation closely and that she believes officials are following the proper process for investigating the shooting. But she said she’s concerned about the ongoing demonstration’s impact on many of her north Minneapolis constituents, especially those who may be blocked from getting to precinct headquarters for police reports or other services.

Johnson pointed to an e-mail she’d received from one resident, who “put on record that there are a lot of people sitting in their homes, not wanting to contribute to the chaos, that are respectful of the work the police do in Minneapolis and know they have a tough job.”

Earlier Monday, Clark’s father, James Hill, told reporters that “my son wasn’t a bad kid. ... The police don’t care, the mayor don’t care, the police [chief] don’t care, because they’re going to cover up for each other. My son’s got to get a stand somewhere, and I’m here to give him a stand.”

Hill said his son’s “brain is dead. We are just waiting to pull the plug.”

Staff writers Alejandra Matos, Mary Lynn Smith and Paul Walsh contributed to this report.

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-group-seeks-officer-s-id-in-minneapolis-shooting/350611411/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault, an incident that sparked protests. (all times local):

9:35 a.m.

An activist group is calling on police in Minneapolis to identify the officer involved in the shooting of a black man over the weekend.

Black Lives Matter says 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot after police responded to a reported assault in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police have said the man was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the assault victim, and was shot during a struggle.

At a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot. The group is urging Mayor Betsy Hodges to ensure any video footage is released.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

This item has been corrected to show that Clark is 24, not 22 years old.

9:25 a.m.

Protests over the shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, a prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. A special civilian review authority was formed after the death of an elderly black couple during a botched drug raid decades ago.

This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

7:20 a.m.

A handful of demonstrators remain camped outside a Minneapolis precinct station as the investigation continues into the shooting by a police officer of a black man suspected in an assault.

The number of protesters dwindled overnight into Monday as rain and windy conditions moved in. A banner that reads "Black Lives Matter" has been erected at the site.

A man suspected in an assault was shot by police about 1 a.m. Sunday. Accounts from some witnesses that the man was handcuffed when he was shot led to outrage, sparked protests and prompted a community forum with the mayor and police chief. Police said their preliminary investigation shows the man was not handcuffed.

An investigation has been turned over to a state agency.

<http://www.startribune.com/51-arrested-in-minnesota-during-2nd-day-of-shooting-protests/350897841/>

MINNEAPOLIS — State investigators looking into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them at this time, despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

The BCA is investigating the case, and federal agencies agreed Tuesday night to Mayor Betsy Hodges' request for a civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the BCA's probe. In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said at a news conference Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Authorities have said the officers involved weren't wearing body cameras. Evans said there is no police dashcam video of the shooting. He declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them.

When asked if the video shows whether Clark was handcuffed, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that the video captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Evans said at the news conference that there were handcuffs at the scene and authorities were still investigating.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," he said.

Evans also confirmed that Clark was unarmed. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head. Clark's father previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told the AP earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about "transparency and community confidence." She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won't leave until authorities release the video and officers' identities.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29126030/

Authorities late Monday night reopened westbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis after arresting four dozen marchers who had walked onto the freeway while protesting a weekend police shooting.

According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the freeway reopened at about 10 p.m. after being closed for about three hours at Interstate 394 near downtown Minneapolis.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, 42 people (34 adults and eight juveniles) were arrested in the area between Broadway and Plymouth avenues and taken to Hennepin County jail facilities for processing.

The I-94 shutdown, involving a couple hundred marchers, began at approximately 7 p.m. By 9 p.m., the State Patrol said that protesters were being arrested after being ordered four times to leave the freeway.

A total of 24 law enforcement agencies assisted the State Patrol, including the St. Paul Police Department, which sent 15 officers to the scene.

Earlier in the day, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the early Sunday shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Authorities have released few details about the North Minneapolis shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

The man, identified by relatives as 24-year-old Jamar Clark, was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and Monday at the North Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29123629/minneapolis-police-shooting-protesters-stay-outside-precinct-overnight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Oneal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which more than 50 were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

More than 50 people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to more than 50 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

http://www.twincities.com/ap%20content/ci_29123322/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by a police officer during an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in

Protestors hung a banner over the front entrance to the 4th Precinct Station while several hunkered down in the entryway Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Minneapolis, after a man was shot by Minneapolis police early Sunday morning. (Jeff Wheeler/Star Tribune via AP) (Jeff Wheeler/AP)

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours. State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said 43 adults and 8 juveniles who refused multiple orders to disperse were arrested.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

Police said they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

Authorities have not released the man's name, but family members identified him as Jamar Clark, 24, and said he was on life support. His father, James Hill, told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Ramona Dohman, the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, said the officers' identities would be released after investigators interview them. She declined to say how long the investigation could take.

Harteau said she welcomed a federal investigation.

"Everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts," she said.

Gov. Mark Dayton also issued a statement saying he supported the request for a federal probe.

Authorities said a window at the precinct was broken amid the protests and two police vehicles were damaged, including a marked squad car in which all the windows and a camera were broken, and an expletive was scratched into the hood. One person was arrested in connection with damage to an unmarked police car.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

Outrage and a civil lawsuit followed the 2013 death of 22-year-old Terrance Franklin, a burglary suspect whom police pursued and shot in a Minneapolis basement. A grand jury declined to indict the officers involved.

In 2014, prominent civil rights activist Al Flowers complained of being the victim of brutality when police served a warrant on a relative at his home. Police say Flowers instigated their aggression.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

KG Wilson, a peace activist who retired weeks ago after 11 years of building relationships between the community and the police department, said he's hurt by the reaction he is seeing and disagrees with the protests.

"I hate that this is going on right now. My heart is so crushed. I have not stopped crying," he said, adding that some protesters are looking for an excuse to be angry. "I think everything is being done about in the wrong way. ... Peace is always the way. You can't bring peace with aggression."

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<http://www.citypages.com/news/betsy-hodges-jamar-clark-shooting-should-be-investigated-by-department-of-justice-7836605>

As Jamar Clark sits on life support and Black Lives Matter protesters continue to hold down the fourth precinct police department, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges announced Monday night that she will be seeking a federal investigation into Clark's shooting.

The 24-year-old Clark was shot by police early Sunday morning in North Minneapolis. Many eyewitnesses say he was handcuffed at the time he was shot, either lying face down on the ground or trying to approach his girlfriend. Police say that he was a domestic assault suspect who interfered with first responders as they were trying to treat his alleged victim, and that he was not handcuffed.

Video of the incident was likely recorded at the Elks Lodge across the street from the shooting, but has been confiscated by police. Black Lives Matter protesters have since erected tents at the fourth precinct, vowing to occupy the station until the Elks Lodge video is released, the names of the officers involved are released, and there is an independent, federal investigation underway.

Sunday night, protesters in the streets of North Minneapolis left two cop cars with their windows smashed in and tires slashed.

Hodges wrote the U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday to open a civil rights investigation on top of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation. It is the first time in her term as mayor that she has asked for concurrent state and federal reviews.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools available to us," Hodges said.

The BCA will first meet with the two officers involved in the shooting – both of whom are on administrative leave – before releasing their names. It is not clear when these meetings will take place.

There is also no telling when the Elk Lodge video plus any squad or ambulance videos might be released. The BCA has the footage, and its investigations typically take 2-4 months, said commissioner Mona Dohman.

However, Chief Janee Harteau hinted that the department might release video footage before the conclusion of the BCA investigation.

“This is not a predetermination about anyone’s actions, but I understand and support this decision,” Harteau said of the mayor’s request for a federal review. “This incident has actually not only enhanced existing relationships with dozens of community leaders that I’ve met with, but I’ve also met with and learned of new relationships. This incident should not and will not define us.”

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-officials-call-for-federal-investigation-in-jamar-clark-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Mayor Betsy Hodges along with members of Minneapolis City Council say calling for a federal investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark is necessary for transparency and community confidence.

Mayor Hodges says she and Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau have the utmost confidence in the competence and independence of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Both say the city should use every resource available to get all the facts and truths connected to this officer involved shooting. That’s why Mayor Hodges said a civil rights investigation by the US attorney’s office — in addition to the state investigation — will ensure the investigative process goes well for everyone.

Officials are asking for patience while the investigation moves forward.

“These investigations take time,” Commissioner of Public Safety Romona Dohman said. “Given the circumstances, it’s hard to predict how long that could be, in speaking with the superintendent today. Sometimes these investigations can take two months, sometimes they can take four months, but we just want to make sure we collect all the evidence and make sure due process is followed.”

Harteau says there are no pre-determinations about anyone’s actions, and that she understands and supports the probe.

The officers were not wearing body cameras at the time of the incident, but footage from their squad car’s camera is part of the investigation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/mayor-asks-for-doj-investigation-of-clark-shooting/75896382/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The mayor of Minneapolis says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black man by police.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. But Hodges says the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in the head early Sunday. Police say they were responding to a domestic assault when Clark, a suspect in that incident, interfered with medical personnel and scuffled with officers. Family told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

Protesters camped outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

"Our tax dollars make this building exist so the community answered our call and they're here," one protester said. Some protesters were seen burning an American flag Monday night.

Protesters are demanding the release of the names of those officers involved and release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau says the two officers involved were not wearing body cameras.

Harteau declined to talk about surveillance video or say whether the officers' squad car had a camera that might have captured the shooting.

Some community members and activists say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, and they staged protests that continued Monday.

In a statement, Gov. Mark Dayton said, "I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties."

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/16/minneapolis-mayor-asks-feds-to-investigate-police-involved-shooting/>

(links, etc)

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965128.shtml>

(full conference video not captured)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau spoke during a news conference Monday about the officer-involved shooting that took place early Sunday morning.

Hodges referenced discussion with the U.S. Attorney's Office to open its own investigation for the purpose of transparency in the death investigation of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Harteau said that the incident has pushed the department to look for new ways to enhance communication. She added that she is proud of her officers in the 4th Precinct, saying, "This incident should not, and will not, define us."

Minnesota Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Ramona Dohman also spoke about the investigation currently underway. She said, given the circumstances, it is difficult to predict how long the investigation might be but that an investigation of this nature could take two to four months.

The BCA is investigating and is expected to meet with the officers involved in the shooting.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51899>

In North Minneapolis, protesters gathered to voice their concerns about the police shooting of a black man the night before. The protesters say Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot. Some witnesses claim Clark was handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police have not named Clark as the person who was shot. The department claims a man who was a suspect in an assault was shot in a struggle with police. Police Chief Janee Harteau says the man was not handcuffed at the time. Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference and what they called “a listening session” at the Urban League office in North Minneapolis last night. KFAI’s Rico Morales was there and brought back the sounds of a contentious meeting, starting with the voice of Deputy Police Chief Kristine Arneson talking about the protester’s reluctance to come inside the building. Then we’ll go outside and hear NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds addressing the crowd.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50123489-story>

Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark on Monday afternoon. Hours later, nearly 300 protesters shut down I-94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis.

Demonstrators chanted and held signs including "Handcuffs, Don't shoot" and "Justice 4 Jamar" for hours on the freeway before Minnesota State Patrol began making arrests. According to Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m. Most of those arrested will receive misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Clark, 24, was shot by police outside an apartment on Plymouth Ave. N. early Sunday morning. Preliminary witness accounts suggest Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired.

“This incident should not and will not define us,” Harteau said.

Clark's dad, James Hill, said his son is now brain dead from the incident.

"They gonna put him on life support," Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Late Monday night, a Black Lives Matter spokesperson said Clark was taken off life support.

The investigation into the shooting has been handed over to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The BCA said investigations into officer-involved shootings “take time,” and they are expecting a 2 to 4 month investigation.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," Lt. Bob Kroll, Minneapolis Police Union, said. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident in the end, our officers actions will be justified."

"I support the decision to request the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice. While I have complete confidence in the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, bringing to bear all available resources will ensure justice for all parties," Gov. Mark Dayton said in a statement.

Following the shutdown of I-94, Dayton said at a press conference on Tuesday he "is very uncomfortable with the fact that it happened."

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/51-arrested-in-shooting-protest-that-blocked-i94>

State investigators said Tuesday that Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot Sunday by Minneapolis police, and the Hennepin County medical examiner concluded a gunshot to the head killed him.

Authorities also said that while they have some video from the confrontation, they don't yet have video capturing the entire incident.

There was no footage from police car dash cameras or body cameras, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Superintendent Drew Evans told reporters Tuesday.

Despite the demands of some protesters, Evans said videos of the incident will not be released now as they could taint interviews in the investigation.

Evans' comments and the medical examiner's conclusion came on the same day it was confirmed that federal authorities will conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Clark, 24, in north Minneapolis.

Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a BCA statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

"At some point during an altercation that ensued between the officers and the individual, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the individual," the BCA said .

The shooting sparked protests after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

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"We're still ongoing as to exactly how the handcuffs came into this scene," Evans said Tuesday. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just fallen at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain."

Evans said no weapons were found at the scene beyond those of the officers.

As news of the shooting spread, the reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis was swift.

Protesters from Black Lives Matter stood in unison to block Interstate 94 westbound Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015. Many were arrested when they refused police orders to vacate the freeway. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

On Sunday, hundreds of people marched several blocks down Plymouth Avenue North from the scene of the shooting to the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct headquarters. They hoisted a banner over the entrance and set up a tent, saying they'd stay until their demands are met.

On Monday night, several hundred people gathered for another rally outside the police station. Adja Gildersleve with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis called for the release any video of the incident that security cameras near the scene may have captured.

"It's not good for them to be having the footage for this long. And so that's a priority to us," she said. "We would also like to see the officer indicted and prosecuted."

Protesters made their way back down Plymouth Avenue and by 7 p.m. they were on the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau told MPR News that the U.S. Justice Department agreed to investigate the matter at the request of Mayor Betsy Hodges, who said the federal presence would promote transparency and community trust.

Harteau on Tuesday said she welcomed the scrutiny.

Minneapolis officers are balancing people's First Amendment rights with the need to preserve the public's safety, she added.

A Fridley police officer and a State Patrol trooper led a protester to a patrol car after arresting him for refusing to leave the Interstate 94 freeway Monday night, Nov. 16, 2015, which demonstrators from Black Lives Matter had blocked for several hours. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

"I tell my officers to stay focused, remain professional, be patient," she said. "This is not about us as individuals, this is about a profession. And we have to allow people to vent their frustration, but we also have to have the ability to do our job, and we have to do it with procedural justice."

Evans said the officers involved, who are on leave, will be named after they are interviewed in the next day or two.

Evans said there was video from the ambulance rig that was on scene as well as from a stationed mobile police camera in the area, from public housing authority cameras and from individuals that recorded on cell phone video.

He said the BCA is also working to get video from the Elks Club building across the street from where the shooting happened.

These investigations usually take two to four months, Evans said, but the BCA has given this case top priority.

Correction (Nov. 17, 2015): An earlier version of this story incorrectly reported the total number of people arrested during the I-94 protest.

MPR News reporters Jon Collins, Tim Nelson, Tim Pugmire and Doualy Xaykaothao contributed to this report.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965299.shtml>

(Didn't capture Full State Patrol News Conference)

Interstate 94 westbound between Plymouth and Broadway Avenues in Minneapolis closed Monday night due to protesters marching.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching eastbound on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue N. to Broadway Avenue W along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. The department held a news conference Monday night following the incident.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, with the state patrol, said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue W in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation."

"They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said that 43 adults and eight minors were arrested. The adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. The charges will be unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway. They are misdemeanor offenses, Schweigart said.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, Minneapolis Police Department, St. Paul Police Department, Crystal Police Department, Brooklyn Park Police Department and Brooklyn Center Police Department.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/hundreds-of-protesters-shut-down-i94-in-mpls/75903326/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Hundreds of protesters shut down northbound Interstate 94 in Minneapolis between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue Monday night. In all, the Minnesota State Patrol says 42 people were arrested, a total lower than the 51 arrests first reported.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reports protesters were on the freeway, attempting to block traffic. The shutdown first started around 7 p.m. Several area metro police departments were on scene attempting to control the situation. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, protesters were given four warnings to disperse or be subject to arrest. Shortly before 9 p.m., authorities began arresting protesters. The state patrol later said 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested and will be charged with unlawful assembly and pedestrian on freeway, both misdemeanors.

The state patrol says numerous cars were damaged in the protest. At least one trooper was punched by a protester, and that person fled the scene.

Protesters used #Justice4Jamar on social media to show the protest on I-94 in real time.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers this past weekend. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Family tells KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

The State Patrol says 24 law enforcement agencies from Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey and Dakota Counties were involved in responding to the I-94 shutdown.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3965213.shtml>

(Video focused on State Patrol, didn't capture)

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has updated the number of people who were arrested Monday after protests spilled onto Interstate 94.

The numbers released Tuesday morning say 42 people were arrested, including eight children. The State Patrol originally said 51 people were arrested including eight children.

The protesters were arrested on suspicion of unlawful assembly and being a pedestrian on a freeway, which are both are misdemeanors.

Protesters caused I-94 westbound to close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis Monday night in response to an officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning.

Protesters were on foot on the main line of the freeway, marching east on westbound I-94. They were initially moving from Dowling Avenue North to Broadway Avenue West along I-94.

The Minnesota State Patrol was called to the scene to work at redirecting traffic. In all, 24 agencies from four counties were called in to respond. Those arrested were taken to jail in Metro Transit buses; the adults were transported to the Hennepin County Detention Center, and the minors were transported to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center.

Lt. Tiffani Schweigart with the Minnesota State Patrol said her department received notification at roughly 6:45 p.m. of 200-300 protesters entering the freeway from Broadway Avenue West in Minneapolis.

Schweigart said the protesters illegally entered the freeway and that it was a "very dangerous situation."

"They put themselves and the motoring public in danger," she added.

Schweigart said those who were arrested were cooperative and were taken into custody without incident. Some of the protesters are now out of jail.

One state trooper was assaulted during the incident but was not significantly injured, Schweigart said. She added that several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks during the incident.

KSTP's Lindsey Brown spoke with Susan Farr, a resident of Otsego, on the phone Monday night. Farr works in Minneapolis and was on her way home as the protesters made their way to I-94. She said she was one of the last cars police allowed to enter the interstate.

By 8:15 p.m., Farr said she had been stuck in traffic for roughly an hour.

"I'm aggravated," she said. "I think all life matters. I just don't think that they should be shutting five lanes of freeway. I want to go home to my family. I am very aggravated. It's just pointless to me."

Several law enforcement agencies assisted at the scene, including the Anoka County and Hennepin County sheriff's departments, the Minneapolis Police Department, the St. Paul Police Department, the Crystal Police Department, the Brooklyn Park Police Department and the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Protests first started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Avenue N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/16/who-is-jamar-clark/75903044/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Protesters gathered Monday outside a north Minneapolis police precinct near the site where officers shot a black man.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say he was a suspect in a domestic assault and interfered with paramedics at the scene. Some witnesses allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Family members say Clark was young, made mistakes, but was turning his life around.

According to court documents, Clark has past convictions that include an aggravated robbery in 2010 and a terroristic threats conviction from earlier in 2015.

Clark's brother, Mario Reed, says he wanted to change his life and he was helping his brother to stay on the right path.

"He was trying to get his life back together, he was going to work every day. I was dropping him off every day. He worked at the car wash in northeast Minneapolis and he was just getting his life back in order," said Reed.

Regardless of his past, his family is now looking for answers to what happened to their loved one.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she's requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

Family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/reports-man-shot-by-police-dies-after-night-of-blm-protests/>

(with video)

Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old north Minneapolis man who was shot by police Sunday, has been taken off life support and has died, according to both family members and now the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

On Tuesday afternoon, the BCA said that Clark's body had been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The BCA also said the names of the two officers involved would be released only after interviews with the officers had been completed.

Both are currently on standard paid administrative leave.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Black Lives Matter held a press conference at 9 a.m. Monday demanding that the video of the arrest be released, as well as the names of the officers. They also called for Mayor Betsy Hodges to ask for an independent federal investigation.

Clark's shooting has ignited a series of protests by the group Black Lives Matter. On Monday, more than 40 people were arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest that shut down Interstate 94 in Minneapolis for over two hours.

Around 6:45 p.m. Monday, protesters walked onto westbound lanes of I-94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue, just north of downtown Minneapolis. As WCCO-TV cameras followed, one protester said, "We're shutting it down, we're shutting it down!" Another protester then stepped between the cameras and him, urging "Don't talk to white media."

On the freeway, protesters chanted and blocked drivers from getting through for nearly two and a half hours.

When law enforcement made alternate routes for the drivers, the protesters tried to block them too by making a human chain across the detour.

WCCO-TV's cameras caught drivers getting into arguments with the protesters, including one who shouted at a protester: "Look at what the f*** you're doing! Look at what the f*** you're doing! Get

the f*** out of here!" The protester responded: "Go home." (Watch John Lauritsen's Monday night report below.)

At one point a driver nearly hit some of the protesters. Other drivers got into arguments with protesters as the crowd marched down an I-94 ramp.

Eventually, police gave the crowd a 15-minute warning calling the assembly unlawful. They then began arresting those who refused to leave. Roughly a half-hour later, 34 adults and eight juveniles were arrested.

Those arrested were put onto Metro Transit buses and were cooperative, according to State Patrol.

Black Lives Matter said they blocked the interstate after police refused to give them the names of the officers involved in Sunday's shooting and refused to release video of the incident.

In response to the protests, Representative Keith Ellison and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges are calling for a federal civil rights investigation into Clark's shooting.

The chief of police and mayor of Minneapolis are asking for the Department of Justice to investigate any possible civil rights violations.

"I've asked for this because we need all the tools we have available to us. I have spoken to Governor Dayton who agrees," Hodges said.

"I appreciate and welcome all avenues and resources that help us find the truth so we can be clear on exactly what happened," Minneapolis police chief Janee Harteau said.

Police said the officers were not wearing body cameras, and would not say if other video exists or if there is any reason to believe Clark was armed.

The state said it cannot release the names of the officers involved until they have been interviewed, but did not say when that will happen.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3964379.shtml>

(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is asking the U.S. Attorney's Office to open a civil rights investigation into this weekend's officer-involved shooting of a black man.

Hodges says she has confidence in investigators within the department and with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension but that the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Hodges said she discussed the federal investigation with Gov. Mark Dayton, who agreed it was appropriate.

View footage of Monday afternoon's news conference [here](#).

The father of 24-year-old Jamar Clark says his son suffered one gunshot wound above his left eye. James Hill told the Associated Press that he saw Clark's wounds while standing at his bedside on Monday.

"I love my son, and for him to get shot like that, that's bad," Hill said. "I really want to just, see some justice or something done."

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark during a physical altercation with paramedics early Sunday morning; police say Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim.

The incident happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Clark has since been put on life support.

Investigation

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and investigators are gathering evidence to determine exactly what happened in the moments leading up to shots being fired.

Questions exist about whether Clark was handcuffed at the time. The BCA said Sunday that the preliminary investigation showed he was not, but at a news conference Monday outside the city's 4th Precinct, Adja Gildersleeve and Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter said Clark was handcuffed and not resisting when he was shot.

Police and city leaders say misinformation is being spread about the shooting.

Protesters want an agency other than the BCA to investigate, they want community oversight with discipline power, and they want the officers to live in the city.

The ACLU-MN released a statement saying they are asking for "full transparency and accountability" moving forward, including a release of the video, naming of the officers involved and the launch of a full Department of Justice investigation.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says he can't identify the officers or talk about details of the shooting, and he says he doesn't know if they were wearing body cameras or if any squad car camera footage exists.

Kroll did, however, say he's confident that the investigation will vindicate the officers.

Protests

Hodges hosted a community listening session to open the lines of communication with those who live in the neighborhood, which got mixed reaction.

"We don't need no more listening sessions," Minneapolis resident John Martin said. "We tell the people that are listening, but now it is time for action. It's time for some action now, right now. We are sick and tired of this going on in our community."

Protests started about 3 p.m. Sunday and continued Monday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, Minneapolis NAACP and Community United Against Police Brutality were among those demonstrating.

Police are asking anyone who saw the incident or with video to come forward.

"Those that saw – turn over your information to the BCA so we can find what really happened, what really went on," Martin said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/black-lives-matter-addresses-protests-officer-involved-shooting/>

(with video)

Black Lives Matter is demanding the names of the police officers involved in the weekend shooting of a north Minneapolis man.

The activists, some of which camped out overnight at a city police precinct, also want any video available from the incident.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot a man.

Family members identified the man as 24-year-old Jamar Clark. They say he is being kept alive on life support.

Several witnesses say Clark's wrists were handcuffed behind his back when he was shot, but police, as well as the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, say that's not the case, citing a preliminary investigation.

Since the shooting happened, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has demanded answers. The group held a press conference Monday morning.

Clark's father, James Hill, stood with activists, saying he wants justice for his son.

"I love my son," he said. "For him to die getting shot like that, that's bad. The police don't care. The mayor don't care. The police superintendent don't care."

On Sunday afternoon, Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session at the Minneapolis Urban League. They told the crowd that the BCA is conducting an independent investigation into the shooting and that they plan to do it as quickly as possible.

However, it didn't take long for the meeting to get out of hand.

Hundreds of protesters then spent much of the night outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct demanding the names of the officers involved in the shooting.

Community activist John Martin said at the Monday press conference that the north Minneapolis community is tired of listening sessions with city leaders.

"It's time for action," he said. "Action right now. Sick and tired of this happening in our community."

On Sunday, family members told WCCO-TV that Clark had passed away as a result of the shooting. Clark's father later said that his son had died by the time he reached the hospital, but was placed on life support.

He says the family is waiting on other relatives to arrive before saying their final goodbyes.

As for the investigation, the BCA is still gathering information and conducting interviews.

Police say two officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure following such a shooting.

The names of the officers have not been released.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/community-witnesses-react-to-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>

(with video)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is calling for the Department of Justice to investigate an officer-involved shooting over the weekend.

Police say there was a struggle when they tried to arrest Jamar Clark early Sunday morning. Police were responding to a report of a man assaulting a woman on Plymouth Avenue North. On the way to that call, police were notified that the suspect was interfering with paramedics.

That's when the struggle ensued and officers shot Clark.

Mayor Hodges said Monday that she wants the federal government to open a civil rights investigation.

WCCO's Angela Davis spoke to community members and witnesses about what they saw.

Since Sunday morning, we've heard dramatically different versions about what happened to 24-year-old Jamar Clark. People who say they witnessed the shooting insisted he was down on the ground and restrained by handcuffs when an officer shot him in the head.

Police have said that's not true. Monday afternoon, WCCO spoke with a little boy who says he saw everything as he peeked out his front door.

"There was already a lot of commotion going on at the Elk's. I thought there was a big ole fight in the parking lot. That's why I stepped out the door," Ze'morion Dillon-Hoskin said.

Dillon-Hoskin said he first saw an ambulance and then a man who police were trying to keep away from a woman who was hurt.

"After that the police pulled up and tell him to put his hands up and then put him in handcuffs," Dillon-Hoskin said.

He says he saw two officers slam Clark to the ground.

"And the other officer laid on top of him, and the other officer put his knee in his back," Dillon-Hoskin said.

And then, there was a gunshot.

"He grabbed his gun and shot him in the back of his head," Dillon-Hoskin said.

At the same time right across the street at the Elks Lodge, a group of customers say they were headed home.

"When we got outside, we saw that this kid was already restrained, pinned down. There was no kicking, moving or anything. They had him fully detained, restrained," Teto Wilson said.

Wilson owns a barbershop on the city's north side. He says he wasn't close enough to be able to see if Clark was handcuffed.

"I'm a black man myself. I have a 24-year-old son and other children. I would want someone to speak up if something like that happened to me or my children," Wilson said.

At the 4th precinct, members of Black Lives Matters are vowing to camp out indefinitely.

"We are getting the attention of the police department, of the mayor and of the country. We want folks to know we are not going to just stand by and stand for this kind of action taken against our community members and out families," protester Miski Noor said.

Dillon-Hoskin's mother says Minneapolis police interviewed her son Monday.

"Your eyes ain't going to lie to you. What you see is what you see. You can't make up something that your eyes have seen," Tequila Dillon said.

Elks Lodge has security cameras perched near the rooftop. But it's across the street and it was dark at the time. We don't know how much of the arrest and shooting the cameras caught. We do know, it's being looked into by investigators.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50106683-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Jamar Clark's dad announced Monday that he is taking a stand for his son as controversy and questions swirl around the police shooting that has left the 24-year-old near death.

"I loved my son. For him to die, getting shot like that. That's bad. Real bad. Police don't care," James Hill said. "His brain is dead. Just waiting to pull the plug. Waiting for other family to arrive. But he was already dead when he got to the hospital."

Clark was shot in the head outside an apartment on Plymouth Avenue N. early Sunday morning. Preliminary witness accounts suggested Clark was handcuffed when a Minneapolis police officer fired. The shooting sparked outrage and protests. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

Tequila Dillon witnessed the immediate aftermath and offered this description: "When they put him on the gurney, that's when they took one of the handcuffs off. They threw him in the ambulance and they were gone."

Demonstrators, led by the Black Lives Matter movement, would quickly set up shop outside MPD's nearby 4th precinct headquarters, blocking the main entrance.

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Photo Witness details moments after Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police

"We're gonna find out what happened and we're gonna get to what happened, and we're gonna stay here until we find out what happened and why," said community activist John Martin.

Protestors are demanding that Minneapolis police turn over any video of the incident and publicly name the officers involved. The department said from the outset that Clark wasn't restrained. They described him as an assault suspect who confronted paramedics and officers who arrived on scene.

Instead of MPD conducting its own review, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will investigate what exactly happened -- a move the local police union welcomed.

"We've got confidence in the BCA," said Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis Police Union. "Our officers are cooperating with the process. We want people to remain calm. Let the investigation be completed. I am confident, in the end, our officers' actions will be justified."

At a Sunday news conference at city hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota BCA at 651-793-7000 with any information.

"We need to know the truth," Harteau said.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/voices/news/black-lives-matter-minneapolis-calls-on-mpd-to-release-video-footage-of-officer-involved>

(link doesn't lead to story)

<https://www.minnpost.com/glean/2015/11/protests-continue-over-weekend-police-shooting-minneapolis-man>

Still not a lot of clarity about the events over the weekend that left Jamar Clark of Minneapolis brain dead after being shot by police. In the Star Tribune, Paul Walsh reports that protesters are camped out outside Minneapolis 4th Precinct police HQ: "Kandace Montgomery, a Black Lives Matter organizer, told reporters outside the precinct headquarters Monday morning that protesters have been in the atrium since midafternoon Sunday and will remain until their demands are met: release by police of any video that might exist of the shooting, disclosure of the names of the officers involved, and the start of a federal investigation into the shooting. ... The activists have pitched tents at the Fourth Precinct entrance and draped a Black Lives Matter banner above the locked doors. The shooting occurred a few blocks to the east of the protest site."

At MPR, Tim Nelson reports that protesters want a federal investigation of the shooting and for police to release video of the incident: "Angry protesters rallied outside a police station Monday in north Minneapolis demanding a federal investigation into a police shooting on Sunday as well as the release of surveillance video from a building across the street from where the shooting took place. ... Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, said she feared the truth still won't be uncovered. ... 'Well, we don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable,' she said. 'So while it's notable on the one hand that they responded to the request for an independent investigation that we made earlier today, we actually want federal intervention into this investigation.' "

Minnesota's French community turns out in solidarity with their countrymen. MPR's Laura Yuen reports from a march in Minneapolis on Sunday: "Both here and in Paris, Minnesotans are expressing solidarity with the French people. The cultural group Alliance Francaise in Minneapolis held a march Sunday afternoon to the Basilica of St. Mary, which hosted a memorial service. ... Louis Wendling, president of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota, says the state is home to several thousand

French nationals, including professionals employed by 3M and other large companies. ... Wendling says the attacks were horrific and that the severe restrictions on France's borders are a terrible fallout. ... 'To me it seems extreme. ... France and its fellow member countries of the EU could pride themselves of a high degree of freedom of movement — of people, capital and goods. And now that freedom is really compromised,' he said."

<http://www.citypages.com/news/black-lives-matter-demand-cops-release-video-of-jamar-clark-s-shooting-7836238>

At about 1 a.m. Sunday morning, 24-year-old Jamar Clark lay shot in the street at James and Plymouth in North Minneapolis. A Minneapolis Police officer had pulled the trigger, that much is clear.

As for the events leading up to the incident, there is a wide gulf between the official police statement and the jumble of eyewitness accounts trending on Facebook and Twitter.

Chief Janee Harteau said that police were responding to a domestic assault early Sunday morning when Clark was shot. He had been hindering emergency responders from treating his alleged victim, she said.

However, witnesses who lived in the apartments near James and Plymouth claim that Clark was handcuffed, laying face down on the ground when police opened fire – a claim that Harteau denies.

According to a statement by the Minneapolis NAACP, local business owner Teto Wilson saw the incident unfold.

"The young man was just laying there," Wilson said. "He was not resisting arrest. Two officers were surrounding the victim on the ground, an officer maneuvered his body around to shield Jamar's body, and I heard the shot go off."

So far, no bystander videos of the actual shooting have surfaced. Footage of the incident was likely captured at the Elks Lodge – an African American fraternal order – across the street. Police confiscated the tapes, and have not yet released them to the public.

Black Lives Matter protesters took to the streets of North Minneapolis starting at 3 p.m. Sunday. They formed a human chain around the block where Clark was shot, and declared a no-cop zone. About 20 protesters camped inside the atrium of the local fourth precinct overnight.

The protesters say they are not leaving until they see the Elks Lodge video, and may rally again Tuesday afternoon if it is not turned over.

"My son wasn't no bad kid," said James Hill, Clark's father, on Tuesday morning. "The shooting was ludicrous. I don't wanna say he was handcuffed, but shooting somebody when they're handcuffed, they don't have a care. They really don't."

John Martin, who lives in an apartment complex near the scene of the shooting, says he was just up the block when he saw Clark lying down on the ground, his hands behind his back, prior to the shot ringing out. He says he did not see the moment of the actual killing, so he can't speak to the details that followed.

"I seen what everybody else seen. The young man was actually handcuffed before this tragedy actually happened," Martin said. "He was laying flat down."

Martin cautioned the community to keep calm and hold the peace until video evidence is released.

Others were not so confident that footage, even when it becomes available, will be of any use. Adja Gildersleve, an organizer with BLM, believes that the cops will tamper with the film to cover up wrongdoing.

"Everybody outside, the neighbors in the whole entire complex of people in the apartment said they saw him cuffed with his hands behind his back," Gildersleve says. "He was cuffed, and yet police took a gun and shot him in the head."

Black Lives Matter says police have not interfered with their occupation of the precinct. They promise not to budge until both the Elks Lodge video and the name of the officer who shot Clark is released.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/16/blm-demands-release-of-shooting-video/75866796/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Saying they will occupy a Minneapolis Police precinct until they get answers, a coalition of interests is demanding the release of surveillance video that may shed light on the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

The group, which includes members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the NAACP and activists from the neighborhood, is accusing two Minneapolis Police officers of murder in the shooting of Clark, who had been involved in a domestic dispute with a woman early Sunday morning. Police say when they arrived on the scene on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North Clark was confronting a crew of paramedics. Officers then became involved in a scuffle with the suspect and he was shot.

While officials at Hennepin County Medical Center have not released a condition on Clark, family members told KARE 11 Clark was taken off life-support Monday night.

James Hill, father of Jamar Clark, says police officers need to be prosecuted for killing his son. (Photo: KARE)

"I love my son and for him to die like that, being shot (by police) that's bad. The police don't care, the mayor don't care, because they're going to cover up for each other," said James Hill, Jamar's father.

A spokesperson for Black Lives Matter is calling for members of the community to join in what she is calling the "occupation" of the Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct, which covers the city's north side. Kandace Montgomery says it will continue until police release a surveillance tape that may have captured what led to the shooting of Clark, a shooting that those holding the press conference claim occurred with the suspect handcuffed and laying in the street. Activists are also asking for the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting.

Police have disputed that account, saying misinformation is being spread about the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating.

The death of a young black man at the hands of police opens up old wounds for Bettie Smith. Her son Quincy died after being tasered by Minneapolis officers back in 2008. "We need answers, we need accountability," Smith said, her voice rising in anger. "You murder someone, you are accountable," she insisted, referring to the officers involved in the altercation with Clark.

Neighborhood resident and activist John Martin tried to provide a calming voice, urging everyone to refrain from violence. That being said, he is insistent that answers come quickly. "We want to know what happened, when it happened, and why it happened," Martin said. "We are sick of listening sessions... It's time for action."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/49944498-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Black Lives Matter Minneapolis held a news conference at the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct Building with a list of demands after a police officer shot an assault suspect early Sunday morning. Specifically, the group asked the names of the officers involved and surveillance video from nearby businesses.

The NAACP identified the man shot by police as Jamar Clark. Police shot the assault suspect after he reportedly hindered paramedics from administering aid to his girlfriend early Sunday morning. Police said preliminary reports indicate he was not in handcuffs when he was shot, but advocacy group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said neighbors are disputing that information. PHOTOS - Protest at 4th Precinct.

The group's list of demands:

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with "full disciplinary power"

5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

At a news conference at City Hall, Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau urged the community to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting an investigation.

"We need to know the truth," she said. Anyone with information is urged to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Sunday, protesters gathered where the shooting took place and marched to the Fourth Precinct, led by organizers with the Minneapolis NAACP and Black Lives Matter.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is demanding #JusticeforJamar on social media, which continues to buzz after neighbors reported he was handcuffed while shot and shot "execution style," conflicting with the police account of the incident. The group doesn't know if Clark is alive, or if he was armed.

Witnesses said Clark and his girlfriend were at a birthday party at an apartment along Plymouth Ave/ N. Saturday night when they got into a fight.

"The guy was pinned down on ground, he wasn't fighting, he wasn't screaming or anything. The next thing we know, about a minute later after watching it, the gun went off. That's what I saw. But the guy was not fighting back," witness Teto Wilson said.

"I can't understand from my viewpoint exactly the frustration, but I understand they are frustrated. We are doing the best we can to have an independent process; one that can have an outcome that will be trusted," Mayor Hodges said.

Until then, protesters say they'll continue to hit the streets, but "Justice for Jamar" isn't as simple as black or white.

"Everybody out here last night who said they saw it or have video on their cell phone. They need to step up right now," one protester said.

Per Minneapolis police:

At about 12:45 a.m., police responded to a report of an assault on the 1600 block of Plymouth Ave. N. near James Ave. N. While en route, police learned the call had become a "HELP" call, as described by police in their news release, and the assault suspect had returned to the area, "confronting paramedics and disrupting their ability to render aid." It's unclear what prompted the initial assault report.

The officers and the suspect were engaged in a physical altercation and at some point, an officer "discharged his weapon striking the suspect." Police contend he was not in handcuffs. Another ambulance arrived and transported him to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he is being treated. His exact condition has not been released.

The two officers involved the shooting are on paid administrative leave, per department policy. Their identities have not been released.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/jamar-clark-police-shooting-led-to-tense-standoff-with-protesters-video-7835893>

Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis Police in the early morning hours of Sunday. Clark, a black Minneapolis resident, was involved in an altercation with police at the intersection of James and Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis. Cops were responding to reports of an alleged assault when their engagement with Clark began.

This short list of facts is agreed to by police and the public. What's in dispute is the allegation that Clark was already in handcuffs at the time he was shot. Minneapolis police have denied that claim, but amateur video from the moments after Clark's shooting proves eyewitnesses on the scene are convinced it's true.

As of Monday morning, Clark is said to be on life support. (Earlier reports indicated he had been killed.) The circumstances around his arrest and shooting have already garnered national and international attention, and on Sunday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau announced that the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) would conduct a "thorough, independent investigation" of what took place.

Local racial and social justice advocates are already energized and outraged, as evidenced by a Sunday night rally that took place at the scene of the incident. Speaking to an assembled crowd, Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, prayed that God would "unsettle every spirit of those who control this city, that they will not be able to rest until we get justice."

Strong as that statement might seem, it's actually mild compared to some of the utterances from organizers with Black Lives Matter, who suggested the Clark shooting could be a last straw for black residents of a city with huge racial disparities in incomes, outcomes, and interactions with law enforcement.

In a statement released midday Sunday, BLM recounted stories of black citizens who were cursed, threatened and pepper-sprayed in the tense moments after Clark's shooting.

"Our city is not too far from burning like Baltimore because as the violence, disparities, and erasure people of color grows, so will the people's rage and desire for justice," said Michael McDowell, an organizer.

That sentiment is closely in line with the angry words from amateur video taken Sunday morning, as a phalanx of police stood watch under the scrutiny of neighborhood residents. The man recording the video calls police "dirty motherfuckers," while others can be heard shouting that Clark had been shot "for no reason." Later, the narrator, who also says Clark had been in handcuffs at the time of the shot, meets calls to "go home" by screaming it was time to "set this shit off, man."

Speaking Monday morning, Levy-Pounds said Hodges and Harteau were quick to react to Sunday's news because the event was "extremely egregious," and needed obvious attention.

"From witness accounts, Jamar Clark was handcuffed and then shot in the head in front of dozens of witnesses," Levy-Pounds says. "Police essentially threw a corpse in the back of an ambulance, and put him on life support at the hospital. They pulled guns on witnesses and sprayed them with mace. They waited 45 minutes before asking people what had happened there. This is one of the worst examples of what we've seen, recently, with the execution of unarmed black men."

Levy-Pounds showed mild appreciation for the unprecedented step of involving the BCA to investigate, but said she and other activists "don't trust Minnesota law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable," and are calling for FBI involvement in finding the truth of what happened that night.

Meanwhile, city leaders have asked that anyone with information contact the BCA at (651) 793-7000.

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<http://www.startribune.com/official-unclear-if-man-shot-by-minneapolis-cops-was-cuffed/351276091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has pushed racial tensions in the city's small but concentrated minority community to the fore, with a police precinct besieged by a makeshift encampment and hundreds of protesters in recent days.

Police have tried to improve race relations in recent years, and succeeded in some areas. But some community activists say racial disparities — high unemployment rates for blacks, a disproportionate number of arrests for minor crimes and inequities in housing and the school system — have been going on for so long that Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark, and the reaction from the community, was no surprise.

"We call Minneapolis a tale of two cities: The best of times if you're white, and worst of times if you're black," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, and one of 42 people arrested when protesters shut down an interstate highway Monday night.

Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers. Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. Police said there was a scuffle, and Clark was shot. Some people who say they saw the shooting claim Clark wasn't struggling and was handcuffed. Police initially said he wasn't handcuffed, but the state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said one thing it's looking at is whether Clark was restrained.

The president of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Wednesday in an email that Clark was "disarming" the officer and was not handcuffed.

The officers involved in the shooting were identified Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, both with seven years of experience including 13 months with the Minneapolis department, but their race wasn't released because it's private under state law. Police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Members of the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter and other demonstrators want police to release video of the shooting, but the BCA has declined to do so, saying it would taint the investigation. The FBI is also undertaking a civil rights investigation.

Tensions ramped up Wednesday afternoon when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the 4th Precinct station where several had been sleeping since the shooting. They pulled down a pop-up shelter and doused a bonfire, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" before relighting the flame.

Chief Janee Harteau said police have to keep the vestibule clear for safety. She said police have no plans to pull down some 18 tents or stop protests as long as they are peaceful.

As the confrontation extended into the night, police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of scores of protesters swelling outside the precinct office. Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said.

The department tweeted that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged during the demonstration.

The protests are the latest call for change by a community that has had rocky relations with police.

Sunday's shooting took place on the north side, where the population is predominantly black and generally poorer than the rest of the city. The four neighborhoods nearest the shooting are 53 percent black, according to 2010 census data. The city as a whole is 60 percent white.

Chuck Samuelson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Minnesota, said tension has risen as police have stepped up their presence in high-crime areas. An ACLU study earlier this year found black people are nearly nine times more likely to be arrested for low-level offenses in Minneapolis than white people.

"African-American males feel like they are targeted by police because, frankly, they are," Samuelson said.

Levy-Pounds said several high-profile cases have increased mistrust of police, including the 2013 death of Terrance Franklin and the 2006 death of Fong Lee, both shot by police.

Franklin, who was black, was being chased by police in a suspected burglary when he broke into a home. Police said he struggled with officers, grabbing a police weapon and shooting and wounding two officers before he was shot 10 times. A grand jury cleared officers in his death, but Levy-Pounds called it "a case of murder of a young African-American man at the hands of Minneapolis police."

In the case of Lee, a 19-year-old son of Laotian immigrants, the officer who shot and killed him in north Minneapolis said he feared for his life. A jury ruled the officer didn't use excessive force.

Don Samuels, a black former City Council member who represented the north side, said there's a sense of wariness anytime a black man gets killed or shot by police, and people wonder if a white man in the same situation would have been shot. But he pointed to a growing effort by the city and police to confront racial issues head on, to bring more officers of color on the force, and to create review boards to deal with police brutality.

Minneapolis police Deputy Chief Medaria Arradondo said the department recognizes past grievances between the African-American community and police and is working hard to build trust.

"Even in the midst of protests and demonstrations, we will continue to have important dialogue and conversations to keep moving forward," he said.

<http://www.startribune.com/jailed-naacp-leader-i-94-protest-in-minneapolis-not-planned/351009801/>

Jamar Clark, the unarmed man shot early Sunday by Minneapolis police, sparking two days of angry protest, has died.

Friends of Clark's family said Tuesday morning that he had been removed from life support and that family members were making funeral arrangements.

The Hennepin County medical examiner said Clark, 24, died on Monday evening as the result of a single gunshot to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting, who haven't been identified, were expected to give statements to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Tuesday night, said Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union.

Kroll, who said he had talked to the officers, reiterated earlier statements from police that Clark was not in handcuffs, disputing witness accounts.

Kroll also said he "firmly believes" the officers will be exonerated of any wrongdoing.

More than 50 were arrested after protesters shut down a section of Interstate 94 in north Minneapolis on Monday night.

The U.S. attorney's office said late Tuesday that the FBI would conduct the federal investigation requested by the mayor, with an independent review of all evidence by the office as well as U.S. Department of Justice prosecutors.

At a news conference Tuesday, BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that there are videos from the shooting but that none shows the full incident that left Clark dead. The videos came from an ambulance, a public housing building, the cellphones of bystanders and a police mobile video station. There is no video from any police car or officer body cameras. The BCA is working with a nearby Elks Lodge to examine its exterior video.

No video will be released, Evans said, until the investigation is complete, which could take two to four months. He said the video will be withheld for now because "we don't want to taint the interviews with the witnesses."

The time frame for such an investigation isn't unusually long, he said. Minneapolis police contacted the BCA for assistance about nine hours after the shooting, he said. The BCA has investigated 96 police-involved shootings resulting in injury or death in Minnesota since 2009.

Evans also addressed the contention by activists that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. There were "handcuffs at the scene, and we are still examining whether or not they were on him" when police fired, he said. Evans confirmed that Clark did not have weapons on him and said "this investigation is a top priority."

Questions remain

Authorities have released vague details of the shooting. The one-page public incident report had little information and had the words "not done" in the section that describes the incident.

The incident began when paramedics responded to a call from a woman needing assistance at an apartment building in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. at 12:40 a.m. Sunday.

At the Fourth Precinct on Tuesday night, Danny Givens demanded answers about Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Kroll said it was unclear whether she had been assaulted or was injured while breaking up a fight. As she was seeking medical attention in the ambulance, Clark tried to reach her, Kroll said. The paramedics put out a "distress call" for help to police. There was a scuffle with arriving officers, he said, during which Clark was killed.

In a statement on Facebook, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said that she had asked for an independent investigation by the BCA and that she had requested a review by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office, because "I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned."

“Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the city’s to release,” Hodges said. “I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law.”

The shooting of Clark ignited protests, including the arrests Monday night of dozens of activists who blocked traffic on Interstate 94 for more than two hours.

Among those arrested was Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP’s Minneapolis chapter. She issued a statement after her release from jail that said, in part, “Blessed to have been in the company of such brave souls willing to be arrested last night, standing up for what they believe in. ... These arrests were not planned in advance of the demonstration.”

More than 100 people gathered again Tuesday night outside the Police Department’s Fourth Precinct headquarters to remember Clark with statements and prayers.

“We’ve come together as a community to hold one another,” Danny Givens Jr., founder of Above Every Name ministries and a member of Black Lives Matter, told the crowd. “We represent the love of the North Side.”

Pat Crumley stood among the crowd, raising her fist with the others in a moment of silence and to ask for justice. “I’m here to underscore the need for them to hear our voices and the need for a complete and thorough investigation,” she said.

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Activists also have kept up a vigil at the precinct, staying dry under tents and canopies.

Hodges said that she hears people’s frustration and that the process is going to “require patience on all of our parts, including my own.”

Gov. Mark Dayton said Tuesday that he was “very uncomfortable” that protesters had briefly closed I-94 but that he welcomed Hodges’ request for a federal inquiry.

The BCA’s Evans said his agents have been coordinating with their FBI counterparts.

Remembering Clark

The shooting prompted mourning, confusion and anger among Clark’s friends and relatives, some of whom arrived in town earlier this week from Kankakee, Ill.

Those who knew Clark, who was adopted at an early age and grew up in Minneapolis' Hawthorne neighborhood, remembered him as a friendly, outgoing young person who was fiercely defensive of his family, according to Anna Orr, a childhood friend.

"I hope that people realize that this is a glimpse of who he was; this is not set in stone," said Orr. "He was so many other things to so many other people, and I think that that deserves to be told as much as anything else."

For some, the shooting evoked previous shootings of unarmed black men by Minneapolis police. Between 2011 and 2014, the last year for which complete data are available, officers were involved in at least 21 shooting incidents, in which they fired 97 total rounds, state records show. In that period, eight people have been wounded and two killed in officer-involved shootings.

Clark's relatives said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. Clark had been working for a trucking company and had started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

"I understand what he might have done [in the past] and all of that, but to us he was a loving young man," said Kenya McKnight, president of the Black Women's Business Alliance and a North Side longtime activist who has served as an unofficial spokeswoman for the family. "America has a criminal record. Minnesota has a criminal record against black people," McKnight said. "So if we are judging people against their past, let us start at the head."

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MINNEAPOLIS — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

7:05 p.m.

Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

5:15 p.m.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says an unarmed black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar ONeal Clark previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. The medical examiner confirmed that Clark died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

2:40 p.m.

Authorities investigating the shooting of an unarmed black man by Minneapolis police say they have several videos of the incident but none that show it in its entirety.

Jamar ONeal Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

Drew Evans, superintendent of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says video has been obtained from an ambulance, a mobile police camera that had been set up in the area, surveillance video and onlookers' cellphones.

But he repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar ONeal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which 42 people were arrested after the blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

This story has been corrected to reflect that there were 42 demonstrators arrested at Monday's highway protest, not more than 50.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to 42 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

<http://www.startribune.com/a-search-for-answers-in-police-involved-shooting-in-minneapolis/351201871/>

Federal investigation is the right step in case of Jamar Clark.

Tragically, Minneapolis is embroiled in yet another police shooting of an African-American man. Early Sunday, 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot by an officer during an encounter on a north Minneapolis street. Life support was removed, and Clark died on Tuesday.

The local Black Lives Matter (BLM) group led a march and camped out in front of the police precinct near where the shooting occurred, saying they'd stay put unless officials named the officers involved in the shooting, released any related video and called for an outside investigation.

Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau made the right call by requesting that a federal investigation be completed along with a separate probe by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). In addition, the police deserve praise for their calm, measured responses to the protests, both this week and during other BLM demonstrations.

But officials could be more transparent. Video is especially important in this case: Witnesses say Clark was cooperating and handcuffed; the chief says he was not. On Tuesday, a BCA official said that some video does exist but that it won't be released until the investigation is complete. Authorities should be aware that withholding the video will only contribute to public suspicion and mistrust.

In this and other local BLM demonstrations this year, protesters have expressed their views without violence. In both core cities, they announced their plans in advance and worked with city leaders.

But Monday's sit-in on Interstate 94 was a "split-second" decision made by about 100 protesters to block freeway traffic and risk arrest. After being told to leave several times by state troopers, more than 40 adults and eight juveniles were arrested, quickly charged and released.

The Star Tribune Editorial Board recognizes that the BLM movement is raising important issues about police-community relations, and this page will always defend the rights of free speech and peaceful protest. But creating a public safety hazard by blocking an interstate is the kind of behavior that threatens to alienate even those who support those basic rights. As the Clark investigations unfold, continued advance communication and patient, nonviolent responses from police and protesters hopefully will prevail.

<http://www.startribune.com/dayton-says-he-s-closely-monitoring-unrest-over-north-side-shooting/351067071/>

Gov. Mark Dayton on Tuesday said he was "very uncomfortable" that protestors briefly closed Interstate 94, resulting in the arrest of dozens, including a local television reporter.

Dayton, in his first public appearance since his father died last week, said he, his commissioners and staff have been monitoring the unfolding unrest after an officer-involved shooting Sunday that critically injured a man in Minneapolis' North Side.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges on Monday called for federal law enforcement authorities to investigate the shooting. A federal investigation, if initiated, would be completed alongside an investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Dayton said Tuesday he welcomed an investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, partly to appease protestors and other black community leaders who have strong distrust of local and state authorities. "That concern existed, and we needed to be responsive to that," Dayton said.

The governor, who has criticized the tactics of some Black Lives Matter protestors, said the two-hour closure of Interstate 94 Monday night was unsafe. He declined to comment on specifics regarding the shooting, saying that all the facts "surrounding the incident have not been disclosed."

<http://www.startribune.com/take-a-breath-wait-for-facts-as-clock-ticks-in-jamar-clark-case/351223281/>

Over the past few nights protestors have set up a base camp in the alcove of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct. They've spilled into the streets asking for justice in the case of Jamar Clark, shot early Sunday morning. On Monday, factions of the crowd, perhaps led by Black Lives Matter, perhaps on their own, shut down traffic on Interstate 94. Dozens of the protestors were arrested.

Why?

Here is what we know: A young, unarmed black man was shot by a police officer during a 911 domestic abuse call. A lot of black men have been shot nationwide lately, often under suspicious circumstances. Many people are angry and mistrust authorities.

That's pretty much it.

Given the volatile climate in which this shooting occurred, the police administration seems keenly tone-deaf to the need for basic but prompt information.

I was not on the scene the moment Clark was shot, and neither were you. If you were, you need to come forward, because we need the truth.

Until then, we have a set of conflicting reports, innuendo and rumors, which many people seem to confuse with facts.

Was Clark handcuffed when he was shot?

We don't know. Police say no, possible witnesses say yes. If you are not one of those people, you may think you know but you don't. You just believe you do, based on your experiences or simply because that is what you choose to believe.

Who shot Clark?

We don't know yet, but we will.

Was he resisting arrest?

We don't know.

Was Clark shot in the head?

Yes. Tuesday night, the medical examiner said he was killed by a shot to the head.

Are there videos of the shooting?

There are videos, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions (BCA) said Tuesday, but no one video that shows the whole event. Rumors are rampant that there were amateur videos floating around, but they are suspiciously slow to materialize. Don't believe in them until you see them. Even then, remember that what you see in them is likely dependent on what you believe.

The fact is that in the death of Jamar Clark we, you and I, know very little.

So it may come as a surprise that so many people in this city act like they know exactly what happened and are willing to say so in the press and particularly on social media. Maybe that's part of the problem: Knowledge is in the palm of our hand, and all we have to do is speak into your phone to find the capital of Bolivia or the net worth of Bill Gates or whether Michael Brown ever said "hands up, don't shoot" that day in Ferguson.

We think we know everything.

Actually, we still don't know that last one, even though it's all over the Internet. Several grand jury witnesses actually supported the police officer's story in that case, as did forensic evidence. Was the grand jury process flawed? It certainly seemed so. But "hands up, don't shoot"?

We still don't know. We believe.

There are, in fact, plenty of reasons to be skeptical of answers simply provided by officials. Passing the investigation of Clark's death along to the BCA was a logical first step. But keep in mind that the BCA was called in to investigate 83 shootings of individuals by law enforcement officers in the past decade and in all but one concluded that the use of deadly force was justified, according to a Star Tribune investigation. The one case was dismissed.

So Mayor Betsy Hodges made the right call in asking for a federal investigation. That satisfied one of the demands by Black Lives Matter, but it likely would have happened whether they wanted it or not in this case.

BLM wants answers now, of course. We all do. But I also want accurate information. Facts.

When Ramsey police shot Chaz Michael Havenor in August 2014, the BCA investigated and released the names of the officers involved within a couple of days, along with basic details of the incident. Havenor was white, Clark is black.

The clock is ticking, and it's making people suspicious.

Some of the people at the demonstrations, however, are suspicious of anyone who seems somehow establishment or official. This is nothing new. Remember "don't trust anyone over 30"? On Monday night, some activists were telling people not to talk to the "white mainstream media," whatever that means. I guess it's me.

These are the same people who thank us privately for showing up and covering events and digging up data on arrests and police malfeasance. But that message doesn't play to the crowd.

Early Tuesday, however, BLM sent out a news release boasting that the demonstrations had been picked up by the BBC, Los Angeles Times, the Guardian and major television stations — the very definition of the "white mainstream media."

"This won't go away," the release said.

No, it won't, as long as those people with the notebooks and cameras who roam among you continue to demand facts from those who keep them. Not rumors, not beliefs, but facts.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29132816/

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966456.shtml>

(with video)

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Kroll also said the officers told the BCA that they were originally called to the scene because Clark had been pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. Police have previously said Clark was a suspect in that incident.

According to Kroll, the officers said they ordered Clark to stop, or risk arrest. When he refused to comply, the officers began to arrest him -- but Clark then began to struggle with one of the officers. The officers said it was at that time that Clark tried to disarm one of the officers. Soon thereafter, one of the officers opened fire, wounding Clark in the head.

Witnesses at the scene on Sunday morning claimed Clark was already in handcuffs when an officer opened fire. The union lawyer has called those claims "nonsense," and has stated that he expects both officers to be cleared of any wrongdoing.

On Tuesday afternoon, at a news conference, the BCA said handcuffs were found at the scene of the shooting, but that investigators are still working to determine whether or not they were on Clark when he was shot.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3966283.shtml>

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has released a statement regarding the officer-involved shooting that occurred early Sunday morning in Minneapolis. The statement reads, in full:

I want to provide everyone with an update to the situation regarding the officer-involved shooting and the protests in our city and community. Before I do, I want to thank people for expressing their opinions on such an important issue. I understand and respect the sense of urgency.

I am working within my scope of authority to make sure that we have a fair and just process for everyone, and to both listen to and work with the community.

To that end I asked for an independent investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a review by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's Office. I made this request because I believe that it is the best way to build confidence in the process for everyone involved and concerned.

In addition, Chief Harteau and I have also been clear in our commitment that people be able to assemble lawfully and peacefully, and have communicated that.

In the big picture, I remain steadfastly committed to our ongoing work, through the groundbreaking National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, to enhance procedural justice, reduce implicit bias, and encourage racial reconciliation. For years, I've been working to make sure we have the best possible relationship between our officers and the community and that commitment remains.

Other requests have been made of me that are outside of my control. I have been asked to release any video of the incident, and the names of officers involved. That data is not the City's to release: it is in the hands of the BCA and the Justice Department, as part of their independent investigations. I cannot interfere with those investigations; nor, in the spirit of conducting an independent and thorough investigation, should I even appear to do so. I have also been asked to fire officers involved. However, to

do so is a violation of their collective-bargaining agreement and their right to due process under the law. Finally, I have been asked to require that Minneapolis police officers live in Minneapolis, and that we institute a civilian-review authority with disciplinary powers. Regardless of the merits of those requests, they are barred by state law.

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Kroll also said the officers told the BCA that they were originally called to the scene because Clark had been pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. Police have previously said Clark was a suspect in that incident.

According to Kroll, the officers said they ordered Clark to stop, or risk arrest. When he refused to comply, the officers began to arrest him -- but Clark then began to struggle with one of the officers. The officers said it was at that time that Clark tried to disarm one of the officers. Soon thereafter, one of the officers opened fire, wounding Clark in the head.

Witnesses at the scene on Sunday morning claimed Clark was already in handcuffs when an officer opened fire. The union lawyer has called those claims "nonsense," and has stated that he expects both officers to be cleared of any wrongdoing.

On Tuesday afternoon, at a news conference, the BCA said handcuffs were found at the scene of the shooting, but that investigators are still working to determine whether or not they were on Clark when he was shot.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-still-looking-over-details-of-deadly-minneapolis-officer-involved-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed Tuesday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark is dead. He was shot by Minneapolis police officers during a struggle while they were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted.

BCA investigators said Tuesday this case is a top priority. They are pouring through video, interviewing witnesses and collecting forensic evidence, all in hopes of figuring out what led to the shooting of Clark and whether or not he was in handcuffs when he was shot.

Video evidence from the scene comes from the ambulance that treated the assault victim, cameras from public housing, Minneapolis police portable cameras and cameras operated by witnesses. Investigators say none of that video will be made public.

“We don’t want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the video going public we would potentially taint portions of the investigation,” Drew Evans with the BCA said.

Evans says so far, none of the video investigators have looked at show the entire incident, the struggle with officers and the shooting of Clark. What we do know is there are lots of questions about how things unfolded.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, something police deny. Investigators say they will have to use science to find the truth.

“What we’re still undergoing is to exactly how handcuffs came into this scene there, were handcuffs at the scene at the time and we’re still examining if they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they just fell out at the scene that’s what we are trying to exert,” Evans said.

WCCO took a look at Jamar Clark’s arrest record. We found 10 arrests in Minneapolis since 2009. His crimes range from robbery and aggravated assault to DWI and running from police.

Most recently in Ramsey County, Clark is accused of terroristic threats and domestic assault. We spoke with the man who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 3 years old.

James Clark, who told me that no matter what his son did in the past, no matter what his arrest record says, he did not deserve to die like he did. James Clark says his son was shot once near the eye and the bullet was still there when Jamar was taken off life support.

The Hennepin County Medical Center released its autopsy of Jamar Clark’s death Tuesday. The report says he died of a gunshot wound to the head and his manner of death is a homicide.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/17/bca-video-of-jamar-clark-doesnt-show-entire-incident/75947500/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Investigators say they do not have video that shows the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in its entirety.

In a media briefing on Tuesday, the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension gave an update into their investigation into the death of Clark, who died Monday evening after being taken off life support.

Drew Evans, BCA superintendent, said they've collected several videos in their investigation, from the ambulance that was on scene, a stationed mobile police camera in the area, public housing authority camera and witness cell phone video. However, none of the videos show the entire incident, only portions, he said.

No dash cam video or body camera video were taken of the incident, according to the BCA. Evans said there wasn't a camera in the squad car of the officers on scene.

Evans would not elaborate on what the videos did show.

"(That) video will not be released at this time, as is normal protocol with our investigations," he said. "Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently and it would impact the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation."

Evans said they do not want to taint the investigation by making that video public, as interviews with witnesses are ongoing. He said the video will not be released until the investigation is complete.

The BCA is working with the establishment across the street, the Elk's Club, to obtain their video, as well.

Handcuffs were recovered from the scene, Evans said, but it is unclear at this point how or when they were used, or if they were used at all. No weapons were recovered from the scene.

Evans said they are also working to piece together information regarding the initial domestic assault that took place between Clark and a person he knew, which is what the officers were responding to initially. Authorities say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who had responded to the scene to help the victim.

Who is Jamar Clark?

The two officers involved in the shooting remain on paid administrative leave. Evans said they are working to interview both officers in the coming days. Those officers will be identified after their interviews are complete.

Evans said the investigation is still very active -- they are awaiting autopsy results, forensic evidence tests and additional interviews. The typical timeline for this kind of investigation is two to four months, however, Evans said this case has been given top priority from the BCA.

Anyone who still has video of the incident -- or that witnessed the incident -- and has not yet contacted the BCA is asked to do so by calling 651-793-7000.

Clark's death has spurred outrage from the Black Lives Matter community, who have staged a protest at the Fourth Precinct office of the Minneapolis Police Department since Sunday. The group also marched on to Interstate 94 on Monday evening, shutting down the freeway between 7th Street and Broadway Avenue.

Late Tuesday, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a statement on the Clark shooting developments.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/bca-has-partial-video-of-jamar-clark-shooting/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — State investigators looking into the fatal police shooting of a black Minneapolis man during a scuffle have several partial videos of the incident but won't release them despite demands from protesters, an official said Tuesday.

Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said Tuesday.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police dispute. His death sparked protests including one Monday night in which hundreds of people blocked traffic on an interstate highway, leading to 42 arrests.

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The BCA is investigating the case, but Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation. That satisfied one of the protesters' demands, but investigators haven't met two others: the release of any video and the identities of the officers involved.

Police said the incident began when they were called to north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. Sunday following a report of an assault. When they arrived, a man was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said. Officers tried to calm him, but there was a struggle. At some point, an officer fired at least once, hitting the man, police said.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera in the video, a public housing camera, surveillance video from an Elks Club across the street, and citizens' cell phones.

None of the videos capture the entirety of the shooting, said Evans. He said none of the videos will be released while the investigation is ongoing because it could taint the probe.

At a brief news conference shortly after the BCA announced Clark's death, Evans also said no police dash cam video existed. Authorities said earlier the officers weren't wearing body cameras. Evans declined to release any identifying information about the officers, including their race, pending interviews with them in the next day or two.

Evans also confirmed that Clark had no weapon. Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans repeated that 2 to 4 months was typical but added the Clark case "has been given top priority."

Clark's brother, Jamine Robinson, 32, of Rochester, told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday that family members had gone to the hospital Monday evening to take Clark off life support. He said he didn't go because he didn't want to see his brother in a hospital bed.

"I want the officer to be arrested, prosecuted and put in jail for eternity. Life without parole," said Robinson.

In seeking the civil rights investigation on Monday, Hodges said she was concerned about “transparency and community confidence.” She expressed faith in the state investigation but said the city needs “all the tools we have available to us.”

Protesters have set up tents around the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred and said they won’t leave until authorities release any video they have of the incident along with the officer’s identity.

The protests are just the latest expression of tension between the department and minorities in the city.

The rocky relations have led to discussions between police and minorities and the creation of task forces designed to quell concerns. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a federal Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/harteau-2-minneapolis-squad-cars-damaged-in-shooting-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said at least two squad cars were damaged Sunday night and one arrest was made Monday in the protests following the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

Clark was taken off life support Monday night, and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

Clark was shot early Sunday morning after police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman. On the way to the call, authorities were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics at the scene. When officers arrived, there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

The two officers involved in the incident have been on paid administrative leave, and their names have not been released.

Witnesses of the incident said Clark was handcuffed at the time of the shooting, but police and investigators say a preliminary investigation shows that wasn’t the case.

Members of the group Black Lives Matter, upon hearing about Clark’s shooting, immediately gathered at the Minneapolis Police Department’s 4th Precinct and protested throughout Sunday night.

Jamar Clark Protest Vandalism Jamar Clark Protest Vandalism

Harteau said two police squad cars were damaged in Sunday's protest. One was an unmarked vehicle that had all of its windows smashed in, its dash camera was damaged and the tires on the vehicle were slashed by a knife or sharp object. An arrest was made Monday in that incident, Harteau said.

Harteau said the damage done to the two cars is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars.

Black Lives Matter continued its protests Monday night, taking over Interstate 94 just north of downtown Minneapolis and forcing traffic to come to a standstill. Members of the group have demanded since the shooting that video of the incident be released as well as the names of the officers.

On the freeway, protesters changed and blocked drivers from getting through for more than two hours. When law enforcement made alternate routes for drivers, the protesters tried to block those as well by creating a human chain across the detour. More than 40 protesters were eventually arrested for unlawful assembly.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/driscoll?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked the U.S. Justice Department for a civil rights investigation into the Sunday shooting of Jamar Clark.

- Monday: 51 arrested in shooting protest that blocked I-94

Hodges says a federal investigation will promote "transparency and community trust."

Some protesters had already been calling for a federal investigation, saying they didn't trust state law enforcement agencies to hold each other accountable.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is currently conducting the criminal investigation.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the Justice Department under President George W. Bush.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/gov-dayton-says-highway-protest-was-extremely-dangerous/>

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/clark-shooting-feds-launch-probe-me-report-released/75965928/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or BCA.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar O'Neal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. The statement from the coroner listed the manner of death as "homicide."

And while that very word created a buzz in social media Tuesday evening, experts consulted by KARE said it was not surprising to see that in the report.

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi and veteran criminal defense lawyer Earl Gray both said the term "homicide" in coroner's reports applies to all killings, including accidents and those slayings later ruled to be justified by self-defense. The term "homicide" in the lingo of medical examiners is not interchangeable with the word "murder" -- it does not convey intent or motive.

Protesters involved in the Black Lives Matter movement Tuesday demanded that authorities share more evidence, including surveillance video collected from businesses and homes. They also asked investigators to release the names of the officers involved in Clark's arrest and killing.

"We'll identify the officers once they've been interviewed and we'll provide additional information at that time," Drew Evans, the BCA superintendent, told reporters.

Evans said investigators hoped to interview the officers in the coming days.

There are many due process protections built into state law for officers accused of misconduct or crimes. The Minnesota Peace Officers Bill of Rights allows officers to have attorneys and union representatives on hand, and it permits officers to defer making any comments on the records until a formal complaint has been lodged.

Criminal attorney Fred Bruno confirmed Tuesday evening that he is representing the two officers.

Evans, when asked if he could confirm that Clark was unarmed at the time he was shot, simply said that no weapons were found at the scene other than the officer's guns.

According to Evans there are no police dash cam videos or body cam videos from the incident. And he said the surveillance camera footage doesn't show the incident in its entirety. So far no citizen videos have surfaced, but many witnesses have contacted the BCA offering to give personal accounts.

Some witnesses said Clark was already handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"There were handcuffs at the scene at the time, and we're still examining whether or not they were on Mister Clark or whether they just fell out at the scene. That's what we're trying to discern," Evans explained.

According to law enforcement sources the protocol in some police agencies is to handcuff suspects after they've been shot, as a precaution. It is not known yet whether that occurred in Clark's case.

"But the reality is whether he was handcuffed or not, how can we possibly justify an officer shooting him in the head when he was already on the ground?" Nekima Levy-Pounds of the Minneapolis NAACP told KARE. "There's simply no justification for that."

Levy-Pounds, an attorney who teaches at the University of Saint Thomas Law School, was among those who took part in the Black Lives Matter protest Monday night that blocked traffic on Interstate 94. She was among those who chose to stay and be arrested and jailed, rather than disperse when the Minnesota State Patrol arrived.

"As African Americans, generally speaking, it's very difficult for us to trust a system that has not been effective at meting out justice when it comes to officer involved shootings," she remarked. "We are tired of being killed at the hands of the police, and seeing a lack of accountability within the system."

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/clark-death-cameras?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

(pictures not captured)

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/17/complaints-aplenty-after-freeway-protest/75961176/>

ST. PAUL, Minn. - In a press conference Tuesday, Governor Dayton expressed concern over the dangers of the Black Lives Matter freeway protest and said he discussed the situation with his staff.

"I am very uncomfortable with the fact it happened. I deeply regret it happened," said Governor Dayton.

Dayton praised the Minnesota State Patrol for showing restraint and giving ample warning to the hundreds of protesters linking arms across 94 to block traffic during the sit-in.

"To put other lives at risk and shutting it down is extremely dangerous and I pray we will do everything possible prevent from happening again," said Dayton.

Minnesota State Patrol spokesperson Lt. Tiffani Schweigart said the protest was even more dangerous with low level light conditions, heavy traffic, wet roadways and light rain. She stated the Minnesota State Patrol responded as soon as they knew people were entering the freeway, and some 24 law enforcement agencies helped control protesters.

"In the United States, we have ample opportunity for first amendment rights to be honored and ample space for protesters to occupy space that's safe for them, and the freeway is not one of those options," said Lt. Schweigart.

Over loudspeakers, troopers gave protesters a 15 minute warning to disperse and exit the freeway. Lt. Schweigart said the protesters damaged trooper squad cars after throwing rocks and she said one trooper was punched by a protester who fled the scene.

"Even though I'm behind them, this is not the way to do it," said Pam Klocek, of Osseo, a driver stopped in traffic. "It puts a bigger divide between people and I think it's time they realize this is not the way to do it."

The 42 people arrested will now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrians on the freeway.

Before many in the sit-in were arrested, they shouted, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

Civil rights attorney and University of St. Thomas professor Nekima Levy-Pounds stood before the protesters with her hands raised, waiting for troopers to arrest her first. Levy-Pounds has long been the voice and spokesperson of Black Lives Matter, and also serves as Minneapolis NAACP President.

"Hire some people of color on this force," she told the troopers. "This looks a scene from Selma, all white State troopers. We are Ferguson and we've been Ferguson for a long time. We are tired of this."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3966313.shtml>

(with video)

Protests in response to an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning are continuing in Minneapolis for a third day.

Protesters continued to camp out Tuesday at the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis, and were blocking traffic on Plymouth Avenue. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protesters are demanding answers in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center. He was shot in a scuffle with officers. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner determined Tuesday Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head, and ruled his death was a homicide.

At issue is whether Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Protesters are demanding to see video evidence and they called for a federal investigation. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the video would not be released at this time because it might taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

The rain Tuesday did not slow the protesters down. At one point, they temporarily stopped a fire engine from passing. However, they quickly let it go through. Organizers then told protesters to let emergency vehicles through.

KSTP reporter Joe Augustine said, at one point, a vehicle sped through the crowd that was blocking the North Minneapolis precinct. The group chased the car. No one was hurt.

On Tuesday night, law enforcement were prepared for another protest like Monday night when 42 people were arrested after Interstate 94 was shutdown for three hours. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, bottles and rocks were thrown at squad cars, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

Many of those arrested now face charges of unlawful assembly and pedestrian on the freeway; both are misdemeanor offenses.

Gov. Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/blm-holds-vigil-for-clark-outside-of-police-station-in-day-3-of-protests/>

(with video)

The FBI said Tuesday it will start a criminal civil rights investigation into the death of Jamar Clark.

That is one of the demands the Twin Cities Black Lives Matter group made after Clark's death on Saturday.

The group protested Tuesday for the third-straight night outside the 4th Precinct. They say they will stay until they see video of the incident, and know the names of the officers involved.

State troopers and city squads lined up near freeway ramps nearby to prevent a repeat of Monday night's shutdown of Interstate 94.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night and spent time in the Hennepin County Jail. They were released at about 3:30 a.m., but now face misdemeanor charges of trespassing and being a pedestrian on the freeway. Some of them returned here to the 4th Precinct to camp out again Tuesday.

But protestors did not go near the freeway; they said Tuesday night was about healing.

Protestors began the evening's rally by blocking off more of Plymouth Avenue. Supporters also delivered more supplies — including food, firewood, medical supplies and hand warmers.

William Douglas owns the Mass Appeal barber shop across the street from where protestors have been camped out since Sunday.

"It's kind of slowed down a little bit. You know, a lack of parking, stopping people from getting through," Douglas said. "It's a big impact on my business, but you know, hey, it is what it is. If they got to hang out, you know, til something get done, justice is done, it is what it is."

The BCA said Tuesday afternoon that officers did not have dashcam video or body camera video to help with the investigation into Clark's shooting. But they said they do have video from witnesses, and they will identify the officers when the investigation is complete.

"We're still undergoing as to exactly how the handcuffs ... came into the scene," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time, and that we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just ... at the scene."

Protesters reacted to the BCA's announcement by holding a night of unity at the precinct. They took turns sharing how the last couple days have made them feel. They were even treated to free massages.

People at the rally did not clash with drivers or police, but they did make sure their message was heard.

The BCA says the investigation could take between two and four months. One of the protestors told WCCO they could hold out that long.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/17/justice-department-to-probe-fatal-shooting-of-jamar-clark-by-police/>

(links and such)

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50697210-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Top fox9.com Searches Jamar Clark Jason Show tickets Minnesota Vikings Golden Gophers Ross Sveback Dale K Forest Lake News Team Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

“[We] don’t want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation,” Evans said.

Evans confirmed handcuffs were found at the scene.

“We’re still examining whether [the handcuffs] were on Mr Clark or if they just fell out at the scene. That’s what we are trying to assert.”

Photo Why Minnesota BCA isn't releasing Jamar Clark shooting video

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene.

BCA agents are arranging interviews with the officers involved in the shooting. The officers involved are currently on paid administrative leave and will not be identified until they have spoken with investigators.

The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

The BCA is asking anyone who has additional video of the deadly confrontation to contact the bureau at 651-793-7000.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/justice-probe>

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into Sunday's fatal police shooting in Minneapolis. But former federal officials are cautioning that the process can be a long process and can leave community members with dashed expectations.

Protesters took to the streets Sunday and Monday to demand a federal inquiry into the shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges made the request to the United States Justice Department saying federal review would promote "transparency and community trust."

But while federal civil rights investigations are appealing to local leaders because they often seem more independent than a local law enforcement investigation, they can also lead to unrealistic expectations that charges will be filed, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice under President George W. Bush.

The civil rights division has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, Driscoll added.

"There are lots of things that an officer can do that might not be what we'd call a 'good shoot,'" Driscoll said. "But that does not make it a federal civil rights violation, because if the officer acted negligently or made a mistake or acted contrary to rules, that is not enough."

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Most officer-involved shootings that lead to death or serious injury will also be investigated by a federal agency regardless of any local request, Driscoll said.

Federal officers often wait to see how the state probe unfolds before making their inquiries. Many of those federal investigations aren't publicized, he added.

It's often easier for federal officials to conduct an investigation into incidents like this without publicity, said Thomas Heffelfinger, the former U.S. Attorney for Minnesota.

"The goal is to be able to gather as many facts as possible as quickly and as reliably as possible," Heffelfinger said. "It allows the FBI and the U.S. attorney to move quickly and quietly to make a decision, either to commence a formal investigation or not."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3965950.shtml>

(with video)

A man shot by police over the weekend, sparking protests in Minneapolis, has now died.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says 24-year-old Jamar Clark of Minneapolis died Monday night. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting.

His body was taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy. The medical examiner determined Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head and ruled his death as a homicide.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. They did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation.

Investigators say the names of the officers will be released after the interviews are complete; both are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and Mayor Betsy Hodges has also requested a federal civil rights investigation.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said handcuffs were found at the scene, and investigators are working to determine whether they were on Clark at the time of the shooting or if they were just at the scene.

Evans says several videos have been obtained so far, but none of them capture the incident in its entirety. The videos are from the ambulance rig, a police camera in the area, the Public Housing Authority, and individuals with cellphones. Dash cam video and body cam video are not available.

Evans repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case, and by having the video being public, we would potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

U.S. Department of Justice Investigation

The calls had come from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Governor Mark Dayton and U.S. Congressman Keith Ellison for a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) civil rights investigation into the shooting.

Read the statement Hodges issued regarding requests for external investigations [here](#).

"When a member of our community is severely wounded, the circumstances must be investigated," wrote Rep. Ellison in a letter to United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

The DOJ has dual civil and criminal authority to investigate alleged civil rights misconduct by any local police department.

"It's not surprising given the situation here, that's very volatile, that the calls have come so early," said Rachel Paulose, former U.S. Attorney of the District of Minnesota.

Paulose also worked in Washington, D.C., in the same unit that handles civil rights investigations under former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"It's understandable that civil rights leaders, law enforcement authorities, and political leaders are calling for transparency to restore community trust," Paulose said.

The FBI is now investigating.

"The Department received a request yesterday from Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asking the FBI and Department of Justice to initiate a criminal civil rights investigation into the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark. This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state's investigation. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark's death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes. We ask for cooperation from any witnesses who believe they have information about the shooting and we urge calm throughout our community while investigators seek to determine the facts. As the investigation is ongoing the Department will have no further comment," a statement read from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS reporter Eric Chaloux also sat down with former two-time U.S. Attorney Thomas B. Heffelfinger to discuss the weekend shooting of Clark.

"That is not an indictment or a criticism of the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension) or its ability to do job," Heffelfinger said. "But there are some elements of this particular case, I'm thinking of the handcuff issue, the potential differences of testimony between what police are saying and what other witness are apparently saying."

Heffelfinger said these types of federal civil rights investigations into a police department's actions require federal agents to piece together every detail of the case.

"They are very difficult, they are very public, very visible, emotions are high, and therefore they are difficult to do," Heffelfinger said.

The U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Division conducted 15 federal investigations into local police departments from 2009-2012.

Protests Sparked after Shooting

The shooting has led to multiple protests and the arrest of 42 people who caused Interstate 94 westbound to close between Plymouth and Broadway avenues in Minneapolis on Monday night.

The Minnesota State Patrol says one trooper was assaulted during the protest but was not significantly injured, and several patrol cars were damaged by bottles and rocks.

Anyone with information or video is asked to call the BCA at 651-793-7000.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/minneapolis-naacp-president-speaks-out-on-i-94-arrests/>

(with video)

More than 40 demonstrators arrested in a protest that shut down a Twin Cities freeway have now been released.

Dozens of protesters blocked traffic on Interstate 94 near 7th Street and Broadway Avenue for about two hours in north Minneapolis Monday night. They're demanding police release more information about the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark's family says they took him off life support last night after a scuffle with two Minneapolis Police officers early Sunday morning. Investigators say Clark had attacked a woman, then got in the way of paramedics trying to help her.

Police say they tried to calm Clark, but got into an altercation.

One of the officers shot him during that struggle. Some eyewitnesses say that wasn't necessary. They say officers had Clark in handcuffs or at least restrained. Police dispute that. Amid the outrage, the city has asked the Justice Department to investigate.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested and charged with unlawful assembly. The Minneapolis NAACP president said she stood strong and spent hours in jail in the name of justice for Clark.

A video, posted on Twitter, showed the moments before she was arrested and taken to jail.

She said organizers warned protesters if they remained on the freeway, they could be placed behind bars. Levy-Pounds said, at that moment, she led the group in prayer and felt a sense of peace and courage.

Protesters call their efforts necessary to get answers in Clark's shooting and eliminate what they describe as an uneven justice system that targets African-Americans.

"Initially, it was a tough decision because of the fact that I'm a mom," Levy-Pounds said. "I have to think about getting my son to school ... But in that moment, I thought about Jamar Clark. I thought about the witness accounts that I've heard. I thought about the fact that that could have been my son. And the emotions, the anger, the outrage rose up in me and I said, 'I have to risk arrest at this time.'"

Many of the protesters spent about five hours in jail, before being freed this morning. Among the people who were arrested were eight juveniles. The Minnesota State Patrol said Tuesday morning that 42 people in total were arrested, which was a reduction from earlier reports of 51.

More than a dozen people remain at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct on Tuesday, where they plan to stay until the names of the officers involved in Clark's shooting and any existing video are released.

The BCA says the investigation will take as long as needed to get a complete understanding of what happened.

A spokeswoman says agents are still interviewing people and examining evidence, but won't elaborate on specifics. Once it's complete, the information will be turned over to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

The names of the officers involved still have not been released.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/50598505-story>

(with video - from 11/22)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Jamar Clark was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Clark, 24, died Monday, Nov. 16 after he was removed from life support. Witnesses have said Clark was in handcuffs and unarmed at the time of the shooting, but Minneapolis police said preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed.

Initial police call

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point

during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

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Photo Jamar Clark shooting: What we know, what's next

Medical examiner's report

According to the Hennepin County medical examiner's office, Jamar Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. His death has been ruled a homicide.

Clark was unarmed, handcuffs in question

BCA superintendent Drew Evans confirmed Jamar Clark was unarmed when he was shot and that handcuffs were recovered after the incident.

"We're still examining whether the handcuffs were on Mr. Clark or if they just fell out at the scene," Evans said.

Union chief: Clark was reaching for officer's gun and was never cuffed

recinct

Officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

Minneapolis Police Federation president Bob Kroll said handcuffs were never placed on Jamar Clark and that Clark was trying to take an officer's gun. Read more <http://www.fox9.com/news/51169866-story>

Video of incident

Evans confirmed his investigators have several videos of the incident, but none capture the entirety of what happened, and there is no police body camera footage or squad car dash cam footage. Evans said the videos will not be released.

"We don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case," Evans said. "And by having video public, there is the potential for tainting portions of the investigation."

Officers identified

The BCA identified the officers involved in the shooting as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both officers have been with the MPD for 13 months and have been police officers for 7 years.

Occupation of 4th Precinct

Outraged community members and demonstrators with Black Lives Matter have occupied the vestibule of the 4th Precinct since the hours after Clark's shooting, while others have camped outside.

Demands of Black Lives Matter

1. Footage from the incident
2. An independent organization to investigate
3. Media to cover witness testimony, not just police point of view
4. Community oversight with “full disciplinary power”
5. Officers to live in the communities they serve

Mayor, police chief request DOJ investigation

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau have requested a Department of Justice civil rights investigation into the shooting of Jamar Clark. The U.S. Attorney’s Office and FBI responded with the following:

“This federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to the state’s investigation. The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Minnesota and prosecutors with the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division will independently review all evidence to determine if Mr. Clark’s death involved any prosecutable violations of federal criminal civil rights statutes.”

I-94 protest

Hours after Mayor Hodges announced the DOJ investigation request, nearly 300 protesters shut down Interstate 94 northbound near Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis. According to State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Schweigart, 34 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested and booked into jail after refusing to clear the area around 9 p.m. Most of those arrested received misdemeanor citations for unlawful assembly and being pedestrians on the freeway.

Police reclaim the precinct

On the afternoon of No. 18, Minneapolis police began removing from the 4th Precinct. Chief Harteau said the department received complaints from the community about being unable to reach the police station. The chief said bottles and rocks were thrown at officers as they approached the 4th Precinct to remove protesters. PHOTOS - <http://www.fox9.com/news/51159040-gallery>

Gov. Dayton meets with Jamar Clark's family

“I have met this afternoon with members of Mr. Jamar Clark’s family, with the leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, and with Congressman Keith Ellison. I expressed my sympathy to the members of Mr. Clark’s family and his community for their loss.

“We were joined by telephone by Assistant United States Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the Department’s Civil Rights Division and Anthony Newby of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change.

“The Assistant Attorney General repeated her statement last night that a release of any tapes now in the possession of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension would be “extremely detrimental” to the federal investigation.

“Accordingly, I asked the family and Black Lives Matter leaders to meet with the Department of Justice Attorneys, who will be flying to Minnesota tomorrow, to discuss the disposition of the tapes.

“I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice’s investigation.

“I will also urge the Department of Justice lawyers and the U.S. Attorney to investigate any matters, which occurred in Minneapolis during the past week that may have violated the civil rights of any Minnesota citizens.

“I also reiterate my call for a Special Session of the Minnesota Legislature to address the racial disparities in North Minneapolis and elsewhere in Minnesota.

“And I will meet with leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change in December.”

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges releases statement on protests (11/21):

“Minneapolis is grieving right now, and I share the sadness that many feel in our city this week. During this time, police officers have shown restraint and professionalism under very challenging conditions, and most protesters have gathered peacefully. I have asked officers and protesters to continue to exercise restraint and respect as we continue to balance the need to grieve and protest peacefully with the need to ensure everyone’s safety. Day in and day out, we ask officers to do the difficult work of keeping our city and our people safe. I know they will continue to do their best to protect neighbors and protesters from violent elements who are out only to do harm. ““I know that we have it in us, as a city and a people, to use this moment to recommit to transforming our city into the One Minneapolis we know we can and must become.”

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/17/williams2?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

The weekend shooting of an African American man by a Minneapolis police officer has once again sparked passionate protests.

City officials have asked state and federal authorities to investigate the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

This is not the first time the city has requested outside help at looking into a high-profile clash between police and residents.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Minnesota Public Radio reporter Brandt Williams about recent police shootings — especially in Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/17/blm-holds-vigil-for-clark-outside-of-police-station-in-day-3-of-protests/>

(with video)

Protestors began the evening's rally by blocking off more of Plymouth Avenue. Supporters also delivered more supplies — including food, firewood, medical supplies and hand warmers.

William Douglas owns the Mass Appeal barber shop across the street from where protesters have been camped out since Sunday.

"It's kind of slowed down a little bit. You know, a lack of parking, stopping people from getting through," Douglas said. "It's a big impact on my business, but you know, hey, it is what it is. If they got to hang out, you know, til something get done, justice is done, it is what it is."

The BCA said Tuesday afternoon that officers did not have dashcam video or body camera video to help with the investigation into Clark's shooting. But they said they do have video from witnesses, and they will identify the officers when the investigation is complete.

"We're still undergoing as to exactly how the handcuffs ... came into the scene," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said. "There was handcuffs at the scene at the time, and that we're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just ... at the scene."

Protesters reacted to the BCA's announcement by holding a night of unity at the precinct. They took turns sharing how the last couple days have made them feel. They were even treated to free massages.

People at the rally did not clash with drivers or police, but they did make sure their message was heard.

The BCA says the investigation could take between two and four months. One of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

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<http://www.startribune.com/officers-talk-to-bca-about-fatal-shooting-by-police-of-jamar-clark/351383981/>

(with video)

Authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark as protests roiled the city for a fourth day Wednesday and officers set up barricades at a north Minneapolis police precinct headquarters where hundreds of protesters were still on hand late into the night.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) identified the officers as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Each has seven years policing experience, including the last 13 months with Minneapolis.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, said the shooting happened after Clark allegedly tried to grab one of the officer's guns when they responded to a paramedic's 911 call for help early Sunday morning and scuffled with Clark. An autopsy said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau declined to discuss the assertion at a news conference Wednesday afternoon, but defended her order to break up protesters camped outside the department's Fourth Precinct for safety reasons.

Tension remained high around the building late into the night, with police releasing pepper spray on at least two occasions to push crowds back. Police were spotted on the building's roof on and off throughout the evening.

While some in the angry crowd called for a peaceful protest, others went nose to nose with police officers, yelling obscenities.

Minneapolis police appeared to begin moving protesters off the 4th precinct property Wednesday afternoon.

Video (00:11): Police begin to confront protesters outside 4th Precinct HQ

When an elderly neighbor using a cane came out to plead for quiet at what she said was her bedtime, the crowd turned down the volume. After a couple of protesters threw rocks, others urged them to remain nonviolent.

Earlier in the afternoon, dozens of officers streamed out of a side entrance, stormed a group of protesters huddled outside the station's main entrance and forced the group to move to the sidewalk. Moments later, a white van pulled up to the station, and several armored officers toting rifles with beanbag rounds and tear gas joined the blockade.

As the showdown between the two sides wore on, officers began dismantling sections of the protesters' makeshift camp, hauling away blankets, food and books in large plastic bags. Even so, about a dozen rain-soaked tents remained in place alongside the station.

Two black officers stood in front of the police barricade trying to calm the protesters. Some North Side residents, including several members of Clark's family, pleaded with protesters to remain peaceful.

"The decision was made to remove people who were blocking the entrance and covering the security camera within the vestibule," Harteau said at the news conference, where she was joined by Mayor

Betsy Hodges. “We also received multiple complaints from residents who were unable to gain entry to speak with our officers and investigators.”

Hodges later said on her Facebook page that she “firmly believes in everyone’s right to protest.” She and Harteau “are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully.”

On Twitter, someone posted a photo of protesters standing in the mayor’s house, apparently talking to her husband, Gary Cunningham. The tweet said Betsy Hodges was not at home.

Inspector Mike Friestleben said police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. Two others — one accused of throwing a water bottle at officers outside the precinct, and another wanted for allegedly slugging a state trooper during a protest Monday night that spilled onto Interstate 94 — were briefly “secured” and released, Friestleben said. He added that several officers sustained minor injuries after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

A Minneapolis police officer confronted protesters at the west entrance of the Fourth Precinct headquarters on Wednesday.

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Officers’ history

Ringgenberg and Schwarze haven’t had any disciplinary actions since they joined the Minneapolis department, said Kroll, of the police union. They have been on standard paid administrative leave since the shooting. The BCA, which is investigating Clark’s death, met with the officers Tuesday night. The FBI is also conducting its own inquiry into whether the shooting of Clark, who was black, violated any civil rights laws.

Ringgenberg joined the Minneapolis force in September 2014 after 2½ years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments. Maple Grove police said Wednesday that Ringgenberg had two exemplary job reviews, received multiple internal commendations and had no disciplinary actions in his personnel file.

Before that, he was a San Diego police officer from July 2008 to March 2012, working part of the time on a special team handling high-crime areas. In San Diego, he was sued in federal court in 2012 for his alleged rough treatment of a suspect resisting arrest. The suit was later dismissed.

Schwarze also became a Minneapolis officer in September 2014. He came from the Richfield Police Department after being on that force for almost six years. He also was a community service officer with the Brooklyn Park Police Department for two years, a Mall of America security guard for a month and a member of the Champlin Police Department’s Explorer program for nearly three years.

In 2009, a federal lawsuit was dismissed that alleged Schwarze forced a man to become a police informant through false arrests and threats.

Conflicting accounts

Clark, of Minneapolis, was shot during what police described as a struggle with officers on the street in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. about 12:45 a.m. Sunday. Police have said Clark was interfering with paramedics tending to his girlfriend.

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More

Police spokesman John Elder said that police are withholding the identity of the woman and details about her condition because "it is tied into the officer incident."

The BCA said it has several videos of the shooting, but none show the incident in its entirety.

The 10-year-old son of Tequila Dillon said he witnessed Clark's death. At first, Dillon said, she didn't believe her son Ze'Morion, who kept telling her that "the police killed someone."

But Dillon said she saw Clark after he was shot, a handcuff clasped around one arm. Dillon didn't see Clark fighting with police, but repeated what her son had told her: "They told the man to back up and he did," she said. "Something needs to be done. What would justify this?"

Gov. Mark Dayton on Wednesday evening said some of his staff have viewed video recorded from an ambulance showing the incident between Clark and police. "I've not viewed it," Dayton said.

Dayton said rumors that the National Guard would be called to the scene of ongoing protests at a police station in Minneapolis are false.

"Totally incorrect," he said, adding: "I've not given any consideration, given what I know now, to doing so."

Pleas for justice

Police sprayed pepper spray to disperse demonstrators from a side entrance to the 4th Precinct headquarters Wednesday night in Minneapolis.

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Clark's family members and their supporters spoke to the news media late Wednesday morning at the Minneapolis Urban League, with sister Javille Burns describing Clark as a man who would give children a dollar whenever they asked or take off his T-shirt to give it to someone who needed it to stay warm.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," said Burns, backed by others in her family. "He did not deserve to be shot down like an animal."

Clark's relatives have said that despite several convictions for robbery and domestic assault, he had gotten his life back on track. He worked for a trucking company and started picking up shifts at a carwash, they said.

"He was a peaceful person, despite what people say about my brother," Burns said.

Burns said she holds no ill will toward the officers involved in her brother's death. "I'm not angry at them. I pray for them. I pray for their souls."

Lena Gardner, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said at the media gathering that she and fellow activists will stay vocal until they are heard by the authorities.

"We want them to stop killing us," Gardner said. "We have rung the bells loud. We are not going to take this anymore."

Interim Urban League President Steven Belton urged witnesses of the shooting to come forward and provide information. Belton vowed that the black community will remain united in the pursuit of justice for Clark and his loved ones.

"We have spelled out specific demands and requests," he said. "The bottom line is justice."

"A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened," U.S. Sen. Al Franken said in a statement Wednesday. "In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

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This morning I couldn't decide whether or not to wear my Black Lives Matter T-shirt to work.

Today I rode in a squad car with a white police officer and sat with a grieving black parent. I want to share my experience in the hope that it might help fists unclench.

I want to wear my shirt because I support Black Lives Matter. I have been to marches and protests, and am committed to a faith community that supports the BLM movement. I am a social worker at a school in north Minneapolis that has one of the highest rates of poverty and homelessness in our district. Many of my students struggle with emotional and behavioral challenges that profoundly limit their ability to find success in school or beyond. Many of their families suffer from generational poverty, incarceration, addiction and ongoing community violence. And most of them are black. Inequity, oppression, mass incarceration, discrimination and prejudice have deeply scarred many of the children I work with. Black Lives Matter. To me.

I don't want to wear the shirt because it necessarily puts me in opposition to the Minneapolis Police Department. My job is dangerous. In my school, our dedicated team works with highly traumatized, hypervigilant, and often aggressive children who have been shown to be a danger to themselves or to others. Despite best efforts to end the "school to prison pipeline," the district has given us a school resource officer (SRO) to assist us with students who escalate out of our control. The SRO has helped me find runaway middle-schoolers, make welfare checks on truants, calm frantic parents, and transport children in crisis, and has helped me navigate the dangerous parts of the neighborhoods my students call home. My SRO does his job well, and I rely on him to help me do mine.

Today he drove me by the protest over Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police. The officer shared his thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to his point of view, grateful that he was willing to speak honestly about his frustration with BLM in general and this situation specifically. He defended the officers and the department against what he felt were unfair accusations. I was uncomfortable, but I listened. We were on our way to help a mother find her 12-year old daughter, who never came home last night. We found the student and saw an emotional reunion. The parent was deeply grateful to the officer.

A few hours later, I was sitting with a mother whose 10-year-old son, another of our students, had witnessed Sunday's shooting when he ran outside his house. She described how he was "extra clingy" since then and asked that he be excused from school for an extra day. She shared her thoughts on the shooting, and I listened to her point of view, grateful that she was willing to speak honestly about what had happened at her doorstep, how it affected her family, her exhaustion and her rage. We will welcome her son back to school when he is ready and try to help him heal, being present to the fear he and his peers grow up with.

My job puts me in the middle of this storm.

I support #JusticeforJamar. Black Lives Matter. I want the racial wounds of this nation to be acknowledged. I want the cycles of violence that harm our black children to be stopped. I want white privilege to be dismantled. I want freedom and justice for all. But I also want to recognize the allies in the ranks of those we may label as enemies. Our white resource officer does more to protect the lives of

my black students than anyone else I know. He offers them support and friendship in school and in the community. He supports parents, and he supports me.

His negative views of Black Lives Matter discourage me. As do the negative views many black parents and children hold toward white police officers trying to protect and serve.

The storm swirls around us all, deafening, unless we take time to listen to one another.

Rebecca Stewart, of St. Paul, is a school social worker.

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This week is not the first time police and protesters have squared off along Plymouth Avenue in north Minneapolis. In 1967, the very same street saw some of the most destructive riots in city history. The legacy that persists from those clashes is something all sides should remember in the coming days and weeks.

That summer, 150 National Guard troops were deployed to the area. More than 30 fires blazed over three days. At least three people were wounded by gunfire, according to newspaper accounts.

While those events paled in comparison with the devastating riots that swept Detroit the same week, the Plymouth Avenue unrest had a similarly lasting impact on the community.

The most enduring effect hides in plain sight today, obvious only if you look at photos taken before the unrest. Of the dozens of storefronts that once lined the street, not one remains. Butcher shops, bakeries, a bowling alley. Koval Appliances and the Homewood Theater. All gone.

Whatever didn't burn that week would quickly fall in the name of urban renewal. By the mid-1970s, when I was growing up nearby, Plymouth was an avenue of empty lots. For a full mile between the alphabetically ordered cross-streets of Aldrich and Penn Avenues, there is exactly one pre-1967 building still standing.

Gaps have been partly filled in with cheap apartments, or with social service and government buildings, most notably the Fourth Precinct police station built in 1988. But from Aldrich to the city line at Wirth Park, there are just three commercial establishments — a liquor store, a barbershop and the Estes Funeral Chapel. From the corner where Jamar Clark was shot, it's a 20-minute walk to buy a carton of milk.

It's true that Plymouth Avenue was already declining by 1967, as many of the area's Jewish businesses followed their customers to the suburbs. But that was happening elsewhere in the city, too. What the riots destroyed forever was the original, pedestrian-friendly streetscape — the sort of community infrastructure that has helped to anchor and revive so many other Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods.

There were charges of police brutality before the 1967 riots, too, and those troubles have remained. As a teenager in the 1980s, I was once stopped by a Fourth Precinct cop who didn't give me a ticket but wanted to know what a white guy like me was doing living "up here with these animals."

Activists this week warned that north Minneapolis is ready to burn, that the neighborhood is just one bullet away from Ferguson or Baltimore. History gives a loud warning of what can happen to a community once that match is struck. Scorched earth does not easily regrow.

Residents and community leaders trying to keep the pressure on for justice should do all they can to keep the protests as peaceful as they are purposeful.

And for the mayor and the police, the job should be to get to the truth of this weekend's events as quickly, honestly and transparently as possible — no matter where the trail leads.

Don't let Plymouth Avenue burn again.

Jon Coifman, of New York, was raised on the North Side and returns regularly.

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MINNEAPOLIS — Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, the police union leader, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

A gathering Thursday night was more peaceful, the Star Tribune reported. Two men were arrested on preliminary charges of felony damage to property after profanities were found spray-painted on the precinct building, the police department tweeted.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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Authorities on Wednesday released the names of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man over the weekend, and police later made a show of force outside a precinct where protesters have been encamped for days.

The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of Sunday's shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, identified the officers involved as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

Police released the officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law. However, police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

Hours after the release of the names, which demonstrators had been demanding for days, officers lined up outside a North Side precinct where protesters set up camp. They removed a shelter canopy and dumped water on a campfire, but left the roughly 18 tents untouched before forming a wall in front of the precinct's entrance.

The several dozen protesters at the site jeered the officers, chanting "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly relit.

Chief Janee Harteau said the department has no plans to clear the area and stop the protests as long as they are peaceful.

"We will not tolerate property damage or acts of violence against anyone," she said. She said the building's entry must be kept clear for reasons of safety and access.

But at about 7 p.m., police made what appeared to be an attempt to clear protesters off the west front lawn of the precinct station. They burst out of a side door of the front vestibule and pushed their way out to the curb, knocking down shelters and forcing back protesters as they moved.

Police held the line at the curb for a couple of minutes while protesters pushed back against them. Some protesters grew hostile and tried to rush the line but were pushed back by police batons and pulled back by fellow protesters. Police soon retreated, protest leaders helping to cover their retreat from more aggressive members.

About an hour later, police moved to reclaim fence gates where protesters had hung tarps to shield themselves from chemical spray. Police pushed their way out the west gate, spraying chemical irritant at protesters who tried to keep them from removing the tarps.

Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said. And the department said via Twitter that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Police later reported that several officers suffered minor injuries from the items that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

Eventually, the protesters abandoned all three fence gates and focused their numbers on the front of the station. However, groups of protesters later reoccupied the fence gates, saying they wanted to keep officers from going home for the night.

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Demonstrators get maced as they confront bicycle police at the western gate of the Minneapolis Police Departments 4th precinct building on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Police say Clark, a suspect in an assault, was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim early Sunday, and was shot when he scuffled with police in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. Some community members have alleged he was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the BCA's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the president of the Minneapolis police union told KARE-TV and KSTP-TV that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the scuffle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. The scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said that Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that Ringgenberg and Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

Kroll said that the two officers were interviewed Tuesday night.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said.

Kroll said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter."

He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Evans said investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But he said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

Asked whether any of the video shows Clark in handcuffs, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bruce Gordon reiterated that it captures a portion of the incident, but not everything, and said officials can't discuss specifics because it could potentially taint witness statements.

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

Protesters had vowed to remain outside the 4th Precinct station near where the shooting occurred until authorities release any video.

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"We take this matter very seriously," Dayton said. "I am hopeful that that demonstration of shared concern will be recognized."

Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges used her Twitter account to dismiss an NBC News report that said she had requested the National Guard's assistance.

Also Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken said he supported the federal investigation into Clark's death

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For days, Minneapolis has simmered with protests after the police shooting of Jamar Clark Sunday night.

Despite several clashes, and a news report claiming otherwise, neither Dayton nor Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges say the Guard has been called to assist.

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On Wednesday, Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken joined with officials from the city and state, as well as U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, in urging a federal investigation into Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said in a statement. "I support the decision of Mayor Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau to call for an independent investigation."

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(With video)

The Minneapolis Police Department is responding to protesters who have stationed themselves at the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday.

During an afternoon news conference, Harteau said protesters have the right to have their voices heard but that public safety is the "number one priority."

She added that bottles and rocks were thrown at officers and that "violence will not be tolerated."

However, while officers warned four women Wednesday that they would face arrest if they did not leave the building's vestibule, Harteau said officers have no plans to stop protests, so long as they are peaceful.

Meanwhile, Inspector Michael Friestleben said in addition to bottles and rocks being thrown, gunfire was investigated near the precinct. Friestleben said police cars have been damaged in the protests; one had its tires slashed and windows broken.

"Officers have remained calm and they've worked hard," Friestleben said about officers' responses to the protests.

He added that extra enforcement has been brought in to monitor and respond to the situation.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at the afternoon news conference, said "emotions are running high in the community and they are running high for everybody in the city right now" and asked for patience with the investigation.

"It's important for the community to be able to move forward together effectively in the coming days and weeks and months," Hodges said.

Earlier in the day, protesters shouted at police as officers pulled down an awning at the 4th Precinct, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Read more about the protests here.

Read more about the investigation here.

[-http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/11/to-bear-witness-in-the-4th-precinct/](http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/11/to-bear-witness-in-the-4th-precinct/)

(numerous tweets, not copied in)

The day may yet come when the need for a healthy news media is eclipsed by the technology that makes them irrelevant. But last night's assault on protesters by the Minneapolis Police Department showed we're not there yet, not nearly so.

Twitter proved again last night that it — not radio, not TV, not newspapers, not blogs — is the most effective medium for covering the reality of events on our streets.

And it's true that a smartphone and a pair of eyes can make anyone a journalist, able to tell their story as they see fit.

But it's difficult to sort out the spin. That much was made clear by this tweet last night from the Minneapolis Police Department, which, like its enemy in the street, attempted to control the story in a tug-of-war on Twitter. But you can't tell a story from somewhere else.

Journalists, some of whom were maced by police, immediately offered a confirmation that the police were at least partially responsible, a confirmation that the MPD eventually acknowledged.

Protesters tweeted, too, that they weren't provoking the cops. But some were. Journalists' tweets showed some throwing rocks.

KARE 11's Ben Garvin was one of those with a seat at the Twitter fight for the soul of the narrative.

By mid-evening a small army of reporters reliably told the whole story, armed with their smartphones and their most potent weapon: trust.

There is value, of course, to the social media of participants, who now have the freedom to raise voices previously muzzled.

But it has not yet eclipsed — not nearly so — the value of a courageous storyteller.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis officers removed activists, who had been camping out three days to protest the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of police, from the front of their 4th Precinct station Wednesday after releasing the names of officers involved in the incident.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze were among those who responded to reports of a domestic assault in north Minneapolis around 12:45 a.m. CT Sunday, according to Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading an outside investigation of the shooting. When authorities arrived, Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, who was a suspect in the assault, was interfering with paramedics helping the victim, police said.

Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze have been with the Minneapolis department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years, state officials said. Police released the two officers' personnel records, but their races were redacted because the public isn't entitled to such information under state law.

The officers were interviewed Tuesday night. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said Wednesday that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot.

"I hope they expedite the situation and wrap it up," he said of the investigation. Both officers are on paid administrative leave pending the probe's outcome.

While Kroll said that neither officer had faced disciplinary action while working for the Minneapolis police department, Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while working as an officer with the Richfield, Minn., Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge with prejudice.

Riggenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove, Minn., before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Hours after the officers' names were released — one the activists' demands — police stormed their encampment and created a human chain between Black Lives Matter activists and the 4th Precinct building.

Police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to demonstrators starting about 1:30 p.m. CT, moving them away from the station. SWAT teams dressed in camouflage who jumped out of vans quickly followed the first line of officers.

"We don't die, we multiply!" some protesters chanted as they stood directly in front of the officers. Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street.

Clark died Monday evening, a day after police shot him during the early Sunday struggle. Some community members have alleged that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot but later said handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

"We're still examining whether or not they were on Mr. Clark or whether or not they were just (fallen) at the scene. That's what we're trying to ascertain," the state agency's superintendent, Drew Evans, said Tuesday.

Clark has convictions that include aggravated robbery and terroristic threatening but had no weapon that night, investigators later said.

Clark's sister Javille Burns said Wednesday that she wanted to dispel misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. At a Minneapolis Urban League press conference, she spoke of Clark as generous, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store.

He was a decent person whose life and death will not be forgotten, she said.

"He will not die in vain," Burns said. "His voice will be heard across the country."

Protesters have had three demands since they learned of the shooting:

Release the names of the officers involved

Request a federal civil-rights investigation and

Release any associated video.

Now they and others also want a meeting with federal Justice Department officials, who in the spring had selected the city for a program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

The FBI agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation, but on Tuesday state investigators said they would not release video while their probe was ongoing because no dashboard or body camera footage existed. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Tuesday that Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head and classified the death as a homicide.

On Wednesday as police cleared the encampment in front of the 4th Precinct near Sunday's shooting, images from KARE-TV's news helicopter Wednesday showed a crowd of more than 100 with more arriving by the minute.

More police crews also arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area.

Some chaos ensued, including a moment when multiple officers chased a demonstrator for unknown reasons. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested.

The decision to retake the precinct building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety because protesters were blocking the entrance to the precinct building and not allowing the public inside, she later said.

As protesters were shouting down police in the afternoon, Burns drove by the police station, clearly angry after speaking calmly at the Urban League press conference about wanting justice for her brother.

"You're pissing people off," she yelled at the activists. "These officers can't do nothing for you."

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The very day Jamar Clark was gunned down in North Minneapolis by police, about 20 Black Lives Matter activists crowded into the vestibule of the fourth precinct police station. An overnight sit-in swelled into a campsite, and four days later the 1900 block of Plymouth had become a shanty-town replete with fire pits, port-o-johns, hot food and donations of blankets and fresh socks.

Protesters vowed to stay until three demands were met: a federal investigation, release of video footage, and termination of the two officers involved.

So far, they've only gotten one of those things. Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for and received the U.S. Department of Justice's pledge to investigate what happened the night of Clark's death. Cops claim Clark reached for an officer's gun while interfering with paramedics trying to treat a domestic assault victim. A number of witnesses claim he had been lying on the ground, bound with handcuffs, when a cop shot him in the head for no apparent reason.

On Wednesday Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau decided that enough was enough, and ordered the protesters' eviction. They were blocking off the entrance and preventing citizens from reporting crimes, said Sgt. Steve Mosey.

Infuriated, protesters accused Hodges of conspiring with the police, luring leaders of BLM into a meeting just as cops moved in. Hodges' office denies the claim — the mayor met with a handful of BLM organizers and members of the Clark family in the morning, while the clearing of the vestibule began at about 2 p.m.

As protesters screamed bloody murder and "Fuck the police," cops in riot gear attempted to tear down their tents, leading to a tense exchange on the lawn.

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At one point James Hill, Clark's father, confronted an officer, saying, "They already killed my son, what can they do to me?" — to which the cop laughed and responded, "I appreciate you, I appreciate you."

For hours the crowd outside the station grew as protesters called for reinforcements and refreshments. Police guarding the door, watching from the roof and surrounding streets ignored protesters taunting them to shoot, but did engage in sporadic debates about justice and due process. Protesters linked arms and encircled the building. Officers changed shifts.

As night fell, protesters claimed to have been maced and shot with rubber bullets. Minneapolis Police confirmed they did fire a marking round at a man who had been throwing rocks.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/police-storm-4th-precinct-remove-protesters/76005158/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - As night fell over Minneapolis Wednesday, tensions between protesters and police rose to a new peak.

Around 6:30 p.m., protesters began surrounding the precinct, continuing chants, demanding justice in the shooting death of Jamar Clark. Police say protesters began throwing rocks, bricks and bottles at officers. Police say officers have been hit, but none have needed medical attention. Shortly before 9 p.m., chemical irritants were deployed, both from officers and protesters.

Police fired at least one "marking round" at someone who they say threw a brick which hit an officer. They say the suspect ran away and has not been arrested.

One protest organizer told KARE 11 those throwing bricks or bottles at officers are not part of the organized protest and that "there are angry people showing up and causing trouble and making the rest of us look bad."

Earlier Wednesday, police personnel removed tents and other equipment belonging to Black Lives Matter demonstrators, moving them away from the building in the process. The first line of officers was quickly followed by SWAT teams that jumped out of vans dressed in camouflage.

More crews then arrived with barricades, apparently to seal off the area. There was some chaos, including one moment when multiple officers chased a man who allegedly threw a bottle at an officer. That man slipped on a wet street and fell in the roadway before being taken into custody.

Police Chief Janee Harteau arrived on the scene, and promptly told demonstrators that anyone not leaving of their own volition would be arrested. Later, she backed off that statement, saying protesters were allowed to peacefully protest in the area but they had to stay away from the entrances to the precinct.

KARE 11 photojournalists captured images of demonstrators standing directly in front of police officers, chanting "We don't die, we multiply!" Other protesters were seen shouting and dancing in the street. Images from SKY 11 showed a crowd of more than 100, with more people arriving and the noise increasing as the afternoon unfolded.

Harteau met with the media Wednesday afternoon and told reporters that the decision to retake the precinct building and remove protesters was a matter of public safety -- and was a decision she made as chief. She said her department recognizes the public's right to protest, but said members of Black Lives Matter and other groups were sleeping and spending time in the precinct entry, blocking residents from getting in to see officers.

Fourth Precinct Inspector Mike Friestleben says four female protesters were occupying the entryway Wednesday afternoon and were asked to leave. When they refused, the women were cited for trespassing. As officers were moving the women out Friestleben says the crowd became agitated and violent, and started pelting officers with rocks and bottles. At that point tactical squads were called in armed with guns that fire beanbags.

During the uproar officers were able to identify and arrest a man suspected of punching a Minnesota State Trooper in the face on Monday night. They also chased down and arrested a protester who hit an officer with a bottle.

Both Chief Harteau and Inspector Friestleben commended officers for their poise and restraint, dealing with demonstrators who have at times been verbally abusive and physically violent, throwing rocks and bottles from the time the "occupation" began Sunday night. The chief says that protesters have become increasingly bold and comfortable as the demonstration went on, even smoking pot and sleeping in the entrance of the precinct.

Jamar Clark's sister confronts protesters KARE

Earlier Wednesday afternoon, there was an interesting moment as Jamar Clark's sister drove up on the scene as protesters were shouting down police. Javille Burns opened her window and addressed protesters, clearly angry, asking them what their goal was. "You're pissing people off," she shouted. "These officers can't do nothing for you... you're ignorant." When one protester tried to engage her, Burns jumped out of the car and ran at him. "That's my brother that got shot... my blood (expletive) brother!"

[-https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/shooting-jamar-clark-what-we-know](https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/shooting-jamar-clark-what-we-know)

Early Sunday morning, on the city's North Side, a Minneapolis police officer shot a 24-year-old man named Jamar Clark in the head. In the three days since, the incident has made national headlines, led to state and federal investigations and inspired a protest that shut down one of the busiest highways in the state, resulting in dozens of arrests.

As of this moment, however, information about the incident itself is scarce, and in some cases, conflicting. Here's what we know so far — and what we don't — about what happened (note: this story was last updated November 20 to reflect new information):

How did this whole thing start?

Shortly after midnight, two Minneapolis police officers responded to a call for assistance from paramedics reporting a man interfering with their ability to help an assault victim, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The officers arrived at the scene, on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, and got into an altercation with Clark, who was a suspect in the assault. In the course of this encounter, one of the officers shot Clark.

Was Clark handcuffed when the officer shot him?

This is in dispute. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau says he was not. However, some witness accounts say otherwise. The group Black Lives Matter posted a video yesterday morning featuring a woman who says she saw the officer shoot Clark while Clark was in cuffs.

Did Clark die as a result of his wounds?

Yes. Despite some initial reports, Clark did survive the shooting, though he was in extremely critical condition. He died Monday night and his body has been taken to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

What do we know about the officers involved?

The BCA released their names Wednesday morning: Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. Both have been police officers for seven years, and both have been with the Minneapolis Police Department for a little more than a year. Schwarze has faced two internal affairs complaints in his time on the force. One was dismissed with no discipline earlier this year; the other is still open. Police won't release any details on the nature of the complaints. Ringgenber has not had any complaints.

Was the shooting caught on video?

Yes. On Tuesday, the BCA acknowledged that footage of the incident does exist, including from an ambulance, bystanders, a police mobile video station and a public housing building. None captured the incident in full, so it's yet to be seen exactly what the video will show. Minnesota Public Radio has posted audio from the BCA press conference.

Why is there no police body camera footage?

The officers weren't wearing them. The Minneapolis Police Department hasn't officially rolled out its body camera program yet, though it expects to in early 2016. The department did run a pilot project, but it ended earlier this year.

How have critics responded?

Black Lives Matter and others assembled promptly after reports of the shooting and have since been camped outside the MPD's fourth precinct station. On Monday, the group issued a "list of demands," including that police release footage of the incident, which the protestors believe will confirm Jamar was handcuffed during the incident. The group also asked for an independent investigation into the shooting, saying the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension wasn't capable of being impartial. On

Monday night, hundreds of protestors took the streets and blocked westbound traffic on I-94. Police arrested 51 people on various minor charges.

What's been the response of city officials?

Mayor Betsy Hodges held a press conference Monday night with several other city leaders, where she announced the city had asked the federal Department of Justice for an independent civil rights investigation, which will occur in concurrence with the state's BCA investigation. In her letter, Hodges said she and Harteau have "utmost faith" that the BCA can conduct a proper investigation, but "believe it assists the interests of transparency and community confidence" to have the DOJ step in too. Harteau added that the investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

What will be the DOJ's role?

The DOJ agreed to take the case Tuesday. The federal agency will make determinations on the case independent from the state, says Mark Osler, former assistant U.S. Attorney. The department also brings investigators with national experience in these types of cases, which the state doesn't have. If the DOJ does find criminal wrongdoing, the officers could potentially face federal charges (though, as FiveThirtyEight points out, that's proven to be historically rare). But that's not the only possible outcome, says Osler. Another would be issuing a report identifying problems in the system and making recommendations to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau

MinnPost photo by Peter Callaghan

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau stated at Monday's press conference that the BCA investigations aren't a predetermination of guilt of the officers, but "everyone involved needs and deserves the truth and the facts."

Was this Jamar Clark's first encounter with police?

No. Clark has faced several criminal charges in the past. He was convicted of first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010 and terroristic threats-reckless disregard risk earlier this year, both felonies. In an interview with KARE-11, Clark's brother said Jamar was "trying to get his life back together."

How often do Minnesota police officers fatally shoot suspects?

Between 1994 and 2014, 115 people died in police shootings, according to data reported by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (though the Pioneer Press recently pointed out that this dataset may be incomplete). The deadliest years over that 20-year period were 2009 and 2010, with 11 officer-related shootings each year. In 2014, seven people died in police shootings, according to the data.

So why is this one getting so much more attention?

Partly due to the circumstances, but also because of the response from groups like Black Lives Matter. Many community leaders have likened the event to others around the country involving black victims, such as the case in Ferguson, Missouri, in which a white officer shot an unarmed black man.

Why haven't we seen the videos?

They're not public yet. As the Minnesota Coalition for Open Government points out, any video obtained by police falls under private "criminal investigative data." That doesn't mean we won't see the footage eventually. When the investigation ends, the videos will automatically become public. Given the high demand for the video, however, it's probable that investigators will release the footage once they've made a determination in the case.

Have the protests turned violent?

For the most part, the protests have been peaceful, but there have been some reports of violence. Harteau said in a press conference Thursday that some demonstrators had thrown bottles, rocks, bricks and Molotov cocktails at officers and squad cars, causing serious damage to 12 police vehicles, two portable cameras and the Fourth Precinct building. There was also a report of shots fired near the protest site. In response, police have used measures like chemical irritant spray and non-lethal marking rounds, which are supposed to identify agitators. Some protestors have alleged further abuse by the police. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the NAACP, said Thursday that cops beat up two women in an alley. Levy-Pounds said there was video of the incident, though none has come to light so far.

Has Clark's family responded?

Clark's sister, Javille Burns, criticized protestors who have been destructive in a sit-down interview with KARE-11. "Violence begets violence," she said. "I do not condone the people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property — any of those things are not getting our message across, period." She said the officer who shot her brother should be "tried and convicted as a murderer."

[-http://www.fox9.com/news/51138169-story](http://www.fox9.com/news/51138169-story)

(with Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Minneapolis police officers began removing demonstrators protesting the officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark from the Fourth Precinct Wednesday afternoon. The demonstrators had been camped out in front of the building since Sunday, saying they intended to stay there until video footage of the incident was released. Chemical irritant was fired from both sides.

Chief Janeé Harteau arrived at the Fourth Precinct early in the afternoon with several dozen officers to clear protestors away from the front entrance, a space they had been occupying for several days.

The tense situation escalated when police in tactical gear arrived in an unmarked van across the street near an alleyway. Protesters confronted them, cursing and yelling.

Some protestors threw rocks and bricks at officers. Officers sprayed a chemical irritant into the crowd, along with several non-lethal marking rounds.

By evening, the situation calmed down until protestors moved to block the entrance of the police parking lot. Officers in tactical gear arrived again. Moments later, police say a man threw a brick at an officer, he was shot with several non-lethal marking rounds and then ran away.

At a press conference Thursday, Harteau said most protestors remained peaceful, but there were several anarchists in the crowd that were focused on mayhem.

Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were also fired at police during the standoff.

"We support first amendment rights [and] peaceful demonstrations, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that puts the public at risk in Minneapolis," Harteau said.

Both The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI are investigating the deadly confrontation that led to Clark's death. The BCA announced Tuesday they would not be releasing video footage of the incident until their external investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/police-remove-black-lives-matter-protesters-from-4th-precinct/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Officers and Black Lives Matter protesters clashed Wednesday night outside of a Minneapolis police station after a very tense day.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the Fourth Precinct building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him.

The rounds are essentially paint balls that mark clothing so suspects can be singled out for arrest. Police say the man fled the area and has not been caught.

Police also used chemical irritants on some of the crowd. WCCO's Reg Chapman was hit by the spray, but says he did not know where it came from. Chapman says protesters insisted that it came from police in the precinct's parking lot.

Police officials repeatedly denied this claim through the night. It was only after Chapman's report aired on the 10 p.m. news that police acknowledged he was "more than likely" hit by residual spray from an officer.

Police officials also said several squad cars parked in the precinct's lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

A number of officers removed Black Lives Matter protesters Wednesday afternoon from the vestibule of the north Minneapolis police precinct where people had been staying since a fatal police shooting sparked protests over the weekend.

The removal led to a noisy stand-off between police and protesters. Police said rocks and bottles were thrown and that they took two people into custody, arresting one and releasing another. Some officers in riot gear eventually responded to the scene.

The recent protests stem from the Sunday shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who police say was a suspect in a domestic assault call. Community members say Clark was in handcuffs when a police officer shot him in the head. Police have said he was not in handcuffs.

For four straight days, groups of protesters have camped around the 4th Precinct and inside the building's vestibule. Chief Janee Harteau said she made the call to remove people from the building.

"We have a responsibility to maintain public safety," she said at a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

She said that after the shooting, a group of women had been staying inside the vestibule. As the days went by, more people were showing up – even smoking marijuana – and making it difficult for people to get into the building.

Shvonne Johnson, the former assistant dean of students at St. Catherine University, told WCCO-TV she was inside the vestibule with students when officers came to get them out. She said as they were donating supplies and taking photos of the entrance way when officers charged at them in a threatening way.

At the afternoon press conference, police described the event differently.

Inspector Michael Friestleben said officers in regular uniforms had planned to ask the women politely to leave the vestibule when a chaotic scene erupted.

"As we approached the door, people were throwing rocks and bottles at officers," he said. "As we opened the door, all the young ladies ran out."

Police then took down a banner that said "Black Lives Matter" and used a barrier to block protesters from the building.

Black Lives Matter called out on Twitter for people to come down to the precinct. Protesters chanted and eventually made a human chain along the front of the precinct.

Friestleben said that police arrested one man outside the precinct who'd punched a state trooper in the face during a protest on Interstate 94 Monday night.

Officers also brought a man into custody who threw a bottle at police during Wednesday's protest. He was released shortly after.

Mayor Betsy Hodges, who was also at Wednesday's press conference, said she stands by the police department's decision to remove protesters from the building.

"I completely support peoples' rights to assemble," she said. "That said, we have to balance that against public safety."

Protesters say it was Hodges who made the call to remove protesters.

"We think that it was a direct call from the mayor, because we just recently had a meeting with her, probably an hour before police descended on these peaceful protesters," Michael McDowell of Black Lives Matter said.

Another protester said they want the mayor to take action.

"We're really not seeing a response that we feel like is the mayor holding these cops accountable, holding them to the truth of what happened, and really standing up for this community," Lena K. Gardner of Black Lives Matter said.

Following the press conference, protesters were still gathering outside the 4th precinct. Police said they will be working with protest organizers to make sure they have a place to demonstrate.

Mayor Hodges released a statement on the night's protests later in the evening:

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today. I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. We also want to ensure everyone's safety. Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully. I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

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(Didn't grab raw video)

Officers have lined up in front of the 4th precinct in Minneapolis where protesters have been camped since police fatally shot an unarmed black man on Sunday.

Protesters shouted at police Wednesday as officers pulled down an awning at the site. Police haven't made any move against some 18 other tents set up outside the 4th Precinct station, but officers did

dump water on a campfire to extinguish it, prompting protesters to chant, "Shame on you!" The fire was quickly re-lit.

Besides officers blocking off the front of the station, orange barricades were set up on one of the street in front of the station and bicycle officers were blocking off the other end.

Protesters formed a human chain around their tents.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police have disputed that. A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

The Associated Press Contributed to this report.

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(With video)

Protesters are clashing with police officers Wednesday during their demonstration at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis.

Protesters are demanding more answers in the death of Jamar Clark, who was shot during a struggle with police on Sunday. Clark is a suspect in an assault that happened that night.

Officers lined up in front of the precinct where protesters have been camped since the fatal police shooting.

As our cameras were rolling, something was thrown at the police officers who were facing the precinct. Police officers then chased a man who they thought may have been responsible for throwing the item.

Police say they tagged that man and released him "to be nice."

Protesters can be heard taunting police officers.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police officials have disputed that. Minneapolis Police Union head Bob Kroll says Clark was never cuffed and was shot while reaching for an officer's gun.

A state investigation and a federal civil rights investigation have been launched.

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(Tweets and links to other stories)

[-http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/urban-league-press-conference-echoes-communitys-call-for-justice-in-clark-shooting/](http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/urban-league-press-conference-echoes-communitys-call-for-justice-in-clark-shooting/)

The Minneapolis Urban League held a media press conference concerning the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday morning.

The shooting happened early Sunday morning on Plymouth Avenue North. Police were responding to a report of a man, later identified as Clark, assaulting a woman.

On the way to that call, police were notified that Clark was interfering with paramedics. When police arrived, they say there was a struggle and an officer shot Clark.

Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed at the time, but police and state investigators said it appears that was not the case.

Around 10 a.m., members of the Urban League and north Minneapolis community held a press conference to discuss the events that have unfolded since the shooting and outline what actions they believe still need to happen.

Urban League president Steven Belton opened the press conference, calling for a prayer from a community member. Belton then spoke about the community's anger surrounding the accounts of the shooting.

He said there have been two different accounts, the official's and the community's, and only one has changed over time. He said that as information has been released, the narrative has changed and has allowed bias to come into the situation.

"By failing to state immediately that he was unarmed, they have invited the assumption that the shooting was justified," he said.

Belton once again called for the names of the police officers to be released. Minutes later the BCA released the names of two officers who were involved in the shooting.

He said the Urban League is also demanding a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to elicit an explanation for why Minneapolis officials have not joined in any mediation discussions.

Civil rights activist Spike Moss echoed Belton's call for the U.S. Department to call on Minneapolis officials to be active in discussions about ways to curb tensions between the community and police officers.

Moss said the biggest issue with Clark's shooting wasn't whether there were handcuffs present or not; it was about discrimination.

"I don't really care about the handcuffs. That's their argument. I care about the fact that you murdered another black person that was unarmed in Minneapolis," he said.

Among the other speakers were Communities United Against Police Brutality, Michelle Gross, a friend of Clark, and Clark's sister Javille Burns.

Each spoke about the concern for the community and the need for members to come together. Gross once again called for a federal investigation of the crime, as well as the treatment of the witnesses.

Burns said that while the anger is understandable, what her family is really asking for is justice.

"Yes black lives matter, white lives matter, Chinese lives matter, everybody lives matter because God gave it to you. Justice for all is what we need," she said.

Belton and Gross invited witnesses of the shooting that perhaps are too afraid or frustrated to speak to police to visit the Urban League on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. Lawyers would be on hand to help prepare statements.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, has said he hoped people who say Clark was handcuffed "make a statement to the BCA on that matter."

He added: "If it turns out to be blatantly false, they should be charged with a crime."

Pressed on the timeline for results of the BCA investigation, Evans said two to four months is typical but that the Clark case "has been given top priority."

The FBI also has agreed to conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

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(With video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KSMP) - The head of the Minneapolis police union said Wednesday that Jamar Clark was disarming one of the officers and not wearing handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head on Sunday.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, told reporters that "the suspect has a violent history" and "the officers have no discipline on their records." The union also referenced

the last local officer killed was Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Sandberg, who was disarmed and killed with his own gun.

[-http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-union-president-jamar-clark-was-a-justifiable-shooting-7841420](http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-union-president-jamar-clark-was-a-justifiable-shooting-7841420)

Minneapolis police union President Bob Kroll says Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old man who was shot in the head by police over the weekend, was "actively resisting arrest" and that "no handcuffs were applied" when the fatal bullet struck.

"... The shooting wasn't a misfire," he says. "It wasn't an accident. The officer intended to shoot this guy and the handcuffs were not on him at all."

The shooting ignited protests earlier this week after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when shot.

Kroll's version of the Sunday morning events on the north side follows the same narrative put out by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"The paramedics are dealing with a person that was injured, who either was the victim of an assault or was injured in the breaking up of an assault," says Kroll. "So the paramedics are dealing with that person in the rig when the suspect came to the rig and the paramedics called police for help. When the cops got there... a struggle ensued."

At the time, paramedics believed that Clark had assaulted the woman they were trying to help.

Clark was shot in the melee, according to Kroll, who adds, "I am very confident that it's going to be [determined] to be a justifiable shooting."

The Hennepin County medical examiner announced yesterday that a gunshot to the head killed Clark. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans has said there's no footage from officer body or police dash cameras. The BCA does have video from the ambulance, a stationed police camera in the area, a public housing authority camera and a witness cell phone. But Evans says nothing shows the entire event, and that investigators won't release it for fear it will taint the investigation. Mayor Betsy Hodges has asked federal officials to also investigate the shooting.

Clark's family is scheduled to address reporters later today.

[-http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/jamar-clarks-family-calls-for-peaceful-protest-justice/](http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/jamar-clarks-family-calls-for-peaceful-protest-justice/)

(With Video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Jamar Clark's family says Wednesday night they want closure and justice.

As Black Lives Matter supporters chanted outside the Fourth Precinct in a tense night of protest, Eddie Sutton — Clark's brother — said they will hold their ground.

"This is what this is all about, you know," Sutton said. "Standing for what you believe in."

The family wants the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to release the videos they are reviewing of the shooting that killed Clark.

At a press conference earlier Wednesday, Javille Burns — Clark's sister — said her brother was loved in the community. She called him the type of person who would lend a stranger the shirt off his back.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve," Burns said. "Just like your brother or your cousin or your son does not deserve to be shot down in the street like an animal."

Clark's family says he was non-violent.

"I do want peace because guess what? He was a peaceful person, despite what the people are saying about my brother," Burns said.

It was that same peace the family called for as tensions grew outside the Fourth Precinct into the night. The family says they are grateful for the community support.

[-http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/clarks-sister-i-dont-believe-in-violence/76030796/](http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/clarks-sister-i-dont-believe-in-violence/76030796/)

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, says she wants justice for Jamar as well as peace.

In an exclusive interview with KARE 11's Camille Williams, Burns made it clear that she and her family do not believe in violence and do not support any violent actions.

"I do not condone people doing anything to hurt anybody, to destroy property, any of those things are not getting our message across, period. I don't believe in violence," said Burns.

On Wednesday afternoon, Burns brought pictures of her little brother and shared her memories of him.

She says she and her family want justice for her brother and appreciate all the support from organizations that have come forward in support. However, she is passionately pleading that all actions to support her brother stay peaceful.

Scores of protesters are massed outside the 4th Precinct headquarters in north Minneapolis. Police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of protesters. Police spokesman John Elder says chemical spray has been coming from both police and the crowd.

Earlier Wednesday, police cleared the entryway where demonstrators had camped out since the shooting of Clark, 24, early Sunday. Clark died a day an officer shot the unarmed black man.

[-http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/union-official-officers-in-clark-shooting-interviewed/75982902/](http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/union-official-officers-in-clark-shooting-interviewed/75982902/)

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis police union says two officers involved in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man have given statements to state investigators on the confrontation that led to the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Union president Lt. Bob Kroll says the officers met Tuesday night with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Kroll says he hopes the investigation moves quickly now. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that the names of the officers involved in the shooting would be released once they were interviewed.

Some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say Clark was interfering with paramedics who were treating an injured woman, and have disputed that he was handcuffed.

Kroll says he hopes people who are making the handcuff allegations give statements to the BCA, and that they are charged with a crime if the statements turn out to be false.

[-http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/coalition-demands-transparency-in-clark-shooting/75993382/](http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/coalition-demands-transparency-in-clark-shooting/75993382/)

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - A coalition of activists and neighborhood groups is demanding answers and transparency in the investigation of the fatal police shooting of north side resident Jamar Clark.

Acting Minneapolis Urban League President and CEO Steve Belton says there is a disconnect in two narratives surrounding Clark's death early Sunday morning: One, he says, is being pushed by Minneapolis Police and investigators. Belton says that narrative has changed as days have passed, while he maintains the story being told by neighborhood residents has been consistent. Belton asserts that witnesses have reported that Clark did not resist, was unarmed, and restrained in handcuffs at the time of his altercation with the two officers that led to the fatal shooting.

"The convergence of these two narratives demands a response, an official response," Belton stated forcefully at a press conference Wednesday morning.

The response Belton and the coalition want includes a laundry list of demands.

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice, as they assert that the feds abandoned a mediation process between residents and Minneapolis Police that was ordered in the wake of racial complaints against the department.

The release of the names of the two officers involved in the fatal shooting of Clark. Those names, Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were released by the BCA while the press conference was going on.

The release of all videotape of the incident in BCA possession so residents can decide what happened for themselves.

A call for investigators to stop releasing information in "piecemeal" fashion. Belton alleges that Minneapolis Police and the BCA have been releasing bits and pieces to support the department and its officers.

Veteran activist Spike Moss spoke fervently about his frustration that after what he described as 54 years of fighting for equality in the community that young black men are still dying in confrontations with authorities. "They're still the jury, judge and executioner," he said describing Minneapolis Police officers, "shooting us in the street."

"The same thing you found in Ferguson, you're going to find in Minneapolis, Minnesota," Moss said, referring to the fatal officer-involved shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown at the hands of police. He vowed that his fight, and the fight of the black community will continue. "I'm gonna stand up right now, I'm gonna fight back right now," Moss shouted.

Clark's sister Javille Burns wanted to dispel what she described as misconceptions about her brother as a criminal. She spoke of Jamar as generous, giving, a man who would routinely hand out dollar bills to neighborhood kids so they could buy candy at the store. She says he was a decent person, whose life... and death... will not be forgotten. "He will not die in vain, his voice will be heard across the country," she insisted.

Burns also cited the need for forgiveness, saying she does not hate the officers who ended his life. "I don't hate you," she said in a message to the two Minneapolis officers. "I hate what happened to my brother. We don't want revenge, we want justice."

[-http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/bca-names-officers](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/bca-names-officers)

The head of the Minneapolis police union says Jamar Clark was not handcuffed during a confrontation with Minneapolis police and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault, Lt. Bob Kroll said in an interview Wednesday with MPR News partner KARE 11.

Kroll's remarks stand in sharp contrast to what community members say happened during a Sunday morning confrontation in north Minneapolis. They came on the same day state investigators Wednesday named the officers involved in the shooting.

Officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are each seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said the pair responded to a request for help from paramedics reporting that a man, later identified as Clark, was "disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim at that location."

Citing Minneapolis police, the BCA said Clark was a suspect in the assault and that "at some point" during an altercation between the officers and Clark, "an officer discharged his weapon, striking Mr. Clark."

Clark, 24, of Minneapolis, died of that gunshot wound to the head, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

The shooting led to an outcry in the community, protests and calls for justice.

That continued Wednesday as leaders of the Minneapolis Urban League and other community groups renewed their demands that officials release all video they've gathered of the incident so far.

BCA officials have said they do not have complete video footage of the incident and will not release what they do have until after the investigation concludes, saying they fear early release will taint the investigation.

Community leaders, though, said the need for transparency outweighs any investigative concerns.

"This situation begs for explanation," Urban League Interim CEO Steven Belton told reporters. "The family deserves answers. They deserve clarity. They deserve closure but most of all they deserve justice."

He urged investigators to not release information piecemeal: "Don't comment a little and then say, 'We can't say anything.'"

The BCA said both officers remain on standard administrative leave. The agency did not release any other data on the officers and did not indicate which officer fired the shot that ultimately killed Clark.

Witnesses to the shooting also said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said Tuesday that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry as well for possible federal civil rights violations.

Belton and other community leaders Wednesday called for the release of the officers' service records.

Belton also said the Urban League is inviting witnesses in the neighborhood who are "unwilling or afraid" to speak directly to the police to come to its offices to make statement before a lawyer.

"We don't want revenge. We do want justice," Jamar Clark's sister, Javille Burns, told reporters during the Urban League briefing.

Burns said she is praying for the officers involved.

"I don't hate you. I hate what happened to my brother and I hate what happens to a lot of us," she said.

Clark, she added, didn't deserve to be killed, adding, "we want my brother's voice to be heard."

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/18/names-of-officers-in-clark-shooting-released/75991472/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The President of the Minneapolis Police Union says the man shot and killed by officers Sunday was trying to take one of their weapons.

Lt. Bob Kroll, President of the Minneapolis Police Federation, told KARE 11's Lou Raguse Wednesday afternoon that Jamar Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers during a physical altercation after squads responded to reports of a domestic assault.

Kroll says handcuffs were never put on Clark, and emphasizes that his officers, identified by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, have no disciplinary incidents on their records while Clark has a history of convictions, some of them violent.

Ringgenberg and Schwarze were interviewed and gave statements to the BCA Tuesday night, according to Kroll. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans promised the names of the officers would be released after their official interviews.

Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department. Schwarze also has seven years of experience as a police officer, with 13 months on the Minneapolis force. Both men are on paid administrative leave following the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday morning.

An internet search reveals that Schwarze was named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while he was working as an officer with the Richfield Police Department. Both lawsuits, which involved an alleged entry into a home without a warrant, were dismissed by a judge, with prejudice.

Ringgenberg worked as a police officer in San Diego and Maple Grove before taking the job in Minneapolis. He was named in a lawsuit while working in San Diego for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case which also was dismissed by a judge.

Investigators say Clark was shot by police after a scuffle with the officers. Police were initially called to the scene for a domestic assault where Clark was considered the suspect. Police say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who were tending to the victim in that assault, which prompted a call to authorities. Few details have been released about what happened in that alleged assault, and Evans said they continue to compile witness statements and piece together what happened.

Evans said on Tuesday they have several videos from the scene but none show the entire incident. Several members of the community allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot but police have disputed that claim.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner released their report Tuesday night, which states Clark died after being shot once in the head.

A federal civil rights investigation has also been launched.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Union officials with Minneapolis police say an investigation shows Jamar Clark was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot early Sunday morning in north Minneapolis.

The police union also says Clark was not handcuffed when the shooting took place and handcuffs were never on. Clark was shot during a struggle with officers who were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted. Clark allegedly was preventing emergency responders from providing medical care when the struggle ensued. The police union also says Clark has a violent criminal history.

The police union said Clark reached for an officer's gun, and that officer's partner shot Clark.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension identified Wednesday the two officers involved in Clark's shooting as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. Both have been officers for seven years, and have both been with the Minneapolis Police Department for 13 months. Both also have clean records, free of any disciplinary actions.

Ringgenberg has previously worked as an officer in Maple Grove, Osseo and San Diego, California. He went to college at St. Mary's University in Winona, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice.

Schwarze was an officer for Richfield Police before coming to MPD, and he was also a community service officer with Brooklyn Park Police. A 2005 graduate of Plymouth's Armstrong High School, Schwarze has a degree in law enforcement from Hennepin Technical College.

Both are now on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure in situations of this kind.

Twenty-four-year-old Clark was shot early Sunday. The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation.

The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

Clark wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs. Clark was taken off life support Monday night and authorities confirmed Tuesday he had died.

The Hennepin County Medical Center determined Tuesday that he died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Minnesota Sen. Al Franken said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon that he supports an independent investigation of Clark's death.

"I join members of the North Side community in expressing sadness and frustration about the loss of Jamar Clark, and my heart goes out to his family," Franken said. "A full and thorough accounting of the facts is a necessary step so that we can get to the bottom of what happened. In the meantime, it is incumbent upon all of us, but most especially policymakers and elected officials, to recognize that real inequality persists and to work to dismantle it."

Protesters held a night of unity outside the police precinct on Plymouth Avenue, and it was a peaceful demonstration.

The protesters say they will stay at the police station until they have the officers' names and see the video. The BCA says the investigation could take from two to four months, but one of the protesters told WCCO they could hold out that long.

The protesters did not make their way towards Interstate 94 as they did the night before, but a number of squads parked near the interstate Tuesday night.

[-http://www.fox9.com/news/51067870-story](http://www.fox9.com/news/51067870-story)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released on Wednesday the names of the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

-Officer Mark Ringgenberg has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

-Officer Dustin Schwarze has been a police officer for seven years, including 13 months with Minneapolis Police Department.

Both officers were placed on standard administrative leave.

The BCA is still asking anyone who witnessed or captured video of the shooting contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

On Tuesday night, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office said Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head. BCA officials confirmed they have several sources of video related to the shooting death in Minneapolis early Sunday morning, but say they will not release the footage due to the ongoing investigation.

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Clark was shot during a confrontation with Minneapolis police outside an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North shortly after midnight on Sunday. Police say preliminary reports indicate Clark was not handcuffed, but witnesses have disputed that claim and say he was in handcuffs and unarmed.

Agents have obtained videos from the ambulance on the scene, a police camera and several public housing authority cameras in the area and from witnesses who captured the incident on their cell phones, Minnesota BCA superintendent Drew Evans said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. No body or dash camera video was taken during the incident.

Evans said none of the videos agents have received so far have captured the incident in its entirety.

The BCA will not release the videos, despite pleas from protestors, because it does not want to compromise the integrity of their external investigation.

"[We] don't want to taint the interviews that may be ongoing with witnesses in this case and by having the videos being public we may potentially taint portions of the investigation," Evans said.

Evans confirmed handcuffs were found at the scene.

"We're still examining whether [the handcuffs] were on Mr Clark or if they just fell out at the scene. That's what we are trying to assert."

Evans did not confirm whether Clark was unarmed, but said there were no weapons found at the scene.

The investigation, which has been given top priority, is expected to take two to four months. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present their findings to the Hennepin County attorney's office for review and they will determine how to proceed with the case.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The Minneapolis Police officers who tried to arrest and ultimately shot Jamar Clark have been interviewed by state investigators.

The head of the Minneapolis Police Federation said the interviews wrapped up late Tuesday night.

The 24-year-old was shot by Minneapolis Police early Sunday.

The BCA says officers did not have dashcam or body camera video to help with the investigation, but state investigators say they do have video from witnesses, which they won't release until after the investigation. The BCA says so far none of the video investigators have looked at shows the entire incident.

The FBI is also conducting an investigation, after being asked by Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau.

One of the looming questions is whether Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. He wasn't armed, but witnesses and police disagree on whether he was in handcuffs.

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(with video)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Harteau said most of the protesters were peaceful, but some were violent and threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and about a dozen large-scale bricks.

Harteau said 12 squad cars have “significant” damage at an estimated \$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said.

“We support the First Amendment right. We support peaceful demonstration, but we will not tolerate violent actions by anyone that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis,” Harteau said. “We will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers, and I will hold those responsible for doing so. They will be held accountable.”

Late at night after many of the protesters left, Harteau said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and that several shots were simultaneously fired just east of the precinct. Harteau said they have not yet identified any suspects but that they are looking at video.

“We believe we are dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw,” Harteau said. “We believe people from outside of the community are coming in to perpetrate violence.”

Harteau said officers used marking rounds to help them identify the ones who hit police with rocks, and they ultimately used a chemical irritant once things began to escalate.

Harteau urged peace, citing the police department’s previous willingness to keep protesters safe.

“As you know, we have a history of helping facilitate peaceful demonstrations,” Harteau said. “We’ve done it in the past specifically with Black Live Matter and other organizations.”

“We love Minneapolis,” Mayor Betsy Hodges said. “We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect.”

"I love this city and I love the north side. But I’ve seen actions that are corrupt. I applaud Mark Dayton for having National Guard troops," longtime community activist Ronald Edwards said.

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

The shooting happened at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North.

Minneapolis police say an officer shot Clark after Clark interfered with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner ruled Tuesday that Clark died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The two officers involved in the shooting were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze. The head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark tried to disarm one of the officers, prompting the shooting.

Police did not elaborate on the relationship between Clark and the assault victim, other than that they knew each other, citing the active and ongoing investigation. The condition of the woman has not been released. Attorneys and the Presidents of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis say the woman had a broken ankle and other injuries, and this was the second domestic incident Clark has been involved in.

Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating the shooting, and there will also be a federal civil rights investigation at Hodges' request.

The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will continue alongside the investigation already being conducted by the BCA.

Demonstrators continued to be out Thursday in cold and blustery conditions. Minneapolis Urban League interim President Steve Belton said they are asking for the following:

A meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice to get an explanation why a mediation agreement between the DOJ and Minneapolis Police Department in 2003 was abandoned without penalty or consequence.

Release of the videos the BCA has.

An end to the piecemeal release of information.

[-http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/protest-continues-north-minneapolis](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/18/protest-continues-north-minneapolis)

A gathering of hundreds of protesters at a north Minneapolis precinct grew tense Wednesday night, after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Sunday after Jamar Clark was shot by police.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

By late afternoon, around 300 Black Lives Matter protesters stood in a cold rain outside the precinct. When police removed a few of them from inside the vestibule, the protest grew outside.

The protesters demanded city leaders and investigators release video footage of the fatal police shooting of the 24-year-old African-American. Police had responded early Sunday to a suspect who was interfering with EMS personnel tending to a victim.

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

On Wednesday, a top Minneapolis police union official said Clark had reached for one of the officers' weapon when he shot. The union also contends Clark was not handcuffed, as some community members have said.

The BCA identified the officers Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

The fourth day of protests was mostly peaceful with a few confrontations between protesters and police officers. At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

It's not clear how many people were hit by pepper spray or the marking round. One man, who declined to identify himself citing safety concerns, pointed at green residue on his gray glove from the marking round as he described the painful hit.

Protesters with the Black Lives Matter helped each other pour milk in their eyes after police sprayed them with pepper spray through a fence. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Minneapolis police say several officers sustained minor injuries. Inspector Mike Friestleben said the officers were hurt after being hit by water bottles and rocks.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges issued a statement asking protesters to remain calm. She said she and Police Chief Janeé Harteau asked officers to "exercise maximum restraint."

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the city. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today," Hodges said. "I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully."

Black Lives Matter protesters blocked a gate outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

[-http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/the-officers-in-the-jamar-clark-shooting?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/the-officers-in-the-jamar-clark-shooting?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29)

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

- Where it stands: The shooting of Jamar Clark

The Minneapolis Police Department has declined to disclose the races of two officers. The department released personnel records but redacted information on race, which the public isn't entitled to under state law.

- Tensions high: Protesters, police clash after officers named in Jamar Clark shooting

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, said Clark was trying to disarm an officer and was not handcuffed when he was shot. "Cuffs were never on," he told The Associated Press. But some community members say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

The BCA is leading the investigation. The U.S. Department of Justice has launched an inquiry into the case.

What do we know about officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg

Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

Ringgenberg was hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Ringgenberg's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. While in California, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of using excessive force in 2012, according to the AP. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

A records summary released Friday by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He had no disciplinary action taken against him in Maple Grove, according to a former supervisor.

Officer Dustin Schwarze

Schwarze was also hired by the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014.

- Document: Schwarze's personnel file

He had worked as a police officer in Richfield, Minn., from 2008 until 2014.

According to a records release from the Minneapolis Police Department Friday, Schwarze has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him.

How does an investigation like this work?

Black Lives Matter protesters chanted and yelled at police outside the Minneapolis 4th Precinct, saying they won't leave until they get to see videos of the shooting of Jamar Clark Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

It took several days for the BCA to interview the officers following the shooting. Does that mean the statements they get from the officers will be less accurate than if they talked to them sooner?

Several people who are very familiar with officer-involved shooting investigations and said it's generally best to talk to an officer while their memory of the event is fresh.

But attorney Gregg Corwin, who has represented officers involved in critical incidents, said sometimes it's best to wait until an officer's adrenaline has subsided.

Corwin said officers are often very agitated, especially after having to use lethal force and it's hard for them to collect their thoughts.

What happens when the BCA investigates an officer-involved shooting?

MPR News reporter Brandt Williams reviewed interview transcripts from a few other BCA investigations.

One that stands out, he said, is the 2012 investigation of three Woodbury police officers who shot and killed 19-year-old Mark Eric Henderson. The officers were questioned on the same morning of the shooting. The interviews were digitally recorded and lasted between 30 and 40 minutes. But the BCA, Williams said, only released summaries of the interviews and did not release the full transcripts, nor the recordings.

After the BCA finishes its investigation, what's next?

The agency will turn over all its findings to the Hennepin County Attorney's office, which will decide if it will file charges.

What if the BCA or the FBI investigations don't result in criminal charges?

If no charges are filed, the officers could still face disciplinary actions from the chief if it's determined either of them violated department policy.

The family of Jamar Clark could also decide to file a civil suit, which could result in either a financial settlement or jury award for the family.

There's also the possibility — which has happened before — that the city could pay out millions of dollars, but the officers face no penalty. That was the case in the 2006 shooting death of Dominic Felder, who was killed in a struggle with two officers. A federal jury found the officers liable for wrongful death and awarded the family more than \$2 million. But the officers were not sanctioned by the Minneapolis Police Department.

The Associated Press and MPR News reporter Brandt Williams contributed to this report.

[-http://socialistworker.org/2015/11/19/on-the-road-for-justice-in-minneapolis](http://socialistworker.org/2015/11/19/on-the-road-for-justice-in-minneapolis)

Ryan Green reports on the protests that have followed in the wake of case example of police violence in the Twin Cities, as activists demand to see the facts for themselves.

MORE THAN 50 people were arrested in Minneapolis for blocking Interstate 94 as anger erupted at the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on November 14.

As this story was being written, large numbers of police had arrived to begin clearing an activist encampment set up on the lawn in front of the Fourth Precinct since the day Clark was killed. The occupation was designed to pressure authorities to meet a series of demands, including releasing video footage of the incident.

Clark was shot in a confrontation with police on a residential street in North Minneapolis. The cops claim they stopped Clark in connection to an assault, and the head of the police union is claiming to reporters

that Clark went for the weapon of one of the two officers involved. But witnesses tell a very different story--with many insisting they saw that Clark was handcuffed when the officer's gun was fired.

Clark died on Monday night after being taken off life support at a local hospital.

There is video of the shooting from several sources, including public housing security cameras and cell phone footage from witnesses. But the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), which is investigating the killing, has defied calls from activists to release the footage it has gathered, claiming that this might interfere with its inquiry.

In addition to calling for the release of the video footage, activists are calling for an independent organization to investigate the shooting, rather than BCA; for media representations that include the testimony of witnesses, instead of just police; for community oversight of the police; and for police to live in the communities where they are assigned.

BEFORE THE sit-in on Interstate 94, several hundred people gathered for a rally before marching to the highway, which was shut down for several hours.

Quay, a young woman who would be among those arrested in a few hours, said she was at the protest because she worries about her two younger brothers, one of whom is frequently approached by the police for reasons of "mistaken identity." She emphasized the importance of the BCA releasing the footage so people can see what really happened.

Mona Abdi, who originally hails from Nairobi, Kenya, says she worries about her two sons, aged eight and ten, who live in the same neighborhood where Clark was killed. "This could have been them," she said.

Nearby was Gayla, who wore a sweatshirt with a silk-screened picture of her son, who she came to the protest to honor, she said. In 2012, he was killed six days before his 21st birthday, shot in the back of the head by a police officer in neighboring St. Paul. Though reluctant to go into detail since she has filed suit against the authorities, Gayla said that her son was killed while allegedly robbing a store, but that witnesses dispute the police version of the shooting, just as they do in Jamar Clark's case.

One major concern among both speakers and those listening in the crowd is the media's representation of the Black community. One woman used the bullhorn to express anger that Blacks are routinely described as "criminals" and "thugs." She said that information about the day's protest would be spread alternatively, through Twitter, Facebook and a livestream being provided by Unicorn Riot.

The rally ended with a plea for people to remain vigilant against police violence and ready to provide support when police inevitably tried to clear the Fourth Precinct occupation.

The crowd then marched to Interstate 94 and a group of protesters blocked traffic. The demonstrators faced a force of more than 100 state troopers, who eventually moved in and made arrests after giving a warning.

Those who made the decision to leave the freeway before arrests began marched back to the Fourth Precinct, stopping to join hands and share a moment of silence at the place where Jamar was killed.

Among those who were arrested, spending the night in a jail cell turned into a bonding experiences--one that quickly turned strangers into comrades. The arrestees, which included eight people under age 18, were loaded onto police buses and taken to a downtown precinct.

There were conversations about a variety of topics throughout the night: whether Jamar Clark's murder would spark a movement like Mike Brown's did in Ferguson; what kind of role did police play; how was the issue of the violence of militarized police connected to U.S. wars overseas; what had happened in the attacks in Lebanon, Paris and Lebanon.

By 5 a.m., all of those arrested had been released. Outside the precinct, they were greeted by a "prison support" team. The feeling among people in those early morning hours was that a corner had been turned--and that the movement to win justice for Jamar Clark would continue.

Thursday, November 19th

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-mayor-takes-heat-over-handling-of-clark-shooting/352005461/>

The uproar over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark is turning into a political crisis for Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, whose handling of the situation put her at odds Thursday with some of the progressive allies who helped propel her into office in 2013.

A day after a marathon standoff between activists and police at the Fourth Precinct in north Minneapolis, the state council of one of Minnesota's largest labor unions, the SEIU, called on Hodges to "engage directly to de-escalate the current situation brought on by the police." Activists, some of whom went searching for Hodges at her home Wednesday night, confronted her for not responding to their demands and for allowing police to physically disperse protesters.

"You're supposed to be this different mayor, right? Everybody told me to vote for you. And I just didn't believe that you were ready," North Side activist Roxanne O'Brien told Hodges at her office Thursday.

O'Brien also criticized Hodges for requesting patience with an investigation process "designed by people who have historically traumatized us." The exchange was streamed live on social media.

Meanwhile, the chief of the police union, Lt. Bob Kroll, faulted Hodges and Police Chief Janeé Harteau, saying they did not support the officers involved in the Clark shooting. “Someone has to stand up for the officer,” Kroll said at a late afternoon news conference Thursday.

Clark’s death also has exposed political tension at City Hall, punctuated by the presence of five council members alongside activists at the precinct Wednesday night. One, Lisa Bender, acknowledged that she stepped in front of an officer and told him to put his gun down. Another, Alondra Cano, publicly called for police to stop Macing protesters.

Thursday evening’s protests at the Fourth Precinct station in Minneapolis were more mellow and festive at times.

Video (01:23): Thursday night’s protest had peaceful moments

None of them stood alongside Hodges, the police chief and the two North Side council members at a news conference Thursday afternoon largely focused on the previous night’s violence.

“My first and foremost consideration is the safety of the people of the city of Minneapolis,” Hodges told reporters. “And my first and foremost consideration is making sure that people can also express their constitutional rights peaceably. So to that end, I have been working every day to make sure that we have the best situation possible.”

Council President Barbara Johnson called the situation with other council members “very awkward.”

“It’s not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief,” Johnson said.

Council Member Blong Yang, who represents the North Side, said in an interview that justice requires letting the process play out and gathering all the facts. “My colleagues going out there ... and just kind of taking one perspective, I don’t think that helps anybody.”

Hodges said some activists will not be satisfied until she calls for a release of tapes that may show the encounter between Clark and the two police officers. Those tapes are now controlled by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

“I am committed to meeting the request for an independent investigation,” Hodges said. “And ... doing so requires that I not give any appearance of attempting to influence the process or the outcome of that investigation.”

Activist Ashley Fairbanks told Hodges in the meeting that they traveled to her house hoping she would “break through this shell.”

“[We were] really hoping that we would see the side of you that really cares on a human level about this,” Fairbanks said. “And you’re kind of repeating the press conferences.”

Hodges said anyone who doubts her concern should examine her record at City Hall.

“By God, I give a damn. By God, I’m out there doing the work every single day to the best of my ability,” Hodges said. “Perhaps I don’t show emotion the way people expect a woman to show emotion.”

<http://www.startribune.com/news-guide-unrest-after-minneapolis-cop-shot-black-man/351901021/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct. Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it "agonizing for me to see."

Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NAACP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.startribune.com/latest-naACP-to-hold-vigil-at-minneapolis-police-station/351851831/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

12:45 a.m.

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

The Star Tribune reports the scene was mostly peaceful Thursday night. A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

8:15 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

5 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Union head Bob Kroll says officers are under fire in a chaotic situation and no one has been arrested. He says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

Chief Janee (juh-NAY') Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

2:30 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison is upset with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside a Minneapolis police station over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The Minneapolis Democrat, who is black, posted on his Twitter account Thursday that a Star Tribune photo showing his son and an officer in riot gear was "agonizing" to see. He says it shows his son was peacefully protesting with his hands up, while the officer is shouldering a gun.

The photo has been circulating on social media. It was taken Wednesday night amid protests taking place at the station since another officer shot Jamar Clark in a confrontation Sunday.

It's not clear if the officer shown in the photo was pointing the gun directly at Ellison's son.

1:45 p.m.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

Police used a chemical irritant to control protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where a makeshift encampment has been set up and hundreds of demonstrators have gathered since Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, told reporters Thursday it shows there's been a "militarization" of the department. She asked the community to exercise restraint, too.

1:30 p.m.

The NAACP is organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening outside a Minneapolis police station that's been the scene of protests since the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Speaking at a news conference outside the station Thursday, Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, called for a candlelight vigil and march there starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday. He said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot by an officer Sunday.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-to-speak-on-jamar-clark-s-death-after-night-of-clashes/351803771/>

With moments of high tension on the fifth night of a vigil at a north Minneapolis police precinct, the head of the national NAACP said Thursday that a “criminal justice crisis” is bringing him to Minneapolis, where he will join with activists angered over the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, a black man who was unarmed when he scuffled with police.

Cornell William Brooks, president of one of the nation’s oldest and most influential black civil rights organizations, will attend a rally and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the Police Department’s Fourth Precinct headquarters, where activists have been maintaining a presence since Clark’s shooting a few blocks away early Sunday.

The scene was mostly peaceful Thursday, with a few protesters tagging the police station’s walls and windows with profane messages or words supporting Clark. After someone spray-painted over a security camera lens, police gave chase and several protesters followed behind the officers, hands raised in a “don’t shoot” posture.

Two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property over the profanity, Minneapolis police said early Friday via Twitter, adding they were the night's only arrests.

The vigil attracted multiple City Council members and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose district includes north Minneapolis.

Ellison and Council Member Cam Gordon spoke to a crowd of several hundred demonstrators about 7:45 p.m. Both pledged support for the protesters’ cause and commended them on pushing public officials to meet some of their demands, including an independent investigation into Clark’s death and naming the officers.

Local and national NAACP join together for rally on Friday.

Video (01:20): National NAACP leaders coming to Minneapolis

In an interview, Ellison said he might not have known the extent of the situation if not for a Star Tribune photo showing officers pointing a weapon at his son Wednesday.

Ellison’s adult son and daughter, who live in the area where Clark was shot, have been involved with the protest and want to make sure it stays on track, he said.

Ellison said he’s concerned about their safety, but praised Black Lives Matter organizers for trying to keep the situation peaceful. Ellison also spoke about people from outside the community, some of whom have been blamed for rock throwing and other violence during the protests.

“You’re going to [have] some people who weren’t invited, who don’t share the same goals, and that may be distracting,” he said. “But I hope the public doesn’t get distracted.”

The events have grabbed national and global attention.

“We are watching the Minneapolis Police Department,” Stephen Green, national youth and college division director for the NAACP, said in a media briefing earlier Thursday outside the police station. “We may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice.”

Brooks said he is “bringing the full weight of the NAACP to bear. This latest incident is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct.”

He said that the NAACP has been in touch with the U.S. Justice Department about Clark’s death and that he wants to meet with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton while in Minnesota to insist on an “independent, transparent and timely investigation.”

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“I’m here to lend body and spirit, both moral and legal, to those people on the ground” protesting outside the Fourth Precinct headquarters, he said.

He also wants to see that protesters are given a full opportunity to exercise their free-speech rights and hopes that they do so nonviolently.

Protest disputes

Throughout Thursday, the local NAACP, city leaders and the police union held news conferences to give their versions of Wednesday night’s events, when protesters clashed with police and officers forced the activists from in front of the station on Plymouth Avenue N.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the NAACP’s Minneapolis chapter, listed abuses that she maintained occurred at the hands of police. She alleged that “two protesters, both women, were beaten in an alley” by police. She said she’d heard that the violence was captured on video.

Levy-Pounds also alluded to a gun being pointed at Ellison’s son. She said three City Council members had a similar experience. “It’s hard to tell if these are real guns” or ones that fire something less lethal than bullets, she said.

In response, Police Chief Janeé Harteau said that no such allegations have been brought to her attention. She noted that unruly elements among the 400 or so protesters — some of them “people outside the community” whom she characterized as “anarchists” — hit police with pepper spray and threw objects, including rocks and three Molotov cocktails, at officers.

The chief hoisted a large rock above her head to drive home the point before ticking off the damage: 12 squad cars damaged (\$25,000), portable cameras damaged (\$13,000) and minor damage to the station’s building and fencing. She praised her officers for acting “appropriately and with maximum restraint” under the circumstances.

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More

Hodges said the city is facing something that no community wants to face. She stressed the need to keep officers and the neighborhood safe and requested calm. She said she understands the importance of "hearing everybody's voices" and that "we have many things to get right."

Two longtime North Siders spoke at the mayor's news conference. Ezra Hyland said he saw protesters throwing rocks at officers. Some argued with members of Clark's relatives about "who is his true family," he said.

Ron Edwards, a longtime activist and sometimes critic of City Hall, said city leaders "have developed a plan and are taking every course of action to not allow" Minneapolis to be torn apart by the same unrest over police shootings that recently scarred other American cities.

The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

Under investigation

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, offered more specifics Thursday about the fatal shooting, saying the officers told a union attorney that Clark spun one officer's gun belt and had "manual control" of the weapon by the handle.

"Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist," Kroll said. "Instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head.

Before the shooting, Clark had an altercation with a woman, and her ankle was broken, Kroll said.

The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has several videos of the shooting but none showing the event in its entirety. The videos will not be released until the investigation is finished.

<http://www.startribune.com/father-5-year-old-son-shot-in-minneapolis/352157091/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Authorities say a father and his 5-year-old son were shot in Minneapolis less than a block from where an unarmed man was recently killed by police.

Investigators say there's no indication the shooting Thursday is related to ongoing protests over the death of Jamar Clark.

Police say the 40-year-old father was shot in the arm and behind while the boy was shot in the leg. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. Officials say the shooter fled in a blue Cadillac.

The shooting is several blocks from the police precinct station where demonstrators have gathered over the fatal shooting of Clark.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29141132/

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The Minneapolis police chief on Thursday blamed "anarchists" from outside the community for stirring up trouble Wednesday night, using the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to sow violence against officers.

Meanwhile, protesters demanded federal action, accusing police of abuse following the weekend shooting of Jamar Clark, 24, during a confrontation with two officers. Clark, who was shot in the head, died Monday.

At a Thursday news conference, Minneapolis police Chief Janee Harteau holds a chunk of pavement that she said was thrown at officers outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night on the city's North Side. Harteau said outside anarchists were to blame for the most violent actions during clashes with people protesting Sunday's fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24. At right is Minneapolis City Council Member Blong Yang. (Photo courtesy Minneapolis Police)

Speaking with reporters about Wednesday night's clashes between police and protesters, Chief Janee Harteau said that several Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers at the Fourth Precinct station in North Minneapolis.

While many in the community are not happy with police, Harteau blamed outsiders for the most violent actions.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists," Harteau said of Wednesday night's unrest, which broke out as police tried to control the growing crowd of up to 400 protesters. "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to promote violence."

Harteau said chemical irritants were sprayed at officers, resulting in one needing medical treatment.

While "most people were peaceful," hundreds of rocks, bottles, full-size bricks and chunks of pavement were thrown at police.

Officers responded by spraying chemical irritants at the throwers, Harteau said.

Several officers suffered injuries from the thrown objects, and thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to cars and other police property, Harteau added.

While she was blaming outside agitators for the night's problems, protest organizers said police were abusing them.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, center, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release videos of the fatal shooting by

Nekima Levy-Pounds, center, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release videos of the fatal shooting by Minneapolis police of Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, while speaking at the Black Lives Matter encampment outside the Minneapolis police department's Fourth Precinct, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis alleged several cases of police abuse, including using chemical irritant on a young woman and a WCCO-TV reporter; brandishing weapons at several "peaceful protesters," including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's son; and making "false claims" that protesters sprayed chemical irritants at them.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said the police department cannot fix itself.

"We are also asking for the Minneapolis Police Department to be placed under federal receivership," she said Thursday. "What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg."

Levy-Pounds alleged that police beat two female protesters and pointed guns at others who were chanting peacefully.

Police say Clark was a suspect in an abuse case and interfered with paramedics trying to treat the abuse victim early Sunday in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North. All agree that Clark was not armed, but witnesses disagree about whether he was handcuffed.

Some who reported seeing the shooting say Clark was not struggling and was handcuffed at the time.

Police initially said Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but authorities later said that handcuffs were at the scene and that they are trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

Authorities have said Clark was not carrying a weapon but have said little else about the incident, saying they do not want to compromise the investigation by state and federal officials.

However, the president of the Minneapolis police union has said that Clark was trying to disarm one of the officers when he was shot during the struggle.

Lt. Bob Kroll told KSTP-TV that Clark was pounding on the back door of an ambulance, with a female victim of domestic violence inside. A scuffle broke out as the two officers attempted to arrest Clark after they ordered him to stop and he didn't comply.

Kroll also said Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot and noted that officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze have no disciplinary incidents on their records, while Clark has a history of criminal convictions, some of them violent.

A major point of contention with protesters is the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's refusal to release video from several sources showing the shooting incident. BCA officials said release of the video, which does not show the entire incident, would "taint" future interviews in the case. The officers were not wearing body cameras, and there is no video from police cars. The video sources include an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones.

Since shortly after the shooting, protesters have camped out at the Fourth Precinct, with a tense relationship between them and police.

"Chief Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint and are asking protesters to act peacefully," Mayor Betsy Hodges said Thursday. "I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

The NAACP's Levy-Pounds also asked the community to exercise restraint.

And by Thursday evening, the mood had indeed relaxed significantly, with dozens of protesters milling about on the street and sidewalk in front of the precinct while sharing coffee, fruit and chili in near-freezing temperatures. Portable campfire rings helped to keep them warm.

About a dozen police officers stood outside the door of the precinct in standard uniform, and at least one chatted amiably with a protester across a short metal barricade.

Some participants brought their small children. But despite the lighter atmosphere and wintry weather, protesters said they were no less committed to holding police accountable for Clark's death.

An activist supporting the Black Lives Matter-backed protests posted a Twitter news media photo of one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line Wednesday night. It was not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured.

A helmeted police officer has a weapon shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be pointed directly at Ellison's son.

"My son is peacefully protesting w/hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" the Minneapolis Democrat said on his Twitter account.

NAACP national President Cornell William Brooks was en route to Minneapolis to lead a Friday afternoon rally at the Fourth Precinct.

"Our goal is to come to a resolution," NAACP spokeswoman Raquel Coombs said.

Similar situations in which officers killed a young black man, such as in Ferguson, Mo., have resulted in violent and sometimes-deadly clashes between police and protesters.

"We don't want it to get to that," Coombs said.

This article includes Pioneer Press staff reports.

<http://blogs.twincities.com/politics/2015/11/19/rep-keith-ellison-agonized-photo-son-facing-police-protest/>

The son of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison was among the protesters facing down Minneapolis police Wednesday evening during a tense showdown in response to the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, an African-American.

Activists on Twitter have shared a photo by taken by the Minneapolis Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider that shows one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line. It's not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured. A helmeted police officer has what appears to be a gas-launching gun shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, though it does not appear to be pointed directly at Ellison's son.

One tweet containing the photo has been shared on Twitter almost 1,700 times — including by Ellison himself, who commented that the photo was "agonizing for me to see." "My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" Ellison tweeted.

Ellison's own tweet has been shared on Twitter more than 1,800 times.

Neither the Minneapolis Police Department nor Ellison's office responded immediately to a request for comment Thursday.

In an afternoon news conference, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said police have been using using long guns, which look like rifles, but contain non-lethal marking chalk at protests.

Ellison's district includes the entire city of Minneapolis, where Clark was shot and where protesters have rallied in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct for several days.

On Monday, Ellison called for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Clark's shooting, a step he said was "necessary to restore trust."

"At a time when the relationship between law enforcement and the people they protect has reached a crisis point, a federal investigation has the potential to instill a level of trust and confidence people expect when they give authority to government," Ellison wrote in a letter to Attorney General Loretta

Lynch. "A Department of Justice inquiry would send an important message to the people of Minneapolis and the country: our top law enforcement agency is committed to the transparency and accountability that justice requires."

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also called for a Justice Department investigation. On Wednesday, the Justice Department agreed to investigate the shooting.

UPDATE: This story has been changed to credit the Star Tribune's Renee Jones Schneider with the photo and to remove the embedded image.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/20/hodges-confronted-by-demonstrators-as-she-visits-4th-precinct>

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges visited with demonstrators Thursday night outside the city's 4th Precinct police station, where residents angry about the police shooting of Jamar Clark have camped for nearly a week.

A police officer shot and killed the 24-year-old African-American man early Sunday.

Hodges got a chilly reception as temperatures fell and gusty winds beat the sides of protesters' tents. One person told Hodges he felt terrorized by police.

Protester: "We as the people want to know what are you going to do?"

Hodges: "Do you want to know what I've been working on?"

Protesters: "No! What are you going to do? Answer the question that has been asked to you! See all this rhetoric! She works for them now!"

Hodges: "What I'm going to do is what I've been doing..."

Hodges then said she's gathering resources from around the city and country to help resolve longstanding issues of racial inequity. Protesters weren't satisfied with that answer, booing the mayor and saying her visit was only a photo op.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison spoke to the crowd, saying he supported the demand to see any footage of the Jamar Clark shooting. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Rep. Ellison urges release of shooting video

Meanwhile Thursday, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., called for state investigators to release video that may shed light on the shooting death of Clark — a move not echoed by Hodges.

"I'm in favor of transparency and disclosure," Ellison said. "I urge the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Department of Justice to release video or audio recordings in their possession of the incident

that resulted in Mr. Clark's death. This would send a message to our community that the process will be transparent and open."

Ellison urged protesters to focus their message on getting "justice for Jamar Clark" but urged them to keep their emotions in check. The group Black Lives Matter is also demanding that the BCA release video of the shooting

Harteau: 'We are dealing with anarchists'

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janee Harteau said some protesters threw Molotov cocktails, bottles and bricks at officers, and sprayed chemical irritants at them late Wednesday night. And she said demonstrators did thousands of dollars in damage to the police station, squad cars and portable cameras.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau shows a rock that was thrown at a police car the night before during protests outside the 4th Precinct headquarters. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"We believe that we were dealing with anarchists based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence. And as you know we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations. We've done it over the past several months and the past several years."

Minneapolis police made two arrests near the protests on Thursday night after profanities were spray painted on the precinct's walls.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the police union president, said the situation at the 4th Precinct has gotten out of hand and that officers are so busy guarding their workplace that police from elsewhere in the city have to handle routine calls for them. Read more.

On Friday morning, police removed three protesters from the Minneapolis City Council chambers during the first council meeting since the Clark shooting.

Michelle Gross, president of Citizens United Against Police Brutality, was removed for speaking out of turn during a Friday Minneapolis City Council meeting. Courtney Perry for MPR News

Several people affiliated with the group Communities United Against Police Brutality began disrupting the meeting. Michelle Gross, the group's leader, shouted demands for police accountability before she was removed.

National NAACP leaders will be in Minneapolis to lead a 4:30 p.m. vigil.

MPR News reporter Jon Collins contributed to this report.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/hodges-calls-clarks-death-an-awful-thing-in-meeting-with-community-members/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges Thursday morning, calling for the release of video and a de-escalation of police presence at a northside precinct which saw an overnight clash between officers and protesters.

The protesters and community members met with Hodges at Minneapolis City Hall, and community organizer Ashley Fairbanks, who is with a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, streamed the meeting on Periscope.

On Wednesday night, Fairbanks was one of the people who went to Hodges' home to ask the mayor to ease the situation at the city's 4th Precinct, where protesters and police came to a standoff after officers cleared demonstrators from the building's vestibule.

Early in the meeting, Hodges called the death of Clark "an awful thing" and began pounding on the desk before her when community members told her they thought she'd be "a different mayor."

Hodges maintained that she's worked every day from her office to address inequality in the city.

The meeting on Thursday had protesters and community members asking several things of the mayor, including that video of the shooting be released and that police at the 4th Precinct stand down and stop using weapons (chemical irritant, tracer bullets) against demonstrators.

The mayor, who on Wednesday said she supported the Minneapolis Police Department's decision to remove protesters from the vestibule of the precinct, said she supported the community's right to demonstrate, but said the situation at the precinct was becoming a public safety issue.

While she did not commit to restricting police officers in any way, she said she'll do her best to make sure authorities "are as good of actors as possible."

In regards to releasing videos, she said the matter was out of her hands.

The mayor said the best decision she could make in this circumstance was to call for an independent investigation, which she did.

"Once the request is made, I want to honor it," Hodges said.

She told the community members that if she calls for the release of the videos, it could compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Since Clark was shot in the head Sunday morning by an officer responding to a domestic situation call, the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Black Lives Matter and community members have called for the release of video. The community says Clark was in handcuffs at the time of the shooting. Police dispute that.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is leading the state's investigation of the shooting, said it's received partial video of the shooting.

Community members also told Hodges that Clark had been severely beaten by Minneapolis police and was taking legal action against the department. The protesters wanted the mayor to look into video of that alleged incident, which protesters say was captured by police dash cam and hasn't been released.

The mayor told the community members to take that information to the BCA.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968872.shtml>

(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau answered questions from the media following a news conference held amid protests Thursday.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

Police used a chemical irritant to control protesters Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where a makeshift encampment has been set up and hundreds of demonstrators have gathered since Sunday's shooting of Jamar Clark.

Tensions had been high since earlier Wednesday, when police moved to clear protesters out of the vestibule of the station. A police spokesman said officers used the irritant after rocks and bottles were thrown at them.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, told reporters Thursday it shows there's been a "militarization" of the department. She asked the community to exercise restraint, too.

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3968837.shtml>

(didn't capture raw vid from press conference)

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau is continuing to warn protesters that violence will not be tolerated after several days of unrest in the city following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Harteau said violent protesters caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage during Wednesday's protest at the 4th Precinct station, located at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

"We love Minneapolis," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "We love the best of Minneapolis, and the best of Minneapolis is our people – our hearts and our minds and our ability to grieve and our ability to

celebrate and our ability to come together and our ability to confront one another when needed with love and dignity and respect.”

The protests have been taking place since Sunday, when 24-year-old Jamar Clark was killed during an officer-involved shooting.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/protesters-we-knocked-on-the-mayors-door-her-husband-let-us-in/>

Protesters of the Jamar Clark shooting say they were “pleasantly surprised” Wednesday night when they knocked on the door of Mayor Betsy Hodges’ home and her husband let them in.

Ashley Fairbanks, one of the protesters in a group affiliated with Black Lives Matter, says she and about 10 others went to the mayor’s home after police retook the 4th Precinct earlier in the afternoon.

She said her group was upset the mayor approved of the police action, adding that police used violence to remove the protesters, some of which had been staying in the vestibule of the building since the fatal weekend shooting.

Fairbanks said a group of about 13 protesters went to Hodges’ home when the situation at the 4th Precinct escalated. She said while the mayor wasn’t there, her husband, Gary Cunningham, let them in.

He spoke to the protesters for about 10 minutes, in what Fairbanks described as a “calm exchange.” Cunningham didn’t tell protesters where the mayor was, and when asked to contact her, he refused.

When protesters arrived at the home, there were two squad cars outside, Fairbanks said. When they left, there were around nine.

She added that protesters went to the mayor’s home in hopes of diffusing the situation at the 4th Precinct, which was the scene of a violent exchange between police and protesters Wednesday night, by getting the mayor to release the video in the Clark shooting.

Earlier in the week, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the state agency investigating the shooting, said they have partial video of the incident.

Since Clark was shot in the head early Sunday morning, protesters have demanded that city leaders release the video. They say that in other cities, video has been quickly released in similar situations.

Protesters have also demanded the names of the officers involved, which the BCA released Wednesday. They were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, who both started with Minneapolis police on the same day last September.

According to community members, Clark was fatally shot while in handcuffs. Police have disputed that. The head of the police union said Clark, who was a suspect in a domestic situation early Sunday morning, reached for an officer’s gun before he was shot.

The officers involved in the shooting are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure. Protesters have demanded that they be arrested.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/rep-ellison-council-members-call-for-clark-tapes/76085744/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - It wasn't violent behavior, like throwing bricks or rocks, but two demonstrators were arrested overnight after police say they spray painted profane graffiti on a wall of the 4th Precinct police building overnight Friday.

Reports are that the men arrested will face charges of damage to property. Besides profanities, Jamar Clark's name was sprayed on the wall, along with messages like "no justice, no peace."

Minneapolis Police spokesman John Elder also confirms that a driver was arrested after crashing into the gate that leads into the precinct parking lot where squad cars and personal vehicles are parked. Elder says the driver was arrested, and tests were taken to see if that person was intoxicated. At this point it is unclear if the person arrested was affiliated with the Jamar Clark protests.

One media outlet reported that shots were fired during the incident, something Elder strongly denied Friday morning.

Otherwise the night was mostly quiet as demonstrators camping out at the 4th precinct were joined Thursday night by U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison and three city council members calling for transparency in the Jamar Clark shooting.

Clark, 24, was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some allege Clark was handcuffed at the time, which the police union has staunchly disputed.

"I think it is fair, just and right to prioritize transparency. At the end of the day we want the truth," Ellison said.

Earlier Thursday, Ellison expressed in a Twitter post his frustration with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside the fourth precinct Wednesday night.

"The people of Minneapolis are in pain right now and to get the healing we need we're going to need truth, transparency, and we're going to need justice both in this instance and that of a larger justice," said Second Ward council member Cam Gordon.

The demonstration Thursday night was much different than the night before. On Wednesday, some in the crowd of 400 or so threw bottles, rocks and bricks towards the precinct causing thousands of dollars in damage, according to Chief Janee Harteau. Tenth Ward council member Lisa Bender said the difference is night and day.

"The difference is how the police are responding to the situation," Bender said. "We have seen what happens when police de-escalate and stand in support of our community. I am so grateful for the MPD to responding this way."

Protesters continue to demand the release of any video showing the Jamar Clark shooting. Ninth Ward council member Alondra Cano is asking for Governor Dayton to step in.

"I'm requesting the help of Gov. Dayton to release the tapes to allow us to build a clear path towards justice. This is the least we can do to build trust between police and our community members, and the least we can do for the family of Jamar Clark," Cano said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/ellison-mpls-councilmembers-stand-with-blm-in-quest-for-video-release/>

(with video)

Several political and religious leaders joined with members of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis Thursday evening to demand the release of videos involving the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

Rep. Keith Ellison and Minneapolis City Council members Alondra Cano, Cam Gordan and Lisa Bender addressed the media in a show of solidarity with protesters. Members and supporters quietly stood behind the speakers while raising their fists.

BLM and the family of 24-year-old Jamar Clark want footage of the deadly altercation involving Minneapolis Police officers Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg released to the public.

BLM leaders singled out Mayor Betsy Hodges for not coming to Thursday's event. She met with members earlier in the day at city hall, and members showed up to her home Wednesday night. The mayor was not there, but her husband let them inside and spoke with them.

U.S. Congressman Ellison asked for protesters to acknowledge how quickly their previous demands were met, including a state and federal investigation into the shooting, the identification of the officers and getting grief counselling to Clark's family. But Ellison says more needs to be done, including the release of the videos.

"At the end of the day, we want the truth," Ellison said.

Ward 9 Councilwoman Alondra Cano called upon Gov. Mark Dayton to help convince the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to bring the videos out into the open.

"Releasing the tapes is important so we can build a path to clear justice in this issue," Cano said.

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon underlined what he described as the importance of elected officials standing with the community.

"We are the peacemakers, and we are the change makers, and if we can be together and move to that, then we can get there," Gordon said.

Lisa Bender, Ward 10 councilwoman, echoed her colleagues and added that she wants to stop a culture where black men live in fear of police encounters.

Adja Gildersleeve from BLM told the crowd that an anonymous source has contacted her group to say Clark was in the midst of filing a civil rights lawsuit against Minneapolis Police after he was allegedly beaten by 4th Precinct officers in a previous incident.

Another leader from BLM, Lena Gardner, ended the rally by saying that after the videos are released, the next phase for the group is "to change Minneapolis to be a more racially-just city."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968943.shtml>

(with video)

A group of residents fresh off the protest lines shared a video of their encounter at Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges' home with 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS.

The cellphone video shows a group walking up to the door of Mayor Hodges' house not knowing what would happen when they knocked.

"We're not here as enemies, we wanted to knock and say 'can we come in and you were very gracious to allow us in'," said a man in the video.

Many in the group were fresh off the protest lines outside the 4th precinct police station.

"We knocked doors for Mayor Hodges, we expected that when we got her elected," said a woman in the video. "That she would stand up for us in situations like this and it's such a disappointment to us---that she's allowing us to be attacked."

The video went on for 15 minutes that showed the protestors in the mayor's home along with Minneapolis police officers.

The mayor's husband, Gary Cunningham, told the protestors she was not in the residence.

"I know about my wife and she cares about these issues deeply," Cunningham said.

Another woman in the video told Cunningham there needs to be an open line of communication between all parties.

"It's about dialogue and communication -- when there's hostilities being brought, when we are trying to have dialogue in a peaceful way," she said.

"There were people that came to my house last night. It doesn't thrill me. My husband's a gracious man, but I was happy to meet with many of those folks this morning," Hodges at a new conference Thursday.

During that meeting, the shooting of Jamar Clark, the investigation, Wednesday's police response outside the 4th precinct, and future community relations were discussed.

"I thought it was a good conversation. I very much appreciated they came directly to me," Hodges said.

"I'm happy the mayor heard what we had to say--and let us into the office--not happy to hear her repeat many of the things she's said in press conferences--but we'll keep working to see," said a woman at the meeting.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/minneapolis-city-leaders-discuss-black-lives-matter-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Minneapolis' mayor, police chief and two city council members faced the media Thursday afternoon to discuss the on-going protests in the city's 4th Precinct.

Thursday is the fifth day of protests over the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by a Minneapolis Police officer last weekend.

Related: Jamar Clark Shooting: 4 Things To Know

Police ejected Black Lives Matter protesters from the entryway of the 4th Precinct police station Wednesday afternoon, leading to several tense hours and occasional violence.

Chief Janee Harteau says most of the 400 protesters were peaceful, but some were violent – throwing hundreds of rocks, bottles and bricks.

She says officers sprayed chemical irritants when people were seen throwing objects, but they also say some protesters also sprayed chemicals at officers.

Officers also fired compressed chalk rounds twice Wednesday, which marked suspects who threw objects so police are able to identify them later.

Harteau says about \$25,000 of damage occurred to 12 squad cars. Two portable cameras also sustained about \$13,000 of damage. The 4th Precinct building also sustained broken windows, damage to a fence and Harteau says a retaining wall was totaled.

She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers early Thursday morning, and shots were fired nearby the precinct. Police were not able to track down the suspects, but are reviewing surveillance video.

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Harteau says she believes anarchists may be to blame for some of the violent acts based on flags that some protesters were holding. She said some of these suspects are likely from outside of the community, and are trying to incite violence.

She says Minneapolis Police have a history of facilitating peaceful demonstrations.

“Specifically with Black Lives Matter, we support the First Amendment right, we support peaceful demonstration — but we will not tolerate violence,” Harteau said.

Mayor Betsy Hodges says she wants strength, peace and reconciliation for her city. She says she wants to honor those who want to grieve the death of Jamar Clark, but added that she must assure the safety of citizens, police officers and property.

“We are a city that must come together and help together,” Hodges said.

She asked protesters who say they have been assaulted by police to contact the Office of Police Conduct Review at 612-673-5500, or the Internal Affairs Unit at 612-673-3074.

The mayor also addressed an incident Wednesday night when protesters showed up at her south Minneapolis home. She was not there at the time, but says her husband was “gracious” for allowing protesters inside to talk. Police officers accompanied the protesters inside.

Protesters also met with Hodges Thursday morning at city hall to discuss “big picture” topics, including the relationship between the community and police.

Harteau noted that one of the demands of Black Lives Matter protesters is the release of all videos of the deadly confrontation between officers and Clark. But she said the release of those videos is up to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The police chief said she is proud of her officers, who she says have responded appropriately to protesters and have shown adequate restraint. But she emphasized that they are tired from their multi-day ordeal.

Minneapolis City Council members Barb Johnson and Blong Yang were also at the press conference. Johnson said protesters must not impede police from during their jobs in the neighborhood.

“We need access to our police, and they need access to us,” Johnson said.

She also discussed the presence of other council members at the demonstrations, and said it is not helpful for them to criticize decisions made by Chief Harteau.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/healing-power-of-pie-headed-for-the-fourth-precinct/76081452/>

MINNEAPOLIS – As people outside the Minnesota Police Department Fourth Precinct bundled inside their tents to protest the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, others conflicted about the turmoil in the North Minneapolis community gathered in conversation at a local café.

Sammy McDowell, owner of Avenue Eatery in North Minneapolis, said many people on all sides of the incident have come inside his business to share concerns.

"Some people are angry, some people are really upset about things going on, some people don't know where they fit at all," said McDowell. "This is great place to come and be calm, have a great conversation, great cup of coffee."

McDowell is among several chefs and bakers in the community coming together to serve sweet potato pies outside the Fourth Precinct Friday afternoon.

"In solidarity to the community as a whole. Having a great slice of pie is showing love and support to our community that's what we do. When we go through hard times in the African American community especially, we show our love through food, sweet potato pie especially," said McDowell.

McDowell said many in the public have been giving him donations for the sweet potato pie campaign.

It's the brainchild of Rose McGee, of Golden Valley, who is widely known for her sweet potato pie recipe. In August, McGee took her sweet potato pies to Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina to comfort the victims of the mass shooting. Last year, she took her pies to offer healing to the people of Ferguson, Missouri.

"As far as I am concerned, it's the sacred dessert of black culture, a comfort sweet potato pie, which means when you have this, it just soothes the soul," said Rose McGee, before she went to Charleston. "Others started calling it a ministry, a movement, so a comfort pie movement means you are putting something to action."

McGee said in the effort to heal all sides of the Jamar Clark shooting, she will deliver pies to protesters, police officers at the Fourth Precinct, Police Chief Janee Harteau, along with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges.

McDowell was excited when McGee asked him to join in the efforts in Minneapolis.

"Comfort food really calms people so we are able to have a level headed conversation, which is needed in times like this, we need to talk, and be very open minded," said McDowell. "Food in general brings everybody to the table."

The sweet potatoes pies will be delivered to the Fourth Precinct around 2 p.m., Friday, November 20th.

To follow McGee's Sweet Potato Comfort Pie, visit her Facebook page.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/meet-the-people-of-the-fourth-precinct-occupation-7846325>

Bundled in a red jacket, Sally Lieberman has been hanging around for about an hour. Since the protests began Sunday night, the retired 59-year-old has come by for a little while each day to show her support. "I'm an old lady with arthritis, so I don't stay out in the cold too long. But this is really important to me," she says, peeking above her tightly wrapped scarf.

Sure, she's here for Jamar and Minneapolis' pervasive racial inequity, as described by the cardboard sign on her cart. But she's also here for the nameless man she spotted outside her house one summer night.

Six or seven years ago the Minneapolis woman awoke in the middle of the night to flashing lights and sirens outside her house. Her neighbor was ill, so she guessed it was an ambulance. Instead, an officer had pulled over a man on her block. She watched as a white officer cuffed and searched the man before leading him to his squad car. The cop was using "obscene language" and racial slurs toward the man, who was black.

As they walked, the cop said something that "pissed the young man off," who then tried to pull away and kick the officer. Dumb move, but she says the man was provoked. The cop slammed him on the street and repeatedly kicked him until he "pleaded for his life."

"I couldn't hear the entire sentence that the cop said, but it ended with '... and they'll find you dead in a dark alley and no one will ever know what happened to you,'" Lieberman recalls. "Then he said, 'Is that what you want to have happen to you?'"

"The next morning I got up thinking I'm going to do something about it, but I didn't know what to do," she says. "I didn't know how to find out who the young man who was brutalized was. Since then I'm not going to pass up any opportunity to be out here and speak out."

Nathanael Doehling made his first Fourth Precinct appearance Thursday. The Savage man would have been there sooner, but it was his first day off in a while. The 29-year-old, who cooks at Muddy Waters and works with families impacted by the justice system, says Clark's shooting "hit close to home."

Doehling says he's had his share of run-ins with the law and has experienced police brutality. The former Minneapolis resident recalls a stop-and-frisk situation which, as he tells it, turned into more of a rough-up-and-release years ago on the North Side. After having his face pressed to the ground and his bum shoulder dislocated, Doehling claims he was let go without being told why he was pulled over to begin with.

"People go through this every day," he says. "It's not always violence, sometimes it's a mental thing. I've been told, 'Do you know what I could do to you? I'll kill you nigger.'"

Zack Pierson (who declined to be photographed) had a couple hours to kill before an English teachers convention. A grad student at the University of Minnesota, some of his peers camped outside the Fourth Precinct the night before, so he swung by to show his support.

The rural Ohio native says he's "tired of seeing police violence," which disproportionately hits minority and low-income communities.

"It's frustrating," Pierson says. "Being a white person and coming from the Midwest, I have plenty of friends who still proclaim they're not racist, but they still say awful, nasty racist things all the time."

As Pierson was getting ready to leave, Michael McDowell was fueling up for the night ahead. As a co-founder of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, the 21-year-old was in the thick of the Wednesday night clash between police and protesters, talking to the cops while trying to keep the crowd in check.

"You can chant, do your thing, but let's make sure we're keeping this about Jamar," McDowell says. "Because if violence is incited, then it's not about Jamar anymore."

For his day job, the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts graduate helps organize low-wage workers. But it's his extracurricular Black Lives Matter activities that make headlines. He helped launch the Minneapolis chapter after being shaken by Michael Brown's killing in Ferguson, Missouri.

"It was just seeing myself on the ground," McDowell says. "I'm 21. Michael Brown was 18, so I'm not far from his age. I have siblings that are his age. So, it just being very personal, it easily could have been me."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51959667-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Minneapolis police arrested 2 people after they were caught vandalizing the walls of the 4th Precinct overnight. Behind the tents of demonstrators is a wall spray-painted with the name of Jamar Clark, along with profanity directed at Minneapolis police.

Also overnight, an SUV that attempted to drive through the fence at the precinct overnight, where protesters and outraged community members have been gathered since the shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The overnight incidents followed a relatively calm day of demonstrations Thursday, with no real violence or clashes with police. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to join hundreds of demonstrators who braved the cold to protest the police-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

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Photo SUV rams 4th Precinct gate, 2 arrested for Jamar Clark vandalism

“The message is one that it is fair righteous and just to let your voice be heard,” Ellison said. “The First Amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government, so this is our constitutional right to be here.”

Shooting just blocks away

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Jamar Clark died, adding more tension to a community already on edge

The national president of the NAACP will be in Minneapolis on Friday, with a vigil planned for 4 p.m.

Police union: Jamar Clark grabbed officer’s gun

While the investigation continues, the president of the police union is saying Jamar Clark grabbed an officer’s gun, leading to the deadly shooting.

“The officers arrived, he was not compliant with the verbal commands,” Lt. Bob Kroll said. “Officers went to restrain him. He chose to struggle and fight. At one point, he got a hold of an officer’s gun belt and gun. It was in the holster and he had physical control of the hand grip.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, but police insist that he was not. Protests started just hours after the shooting and have continued for nearly a week now.

EDITOR'S NOTE - A previous version of this story stated that officers fired shots at the vehicle that attempted to ram the 4th Precinct's gate. Minneapolis police insist no shots were fired -- not even marking rounds.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/chief-violence-toward-police-by-anarchists-at-protests/76068822/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Twelve squad cars with significant damage, a broken window, a totaled retaining wall and three Molotov cocktails. A frustrated Minneapolis Police Chief listed the damages caused by night four of the ongoing protests at the Fourth Precinct.

Chief Janee Harteau said at a press conference on Thursday the squad car damages are estimated at \$25,000, there's another \$13,000 in damages for two portable cameras that were broken and they're still waiting on total damages for the broken window, damaged fence and totaled retaining wall at the precinct.

She said those at the protest, estimated at upwards of 400 total, were mostly peaceful -- but some threw bottles, hundreds of rocks and a dozen bricks. One officer was sprayed with an irritant and required medical attention, Harteau said.

But perhaps most disturbing were the three Molotov cocktails thrown at police officers late Wednesday night -- at a time when Harteau said most protesters had left the area for the evening.

She said officers searched for the suspects but were unsuccessful at locating them. However, they are still looking at surveillance tape. No arrests took place Wednesday.

"We are dealing with anarchists, based on the flag that we saw," she said. "We believe people from outside of our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau said police used a chemical irritant when people started throwing rocks and damaging property, as they felt the situation was escalating. Two marking rounds -- a chalk-like bullet used to mark suspects -- were also used to identify people in the crowd who were throwing rocks.

"We support peaceful demonstrations but we will not tolerate violent actions that will put our public at risk in the city of Minneapolis," Harteau said. "And I also will not tolerate any violent actions against my officers and will hold those responsible ... accountable. The No. 1 priority continues to be public safety for everyone involved."

Ezra Hyland, resident of north Minneapolis KARE

Ezra Hyland, longtime Minneapolis resident, said he stands in solidarity with any organization that focuses on a beloved community and restoration. However, he believes not everyone who has been present at the protests are there for that cause.

"Since Sunday I have been out almost every day and I have witnessed people throwing rocks at the police," he said. "I witnessed last night people throwing rocks and the police shooting tear gas. I've witnessed people arguing with the family of Jamar Clark about who is his true family and who has the right to speak for him. I've witnessed people threatening to shoot police officers. Threatening community members with violence. Those things are not within the spirit of Dr. King."

Hyland said he believes people are using this opportunity -- a place that's supposed to be peaceful -- to get out their personal frustrations and their desires for violence.

"I also hope and pray that the people who are committed to violence and who are not part of the true aims of Black Lives Matter to remove themselves from the situation," he said.

Ronald Edwards, a longtime activist and a resident of north Minneapolis since 1945, said he was there when National Guard troops were called onto the streets of north Minneapolis and is thankful this situation is not a repeat of the past.

"It was not a very pleasant scene, the conditions were volatile," he said. "We were angry 47 years ago, we felt disillusioned, but at the same time, we had a sense of perseverance, we had a sense that something would happen and something would change. Things don't go the way we always wanted because we don't live in a perfect society and we are not perfect individuals. But I am concerned about

the emergence of outside agitators and particularly the events that happened late last night, when individuals and military-style attacks jeopardized the safety and the continuity of an entire community.”

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3969021.shtml>

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Hundreds of protesters once again braved the cold and gathered outside the 4th Precinct on Thursday over the shooting death of Jamar Clark, for the fifth night in a row. Rep. Keith Ellison flew in from Washington to show his support for the protesters.

“The message is one that it is fair, righteous, and just to let your voice be heard,” Ellison said. “The first amendment says Americans have the right to address grievances of their government. So this is our constitutional right to be here.”

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Photo Rep. Keith Ellison at 4th Precinct: 'It's our constitutional right to be here'

Despite the calls for peace, a 5-year-old boy and 40-year-old man were shot Thursday afternoon in an apartment just a block next to where Clark died. They'll survive but the shooting added more tension to a community already on edge.

"It's sad," community activist John Martin said. "It's actually sad. You get emotional. You don't know what to say at all. Sometimes you have to shake your head and say when is the madness going to stop?"

Ellison said he supports calls for a federal investigation, saying it doesn't look right to have police investigating themselves.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968832.shtml>

(with video)

The president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department after the shooting death of an unarmed black man.

Nekima Levy-Pounds was one of the first people arrested when protesters shut down Interstate 94 in downtown Minneapolis on Monday. She has since demanded police release video of the shooting of Jamar Clark.

Levy-Pounds spoke while standing outside the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis on Thursday. She asked for the community to exercise restraint, and she called for long-term reform of the Minneapolis Police Department.

"The problems that we're talking about today are not new; they have been going on for decades," Levy-Pounds said. "The city council has allowed tens of millions of dollars in excessive force complaint lawsuits to be settled by the city; that should have signaled a problem a long time ago to the city of Minneapolis as well as to the federal government."

Levy-Pounds asked that the Minneapolis Police Department be placed under federal receivership.

"What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular and throughout the Minneapolis community have faced at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We are here standing in solidarity with the community saying enough is enough. We are demanding the release of the tapes. We're demanding reform of the police department, and we're demanding justice right now."

At a news conference later in the day, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau said the video tapes can't be released because they are part of the BCA's investigation into Clark's death. The chief also commended officers for showing restraint; she says they are tired but are acting professionally.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/natl-naacp-leaders-join-mpls-in-protests-against-jamar-clark-shooting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP held a press conference Thursday morning to discuss the shooting of Jamar Clark. Shortly after 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, once again outlined the community's demands following Clark's death.

Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday morning when Minneapolis police responded to a call of a domestic assault. Police said Clark, who they said was the suspect in the call, was shot when he attempted to reach for an officer's gun. Witnesses dispute this claim and have said Clark was in handcuffs when he was shot.

Protests began Monday evening, when members of Black Lives Matter closed down portions of I-94W near downtown Minneapolis.

They continued outside of the Minneapolis 4th precinct, as groups have set up tents and tarps outside of the precinct.

On Wednesday, shortly after 1:30 p.m. officers from the Minneapolis 4th precinct attempted to remove protesters from the area.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him. Police also said they had to spray chemical irritant after having rocks and bottles thrown at them.

From Sky4, WCCO also saw damage to squad cars in the 4th precinct parking lot. Police said this was caused by protesters throwing bricks.

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After an eventful evening, demonstrations have been peaceful Thursday but tensions have remained high.

Shortly before noon, Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, the director of the Youth and College Division of the National NAACP, Reverend Nazim B. Fakir, from St. Peter AME Church in South Minneapolis, and community members.

"What happened to Jamar Clark is just the tip of the iceberg, in terms of the abuse and harassment that members of the Northside community in particular, and throughout the Minneapolis community, have faced," Levy-Pounds said.

Levy-Pounds called once again for videos of the arrest to be made public. She said that while some of their requests have been met, Minneapolis officials still refuse to release the videos.

She also asked that grief counselors be made available to the witnesses who she said are scared after Sunday's events.

"It's a tale of two cities. It's the best of times if you're white and the worst of times if you're black," Levy-Pounds said.

As she spoke, she also called for restraint from the police when it comes to the protesters, but police say members of Black Lives Matter weren't the only ones outside the 4th Precinct.

"We believe people from outside the community are coming in to perpetrate violence," Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau said at a press conference Thursday. "As you know, we have a history of helping to facilitate peaceful demonstrations."

Wednesday night's tensions between protesters and police brought the national NAACP youth and college director to Minneapolis. Green arrived Thursday morning from Baltimore. He announced during the press conference that the president of the national NAACP will also be traveling to Minneapolis and set to arrive Thursday evening.

Green said their presence is to show that they stand in solidarity with Minneapolis NAACP. He called for people to join the group in a march and candlelight vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

"We are watching. We are observing," Green said. "It may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved."

He said the public's trust in law enforcement has been broken.

As the day moves on, more Clark supporters are returning to the Minneapolis 4th police precinct. The police sign has been replaced with their messages of #JusticeForJamar and Black Lives Matter.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/naacp-alleges-police-violence-demands-mpd-restraint/76050746/>

MINNEAPOLIS - After a contentious night of protests outside the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct, organizers with the NAACP are calling for long-term reform of the police department, grief counseling for those who witnessed the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark and respect from the police as protests continue.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said Thursday they received reports that two female protesters were beaten by police in an alley during Wednesday night's protests.

"They reported that they were in an alley and they were physically beaten by police," she said. "We have heard that it was on video so we're asking for people to come forward with the video at this time."

Levy-Pounds asked protesters to continue non-violent efforts outside the Fourth Precinct but called on the police department to remove the threat of violence as well.

"We are asking the community to exercise restraint in the midst of grief, hurting and unanswered questions and we demand the same respect from the Minneapolis Police Department," she said.

Levy-Pounds mentioned other incidents that took place Wednesday night -- like the use of weapons for intimidation against protesters and elected officials, including the son of Rep. Keith Ellison.

"It's hard to tell, are these real guns? Are these rubber bullets? At the end of the day, it shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis and it is a response that is completely uncalled for," she said.

Levy-Pounds was joined by Stephen Green, national director of the youth and college division of the NAACP, who said they will stand in solidarity with the local community until justice is served.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice," he said. "And we will not be silent and we will not be moved."

Levy-Pounds said they also want to see a release of the video police have collected that allegedly shows what happened when Clark was shot in north Minneapolis last weekend by police. The BCA has said none of the videos they've obtained show the entire incident -- and have continually said those videos will not be released until after the investigation. Levy-Pounds rejected their claims that releasing the video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Levy-Pounds said the NAACP is planning to hold a candlelight vigil for Clark at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. They also plan to march, protest and "mobilize the community."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/51600914-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Leaders of the national NAACP are joining local protestors in calling for investigators to release videos of the officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has repeatedly denied these requests, saying they will not release any video footage of the incident until their investigation is complete.

Clark was shot in the head around 12:45 a.m. Sunday morning after allegedly disrupting paramedics' ability to render aid to a female assault victim.

Speaking outside the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct on Thursday, NAACP leaders also called for grief counselors in the community to help witnesses of the shooting. They claimed witnesses at the scene were intimidated and treated in dehumanizing ways by Minneapolis police officers.

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Photo NAACP: Jamar Clark's alleged assault victim had ankle surgery

Following the clash between police officers and demonstrators outside the Fourth Precinct Wednesday night, the NAACP released a statement, asking "the Minneapolis Police Department to exercise maximum restraint in handling and responding to nonviolent peaceful protestors, to refrain from the indiscriminate use of chemical weapons and rubber bullets, and to avoid physical contact with protestors."

National NAACP leaders are coming to Minneapolis to join the demonstrators, who have been camped outside the Fourth Precinct since Sunday.

"It may be cold, but our hearts are burning for justice. And we will not be silent. We will not be moved. This is not the end," Minneapolis NAACP leader Stephen Green said.

The NAACP is planning to hold a vigil for Clark on Friday outside the Fourth Precinct at 4:30 p.m.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-protest-demands?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

The head of the Minneapolis NAACP Thursday called on federal authorities to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department in the wake of Sunday's police shooting of Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said they're still demanding the release of video recordings of events surrounding Clark's shooting.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led Black Lives Matter protesters in a prayer and chant outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station Wednesday. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

"There have been so many false narratives that have been spun from the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Pounds said. "We've been on the ground, we've talked to witnesses, we have serious concerns about the narratives that are out there that are inconsistent with what many witnesses in the community say happened."

Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP youth and college division, said the NAACP will lead a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the fourth precinct in north Minneapolis. "We may be cold but our hearts are burning for justice. We will not be silent and we will not be moved," Green said. "This is not the end, and we are not going to allow this one moment to pass us by. We are here to stand with systematic and long lasting transformation in this community."

Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend. According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Tensions rose through the night Wednesday as crowds gathered around the 4th Precinct station in Minneapolis.

"We're saying enough is enough," Levy-Pounds told reporters Thursday outside the precinct station.

Accusing the police of a pattern of "abuse and harassment" of north Minneapolis citizens, she called for the department to be placed in "receivership" where it would be overseen by the federal government.

Levy-Pounds also called for grief counselors to be made available to those who witnessed the shooting and accused the police of beating two women outside the 4th Precinct station Wednesday night.

Hundreds of demonstrators surrounded the station Wednesday night after police cleared the building entrance where some protesters had been camped since the Sunday shooting.

Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

A police officer sprayed liquid toward demonstrators outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Wednesday night. John Autey | Pioneer Press via AP

At one tense moment, police fired a small canister they said was intended to mark a suspect who was throwing bricks so they could identify him later.

Later in the evening, a chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Levy-Pounds on Thursday called on police and protesters to "exercise restraint."

Jason Morris lives only a few blocks away from the precinct. He said Wednesday night's confrontations with police were intense, but that protesters were able to stop people who were throwing rocks and water bottles at officers.

"That helped our cause a lot because the police see that. 'They are trying to be peaceful, they are policing themselves, they're not actually trying to destroy us, but they actually want change and justice,'" Morris said.

At least two Minneapolis City Council members attended Wednesday's protests. But Morris said he'd like to see more local lawmakers come and show support.

"We never see them in the streets," Morris said. "And when we do see them, it's when the media is here, that's when they want to come out and show face — we need people here regardless if media is here or not."

John Martin took charge of restoring order at the protest camp on Thursday morning, which had been disordered not only by the night of protest, but by strong winds that had turned over tents across the campsite. The ground of the precinct lawn is torn up, and mud cakes everything from protest signs to the blankets the cold demonstrators had wrapped themselves in.

"We're just reorganizing and regrouping today, and we're not going to rest until justice has been served," Martin said. "We want answers, and we'll continue to do what we're doing until our voices are heard."

North Minneapolis resident Leonard Blount stopped by the protest camp on Thursday afternoon on his way to a doctor's appointment. He said the police response the day before, which included the use of so-called non-lethal weapons like pepper spray, was excessive, especially considering that children were present at the protest.

Blount, who is 48, said he'd like to see a rule requiring more officers to live in the same communities they patrol. An MPR News analysis of police data earlier this year found that only about 5.4 percent of Minneapolis officers live within city limits. State law does not allow cities to institute residency requirements.

"The police used to live in the community: You know your neighbors, you know the business owners, you know the kids," Blount said. "You can deal with people in a different way, and people respect your different way."

Levy-Pounds also dismissed remarks by Minneapolis police union President Lt. Bob Kroll, who told reporters Wednesday that Clark was not handcuffed, as some witnesses allege and that Clark was going for an officer's gun when he was shot.

"The union needs to be dealt with as well," Levy-Pounds said. "There must be checks and balances in terms of police power ... Bob Kroll needs to understand that."

Reggie LeFlore, 29, just moved to south Minneapolis from Omaha, Neb. He said Clark's case is reminiscent of others across the country, but that it's inspiring to see people so actively pushing for more information about his death.

"I spend a lot of time seeing online warriors on Facebook and social media talking about the problems and issues that are going on," LeFlore said. "Yet you have people here in 30 degree weather freezing for a cause, and the cause is just wanting justice."

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968951.shtml>

(with video)

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers.

The Minneapolis Police Federation president Lieutenant Bob Kroll also had strong criticism for city leaders during a Thursday afternoon meeting with reporters.

Kroll says the police officers of the 4th Precinct are under siege and that someone needs to stand up for the two officers involved in the Jamar Clark shooting. Kroll says the officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze acted lawfully and will not be charged with any wrongdoing when the investigation is complete.

Kroll was very critical of the protesters allowed to camp out outside the 4th precinct, stating that officers there are spending more time protecting their building than the streets of North Minneapolis. Kroll says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

He took pointed issue with officers being instructed to remove protesters from the precinct without wearing tactical equipment.

"At first they weren't able to put on helmets and batons. As a police supervisor, I would have never let them go out there without helmets and batons because it looked intimidating. You're not going to risk the officers safety because of the appearance of a militaristic look, that's poor leadership." Kroll add he believes that decision came from the top, or Mayor Betsy Hodges.

Kroll was asked if the people who say they saw Clark in handcuffs at the time of the shooting, were mistaken or lying. He said it's one thing to say that to a reporter or spread it on social media, but if the investigation shows the person was making a false statement, they should be arrested.

Chief Janeé Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she firmly believes in everyone's right to protest and understands that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. She added that she also wanted to ensure everyone's safety. She also asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and for protesters to act peacefully.

Meanwhile, the president of the NAACP in Minneapolis is asking the federal government to take control of the Minneapolis Police Department.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/mpd-union-head-speaks-out-on-jamar-clark-case-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The head of the Minneapolis Police Department union spoke out about the demonstrations happening this week at the 4th precinct in North Minneapolis and the ongoing investigations into the incident.

Lt. Bob Kroll, with the MPD Federation, talked with Chad Hartman on WCCO Radio on Thursday afternoon. He addressed the protests by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, which have been ongoing since shortly after Clark's death early Sunday morning.

"What's going on right now has nothing to do with the investigation, it has to do with an activism movement," he said. "Where is the frustration with the 40-plus murders that have occurred in Minneapolis this year? Why don't we have outcry there?"

Sunday morning's shooting death of Jamar Clark brought two Minneapolis police officers into the limelight. On Wednesday, Kroll stated that Clark was trying to grab one officer's gun and that's when the other shot him.

Kroll disputed the assertions of witnesses who said that Clark, who was unarmed, was handcuffed when he was shot.

"I know that if he had complied with the officers verbal request and leave the scene, come over and be detained and identified, it wouldn't have resulted in a shooting," Kroll said. "I don't think that all 19 arrests by Mr. Clark were by accident or coincidence. At age 24, 19 arrests and a criminal suspect in four others just in the city of Minneapolis isn't by accident. It's criminal behavior by a violent person."

Both Officer Dustin Schwarze and Officer Mark Ringgenberg, who were identified on Wednesday by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, worked in other departments for seven years prior to their hire by Minneapolis.

When asked if Kroll felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he had this to say: "if we had doubts you wouldn't see me coming out." He also added: "What we need is calm. We need a thorough investigation. We need everyone on both sides to remain calm. Let the facts be done and let the facts be presented."

Kroll also criticized what he characterized as weak leadership at City Hall, saying Mayor Betsy Hodges isn't letting police crack down on the protesters because they voted her into office.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/19/black-lives-matter-leaders/76080172/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- Black Lives Matter is unlike the movements before it because it is not led, cannot be led, its members say by one voice.

"It's a decentralized movement. A leader-full movement working to liberate black folks in all realms of oppression," Michael McDowell, one of eight leaders of the Minneapolis BLM chapter, said Thursday.

Not having that one person to be led by, or to be held accountable, is a source of discomfort for those outside the movement but there is a BLM purposefully chose to be led by committee in each of its 26 U.S. chapters.

"I think it's uncomfortable because we live in a hierarchal society. All of our institutional structures embrace that kind of structure and part of this movement is actually challenging those structures," leader Lena K. Gardner said.

It was a movement created just more than two years ago – it began as a hashtag created by a woman in California sharing her thoughts on social media about the Trayvon Martin case.

It swelled quickly and she partnered with others to create the beginning of it all with social pages under the name Black Lives Matter.

The Minneapolis chapter is governed by eight people and the community that guides them.

They are very aware many of you are upset by their occupation of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct and their numerous highway shutdowns.

But that, they say, is precisely the point.

"It's easier just to be confused or to be angry about these small little things instead of just saying I need to face this head on and I do have a role," leader Kandace Montgomery said.

Two different times, especially Wednesday night, violence has come at the BLM campsite at the precinct.

And Black Lives Matter says that is not their work.

"That's another group," Gardner said – adding at many of the BLM rallies and marches outside anarchists and agitators come just to invoke violence.

"One thing we are all on the same page about is that we are absolutely dedicated to nonviolent direct action," Gardner went on to say.

Black Lives Matter has no intention to stop its actions, even those that disrupt, anytime in the near future because they say demonstrations and holding their issues up to the spotlight is the only way everyone can see them.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3968899.shtml>

(with video)

Community leaders are pleading for peace after protesters and police squared off outside the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis on Wednesday night.

Bottles, rocks and Molotov cocktails were thrown, according to police, as protesters demanded answers in the investigation of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the deadly shooting of Jamar Clark.

"It's just a few people, man, that want to sling rocks and, ya know, be negative," VJ Smith, President of the community group Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MAD DADS) said.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Janee Harteau said "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to perpetrate violence."

Harteau showed a rock roughly the size of a football that was allegedly thrown at officers after they cleared protesters away from the precinct's front entrance Wednesday afternoon. She also said several shots were fired. Police eventually used a chemical irritant on the crowd.

Harteau says she believes most of the protesters are peaceful, a sentiment echoed by Smith as he spoke to volunteers at the MAD DADS office just hours after the violence subsided.

"You let a few bad apples mess up the whole thing," Smith said.

He sent volunteers to canvass the neighborhood where Clark was shot early Sunday morning.

Fliers stuffed in front doors on Emerson Avenue North encouraged anyone who saw the shooting to meet with attorneys or paralegals at the Urban League to provide testimony that can help investigators.

"The Urban League is not trying to establish a separate process, to coach witnesses, or to establish an alternative process outside, or parallel to the BCA/DOJ investigation," the flier read. "The goal is to provide a safer environment (considering the circumstances) for the community to tell their stories."

Smith hopes someone can provide a video showing the entire incident. Videos already obtained by state investigators do not show the incident in its entirety, according to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"We have to have everybody that can, come forward," Smith said, adding "whatever you got on your cell phone, whatever you've seen, we need everybody to come forward."

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protesters.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protesters with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/19/clark-not-handcuffed-had-control-of-officers-gun-union-says/76071962/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - The head of the Minneapolis Police Union said Thursday that 24-year-old Jamar Clark was not handcuffed when he was shot, but he was armed -- as he had control of an officer's gun.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, said in a press conference that "Jamar Clark was not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

He went on to say that "someone needs to stand up in a leadership position and make a positive statement for the officers."

"Their names are out there being smeared and everyone's laying by their dish," he said. "They've destroyed the Fourth Precinct and the front yards there. They've taken it over. That's not a place to exercise your First Amendment rights. That's police property. What if people go in there and need our police services? They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire or block the entryway for one minute."

He said Clark refused to show his hands or comply with police orders when police arrived to the scene of a domestic assault. He said he was involved in another domestic incident on Nov. 15, which sent a victim to the hospital with a broken ankle, among other injuries.

Kroll said he was "intimidating paramedics" that were trying to tend to the victim when police were called.

As officers were trying to detain Clark, he pushed back, according to Kroll.

NAACP alleges police violence, demands MPD restraint

"He chose to resist, fight officers and to seize control of an officer's firearm," he said. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist, but instead chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon."

According to the officer's statements about the incident, Clark had physical control of the hand grip of the gun, while it was in the holster.

Kroll said the incident should have been a peaceful encounter with officers.

"It was the actions and the choices of Mr. Clark alone which determined its outcome," he said.

"The officers are going to be exonerated for any wrongdoing. It is a homicide and it will turn out to not be a criminal homicide. It's someone's job to stand up and say that and stand up for the officers because no one else in the city is doing it."

Kroll said Clark's record included a guilty plea to first-degree aggravated robbery in 2010, in which he was sentenced to 41 months in prison. In April, Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats and as part of his sentence, was given a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order, which required him to stay away from the victim until 2020.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/timeline-of-events-in-the-jamar-clark-case/>

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MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Sunday morning's shooting death of Jamar Clark brought two Minneapolis police officers into the public eye.

That single action of pulling the trigger put officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze under an intense investigation.

Lt. Bob Kroll of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis said Wednesday that state and federal authorities are investigating a homicide.

"The question is: Is it justifiable or not?" he told WCCO Radio.

When asked if he felt obligated to support the officers as the union president, he said if he had doubts, "you wouldn't see me coming out."

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This is the first time either Ringgenberg or Schwarze has faced a deadly force investigation.

Prior to working in Minneapolis, Schwarze worked as a Richfield police officer beginning in 2008. Two years before that, he was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park.

Schwarze's employment history doesn't include mention of awards or disciplinary issues, only where he's worked and for how long.

Meanwhile in his two years as a Maple Grove officer, Ringgenberg had two exemplary evaluations, no disciplinary action and internal recognition.

Before that he worked as an officer in San Diego, California.

Both officers have faced lawsuits in federal court.

A 2009 lawsuit accused Schwarze of forcing a man to become an informant through false arrests. A settlement was reached in that case.

Ringgenberg was involved in a 2012 suit that alleged rough treatment during an arrest.

That case was dismissed.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/19/jamar-clark-shooting-4-things-to-know/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted unrest in the city as the community demands answers, while authorities say they can't provide additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Sunday during a struggle with two police officers. Police said Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. But some who say they saw the shooting claim Clark was not struggling, and was handcuffed at the time.

Here's a look at the questions that remain and events surrounding Clark's shooting:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Authorities aren't saying exactly what happened shortly after midnight Sunday, but they say their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's investigating whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had just fallen at the scene.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Protesters who have camped out at the area police station are demanding that police release video of the shooting.

The BCA says investigators have video from several sources, including an ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. But BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said none of the videos captured the entire incident and none will be released while the investigation is ongoing to avoid possibly tainting it.

The police officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were not wearing body cameras, and Evans said there is no video from police squad cars. Authorities are still asking anyone with video to provide it to investigators.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY

Community members have been protesting since Sunday's shooting, with hundreds taking to the interstate on Monday night — prompting 42 arrests — and a small group camped out at the local police precinct. Tensions escalated Wednesday night as a crowd outside the precinct grew. At one point police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers. On Thursday, a Minnesota congressman, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, tweeted a photo of his son at the

protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it “agonizing for me to see.”

Police later reported that several officers sustained minor injuries from rocks and water bottles that were thrown and said several squad cars were damaged.

CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Leaders of the NAACP appealed to Minneapolis police on Thursday to exercise restraint in dealing with protesters. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the local NAACP, also asked the community to exercise restraint.

Meanwhile, the NAACP was organizing a candlelight vigil and march for Friday evening. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP’s youth and college division, plans to attend.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/protesters-stand-ground-amid-clouds-of-mace-at-minneapolis-police-station-7845212>

An overnight standoff at the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis between police and Black Lives Matters protesters became increasingly hostile throughout the evening as police sprayed mace and fired rubber rounds into the crowds.

BLM activists have been camping out at the Fourth Precinct since Sunday afternoon, demanding the release of footage that captured the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer. BLM believes video will show that Clark was handcuffed and lying on the ground when he was executed in point blank range and not reaching for an officer’s gun while harassing a domestic assault victim, as the cops claim.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau ordered the removal of the protesters’ encampment at the door of the precinct Wednesday afternoon because they blocked ordinary citizens from reporting crimes, police said. The chief also demanded maximum restraint.

That order did not exclude the use of mace.

Late into the night, after protesters had spent hours shouting into the cops’ faces and the cops had attempted several maneuvers to surround the crowd and tear down their tents, police began spraying people through the parking lot fence. Protesters held their ground by lifting up tarps and covering their faces.

“They were macing through the entirety of the night,” says BLM spokeswoman Lena Gardner. “It was happening very frequently and very freely. Several officers were being intentionally aggressive, trying to provoke people into being more violent.”

Despite rumors that the police were also shooting off rubber bullets, it appears protesters were referring to marking rounds, which were used to identify people suspected of throwing bricks. Minneapolis police do not have any rubber bullets, spokesman John Elder said.

At the end of the night, most of the crowd had dispersed, but about 20 or two protesters remained on site. The rally continues today.

UPDATE: This video could cast some doubt on the police claim that cops were, themselves, hit with pepperspray by "people who are not officers." Look past the edited video, which is playing for laughs, and you'll see that one cop's indiscriminate use of the spraygun manages to catch another, standing directly in front of him, right in the face.

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Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation in north Minneapolis Nov. 15. Police say Clark had been interfering with paramedics who had been called to a birthday party to aid Clark's girlfriend.

According to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statement, the responding Minneapolis police officers believed the woman was an assault victim and that Clark was a suspect.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Crowds have gathered for more than a week at the 4th Precinct police station to protest the shooting.

- Jamar Clark's parents: 'He should still be here'

The BCA is conducting the criminal investigation of Clark's death. Meanwhile, the U.S. Justice Department has launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Here's what we know so far about the case.

The latest

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night, Nov. 23, 2015, after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Hennepin County prosecutors have until noon Monday to charge four men connected with last week's shootings near a protest camp outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

Five people were shot; none of the victims' injuries were life-threatening, said Minneapolis Police Department spokesperson John Elder.

Activists allege the four men in police custody are "white supremacists" who came to cause trouble.

On Nov. 24, organizers led a march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a stop at the site where Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station.

Differing accounts about what happened

Jamar Clark Javille Burns via AP

Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, told MPR News partner KARE 11 that Clark was not handcuffed during the confrontation and was shot after going for an officer's gun.

However, witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Minneapolis police said initially that he was not cuffed.

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said that handcuffs were at the scene but that they are still investigating whether Clark was handcuffed.

The BCA said no weapons other than those from police were found at the scene.

Experts: Justice probe may not bring closure

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, led protesters in a prayer and chanting outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct. Angela Jimenez for MPR News

Federal officials have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting. And on Nov. 20, national NAACP leaders met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton. The leaders joined demonstrators in a vigil outside the 4th Precinct.

However, former federal officials say the process can be long and can leave community members with dashed expectations, especially when it comes to charges being filed.

The civil rights division of the Justice Department has a special unit looking at criminal cases involving the use of force by law enforcement officers. Officials with that unit will likely be gathering information about the case even as the state investigation proceeds.

Still, it's rare for federal civil rights charges against an officer to stick because the officer needs to be found to have intentionally violated someone's civil rights, said Robert Driscoll, who served in the civil rights division of the DOJ under President George W. Bush.

Protesters want videos released; BCA says no — at least for now

Activists are demanding authorities release video evidence they've gathered.

The BCA said it has some video from the scene in north Minneapolis — including from personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and

a nearby police observation station — although none of it shows the incident "in its entirety," Evans said.

Investigators and protesters alike are interested in video that may exist from cameras mounted on the Elks Club across the street from the shooting. Evans said the BCA is "working with the Elks Club ... to examine their video."

The Ames Elk Lodge on Plymouth Avenue has four security cameras mounted near the roof. There are two cameras on the east wall, directly across the street from the scene of the shooting. The camera closest to the scene of the incident has a fixed mount and faces away from the site of the shooting. Tim Nelson | MPR News

He said the agency won't release the videos during the investigation because it could contaminate witness statements.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger and his fellow federal investigators in the case issued a statement late Friday saying they do not plan to release any evidence, including video, from the shooting.

"Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner," they wrote.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota is among the groups that have called for the videos of the incident to be released. Legal Director Teresa Nelson said that argument could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

Meanwhile, Dayton said that he's seen video from the ambulance camera and that it does not confirm either side's allegations of what happened.

Who are the officers involved?

Officer Mark Ringgenberg Courtesy of San Diego Police Department

BCA investigators have interviewed Minneapolis police officers Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, about their roles in the fatal shooting. Both are seven-year police veterans with 13 months on the Minneapolis force.

It isn't clear which officer fired the shot that killed Clark.

A records summary released by the Minneapolis Police Department shows no complaints lodged through the department's internal affairs unit against Ringgenberg. He previously worked as police officer in Maple Grove, Minn., and San Diego. In 2012, Ringgenberg and another San Diego officer were accused of excessive force. A New Jersey man said Ringgenberg had grabbed him from behind and held him a choke hold. The man's federal civil rights lawsuit was settled.

Schwarze worked as an officer in Richfield, Minn., between 2008 and 2014. He has one open internal affairs query and one case listed as closed with no discipline against him, according to a records release summary from the Minneapolis Police Department.

- What we know: Officers Ringgenberg, Schwarze

Protesters clash with police

Reaction from the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has been swift.

On Nov. 16, protesters blocked the westbound lanes of Interstate 94. With traffic on the busy interstate at a standstill, state troopers directed vehicles down a grassy embankment to an off-ramp.

State Patrol officers and Black Lives Matter protesters showed a battle of wills Monday night as the demonstrators blocked I-94 westbound in Minneapolis for several hours and refused to leave. Many were eventually arrested. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

Authorities ultimately arrested 42 people for the I-94 shutdown.

On Nov. 18, a gathering of hundreds of protesters at the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis grew tense after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Clark was shot by police.

Police said they had to move protesters who were blocking the precinct's entrance to the public. Inspector Mike Friestleben said at least 10 people had been camping there and when officers went to talk to them about leaving, the crowd got angry.

"People started throwing stuff at us right away," he said. "We never even got a chance to talk to them."

But Shvonne Johnson, a St. Catherine University instructor who was there with college students, said officers didn't give them a chance to leave.

A police officer sprayed a liquid toward demonstrators at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct building, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

"They were charging us," she said. "People were trying to get past, to do what they asked us to do, but they came at us with force."

A chemical irritant was used on both sides in at least three separate incidents. Police said they used it after they tried to remove protesters' tarps and had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

Friestleben also says police arrested one man on suspicion of slashing the tires of an unmarked squad car. And police told TV station WCCO several squad cars in the precinct parking lot sustained "significant damage" from bricks.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/what-we-know-about-the-cops-involved-in-jamar-clarks-shooting-7845522>

As tension between protesters and cops mounted outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct on Wednesday, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released the names of the officers involved in Jamar Clark's shooting.

Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze are veteran cops who joined the Minneapolis Police Department in September 2014. Prior to that, Ringgenberg spent two and a half years with the Maple Grove and Osseo police departments.

According to Capt. Adam Lindquist, Ringgenberg's personnel file at Maple Grove was squeaky clean. During his tenure, Ringgenberg received two internal recognitions and "exceeded expectations" in two performance reviews. As one of the state's top DWI arresters, the 30-year-old was given a bronze award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving last year.

No complaints were filed against Ringgenberg, nor were any disciplinary actions taken by the Maple Grove department. He was a "trusted" cop who was respected throughout the department and left in good standing, Lindquist says.

Lindquist, who was once Ringgenberg's supervisor, praised his worth ethic and ability to make "sound judgements on the street." Before taking the job in suburban Minnesota, Ringgenberg was a San Diego cop for more than three and a half years.

"He came to us with valued experience and you can tell," Lindquist says. "He's one of those you hate to see go."

While in San Diego, Ringgenberg was sued for his alleged rough handling of a suspect who was resisting arrest, the Star Tribune reports. However, the 2012 case was eventually thrown out.

Schwarze joined the Minneapolis force after six years with the Richfield Police Department. From September 2006 to October 2008, Schwarze was a community service officer in Brooklyn Park. The entry-level position had Schwarze, now 28, dealing with low-level tasks, such as parking complaints. He did not carry a gun or have authority to make arrests.

Although the case was later dismissed, a 2009 lawsuit reportedly accused Schwarze of trying to force a man to become an informant using threats, unlawful searches, and falsifying police reports. Richfield police did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Clark, 24, died Sunday night of a gunshot wound to the head. He was shot early that morning at the intersection of James and Plymouth avenues in north Minneapolis after officers responded to an alleged assault call. Clark's shooting sparked ongoing protests anchored outside the police department's Fourth Precinct.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/51962>

As protests roiled North Minneapolis, authorities named the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting death (recently ruled a homicide by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner) of Jamar Clark.

At the city's fourth precinct police station, officers used a chemical irritant and other methods to disperse a crowd that had assembled to demand action on the case. KFAI's Friday Morning Blend producer, Rico Morales and Ryan Dawes of the Tuesday Morning Blend were there to report on the story, narrated by Paul Brohaugh of the Thursday Morning Blend.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/city-hall-update/city-leaders-asked-to-show-sympathy-in-wake-of-shooting-death-of-jamar-clark>

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Events surrounding the shooting death of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer were recorded by a number of video cameras, including the phones in people's pockets and a surveillance camera outside a nearby public housing unit.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer and later died after a confrontation in north Minneapolis early Sunday. Police said they were called because Clark was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat an injured woman.

Protesters camped outside the Police Department's 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis have demanded the release of the videos in hope of learning more about how Clark died.

But officials with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is conducting the state investigation into Clark's killing, have said the entire incident isn't contained in any of the videos. BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said they won't release the videos during the investigation because it could contaminate witness statements.

"Releasing them would impact the integrity of the investigation that's ongoing currently, and would impact the integrity of the eventual prosecutorial review process that will be pending at the conclusion of our investigation," Evans said.

State law makes data collected by the law enforcement for an active criminal investigation private.

If police think releasing the video to clear up a misconception about the incident, they could, although they're under no legal obligation to do so. In the past, police departments have released videos of officer-related incidents — St. Paul police released a video showing officers in a skyway stunning a man with a Taser and arresting him.

A camera above the back doors on a paramedic rig outside Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. Brandt Williams | MPR News

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota is among the groups that have called for the videos of the incident to be released. Legal Director Teresa Nelson said the state's argument to not release videos for fear of tainting witness statements could make sense, but that most witness interviews should be done in the first couple days after an incident anyway.

"We have called on police departments to have more transparency because it helps build that relationship with the community," Nelson said. "If the department is closed off and won't provide answers and is very secretive in everything that happens and not communicating with the community, that can foster a climate of distrust."

Since law enforcement officials have declined to release the videos, state law dictates that they'll be released once the investigation becomes inactive. That will occur if an agency drops the investigation, prosecutors decline charges, the statute of limitations expires, all appeals are exhausted or the data are presented as evidence in court, according to statute.

The video obtained by the BCA in the course of the investigation came from sources including personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station.

The BCA has asked anyone with further video of the incident to come forward. Nelson said it's unlikely people would face any legal repercussions for posting videos online that they took of the incident on their own.

"Certainly if they provide BCA with a copy of the video, they still own it, and I would think that BCA would need a court order to prevent them from publishing it," Nelson said. "Courts and the First Amendment frown on that type of prior restraint."

Officers weren't wearing body cameras during the incident. Minneapolis ended a pilot program with body cameras earlier this year, but plan to implement the program in 2016.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/19/%E2%80%98we%E2%80%99ve-shut-place-down%E2%80%99-0>

Sprays of chemical irritant mixed with freezing mist in the air outside Minneapolis' 4th Precinct Wednesday night as police officers attempted to break up the demonstrators who had occupied part of the station since Sunday.

Since the fatal police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday, the city has seen continuous protests led by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. On Wednesday evening, a crowd of hundreds rallied outside the precinct, among them University of Minnesota students.

Montana Filoteo, a gender, women and sexuality studies junior from the University, said she came to the precinct after Black Lives Matter called for backup to keep the group from being pushed out of the space by law enforcement.

Law enforcement has maintained that Clark was trying to disarm police during a physical altercation and deny witness claims that Clark was in handcuffs when he was fatally shot in the head.

“We are here to get justice for Jamar,” Filoteo said.

She and other University students said Clark’s death and the resulting turmoil called them to action.

Earlier this week, demonstrators pressed for an independent investigation into the incident, identification of the officers involved and the release of video footage of the shooting. The first two demands have since been met.

On Thursday, Minnesota’s Bureau of Criminal Apprehension — which is leading an investigation into Sunday’s early-morning incident — named Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze as the officers involved. The U.S. Department of Justice has also launched an inquiry for possible federal civil rights violations.

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released.

He said more people showed up than he expected at Wednesday’s rally, where “Release the tapes” was a popular chant.

“People started pouring in from every angle,” he said.

At points, some protesters became aggressive, but organizers sent out “marshals” to deal with them before they got out of hand, he said.

“I’d rather be pushed than have someone push a police officer,” McDowell said.

Jesse Meisenhelter, a political science senior at Macalester College, said she had been considering participating in the Black Lives Matter movement for some time. Clark’s death prompted her to finally act, she said.

“I’ve always wanted to get involved; this was the most straightforward way to do that,” she said.

On Wednesday afternoon, officers began attempting to clear protesters’ encampments. Their efforts were soon stymied by a human chain that formed outside of the precinct’s chain-linked perimeter.

“We’ve shut this place down,” said McDowell. “We’ve locked them in here.”

Throughout the day, demonstrators faced off with dozens of Minneapolis police officers while chanting phrases including, “Hands up, don’t shoot,” and “Handcuffs, don’t shoot.”

At around 8 p.m., the bottles and gallon jugs that protesters had earlier filled with milk were put into use when officers sprayed chemical irritant at the crowds through the precinct's fence.

Minneapolis Police tweeted that at least one officer was also hit with irritant sprayed from the crowd.

No one appeared to have been seriously injured in the course of the night's events.

"I really appreciate the peaceful, restrained nature of the protest," said Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon. "I wish we would do more as a city to support the protests in the face of this serious and critical time after a terrible killing."

Earlier this week, hundreds blocked Interstate 94-West, demanding that video footage of the incident be made public. The highway's shutdown ended with 51 arrests.

A number of protesters at the precinct Wednesday declined to speak with members of the media — including one woman dressed in University of Minnesota attire.

"I'm here for my community, not for a story," she said.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/crowds-gather-outside-fourth-precinct-for-another-night/>

(links, info from other stories, etc)

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3969227.shtml>

(with video)

Hundreds gathered outside a north Minneapolis police precinct to remember a black man who was fatally shot by an officer.

A candlelight vigil and march organized by the NAACP started at 4:30 p.m. outside the 4th Precinct. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The group started marching peacefully at 6 p.m. heading east down Plymouth Ave N. toward the area where Clark was shot by police. They stopped at the site to pray and sing the protest song "We Shall Overcome" before marching back to the 4th Precinct.

Several speakers are calling for unity and justice. Many attendees are holding candles, and several children are sitting on their parents' shoulders, taking in the event on a cold night. Several bonfires have been lit in the area, filling the air with smoke.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Police Department is warning of a group that may cause a "disturbance", and they are asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that seem out of the ordinary.

"The intelligence we have received has also been distributed through a number of social media channels. We urge everyone to take those messages seriously," a statement from police reads.

Police are asking people take note of physical descriptions, clothing descriptions and vehicle descriptions and call 911.

Dayton Meets with NAACP

Gov. Mark Dayton and the Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges met with national and local leaders of the NAACP at 1 p.m. Friday. The meeting comes as tensions rise between protesters and police after the fatal shooting of Clark.

NAACP national president Cornell William Brooks said Clark's death "is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

Hodges said they talked about the gravity about what happened in Minneapolis and what is happening in the city.

"The governor and I expressed that our hands are out, that our doors are open to anybody who wishes to talk about a peaceful resolution to what's happening right now; but also about long term, what solutions we need to find regarding police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton says the meeting was constructive and he is asking those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and property.

I take this very, very seriously. I want to bring a set of proposals to the Minnesota Legislature in the next session," Dayton told reporters. When asked to react to protests, Dayton said: "The No. 1 priority is peace." He said he asks those who are understandably grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and safety.

"I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together, in a way that only strengthens or overall Minnesota community," he said.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Thursday Night Arrests

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over Clark.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration

outside the station, where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said 12 squad cars had “significant” damage at an estimated \$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said. She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers during Wednesday’s protests.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the early Sunday morning shooting of Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/19/photos-thursday-protests-quieter-more-upbeat>

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Friday November 20

<http://www.startribune.com/naacp-national-president-to-join-minneapolis-rally-over-police-shooting/352243161/>

Hundreds of people of all races and backgrounds congregated Friday evening near police headquarters in north Minneapolis for an emotional rally and candlelight vigil that culminated a week of protests over officers’ fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The president of the national NAACP, who met with state and city leaders earlier in the day at Gov. Mark Dayton’s residence in St. Paul, was among those speaking at the peaceful rally, which many participants called the most significant and inspiring local civil rights gathering in years.

“We are not here to tell you what to do,” Cornell Brooks, head of the national NAACP, told the emotional crowd. “I believe in what’s happening in Minneapolis.”

The death of Jamar Clark, 24, shot in the head during a scuffle Sunday on the city's North Side, has galvanized Minnesota activists — from North Side residents to Black Lives Matter activists to the NAACP — and garnered national attention. As protesters have camped outside Fourth Precinct headquarters on Plymouth Avenue N. and engaged in sometimes tense confrontations with officers, police and civic leaders have pleaded for time to thoroughly investigate the shooting, which is also being examined by federal officials and the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Police have said that Clark lunged for an officer's gun and interfered with officers and paramedics responding to a domestic dispute in which a woman had been injured. The officers involved in Clark's death, Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, are on paid leave.

After the rally, the group marched to the spot a few blocks away where Clark was shot. There, Nekima Levy-Pounds, the Minneapolis NAACP chapter president, said "it could have been any one of us who died."

The president of the NAACP Cornell Brooks spoke during a vigil held in front of the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct. Protesters in front of Minneapolis Fourth Precinct in Minneapolis MN, Friday November 20, 2015.

City Council Member Blong Yang, whose district includes the North Side, and his wife attended the rally. Protesters have called for Yang to join some fellow council members in pushing the city to quickly release tapes of the shooting. He said Friday that he doesn't have the authority to make such a demand. "Legally speaking, we have no control over the tapes at this point," he said.

Other speakers at Friday's rally included the Rev. Brian Herron of Minneapolis' Zion Baptist Church, longtime civil rights activist Josie Johnson and Mahmoud El-Kati, a former Macalester College professor and an African-American history expert.

"I've been to rallies in Ferguson, South Charleston, Los Angeles, Staten Island and Cleveland," the NAACP's Brooks said. "We need to turn up the heat and be in the fight for the long run."

Hours earlier, Brooks met with Dayton, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and others.

"We were talking about community policing and some of the other steps we can take in Minnesota in the future to prevent this kind of tragedy, and I am certainly very interested to pursue those discussions," Dayton said.

As for specific changes, the governor said he is still mulling ways to rebuild trust between black residents and police.

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“I couldn’t give you an answer to that today, except that I asked the president of the NAACP to give us some examples of other states, in terms of community policing, in terms of various outreach that can be made,” he said. “I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota.”

Throughout Friday, the scene at precinct headquarters was peaceful, with some protesters warming themselves at campfires and donning donated hats and mittens. Among those dropping by to express support were clergy members and students from nearby Anwatin Middle School.

Some protesters worked to clear the streets of debris, while others directed traffic.

Helen Williams, who has lived in north Minneapolis for more than 40 years, came to sweep the street and show her support for protesters. Williams, who has long helped families bury their dead when they cannot afford it, said she is helping the Clark family plan for their son’s funeral.

“I’m here to do my part to offer crowd control and hugs,” she said.

‘We are all one’

Several Minnesota progressive and labor groups issued statements urging a thorough and transparent investigation. State DFL Chair Ken Martin said, “It is hard to have hope for the future when it seems that our community has turned an indifferent eye to the very real and persistent issues facing communities of color in Minnesota. The DFL stands by everyone working peacefully for a transparent investigation and to bring the conversation of fairness and justice to the forefront.”

A coalition of leaders from African immigrant communities said at a news conference in Brooklyn Park that immigrant groups support protesters’ call for clarity and justice in the Clark case.

“The African community is united with our African-American brothers and sisters,” said Abdullah Kiatamba, executive director of the group African Immigrant Services. “We are all one. A harm to one is a harm to all of us.”

Early in the day, a divided Minneapolis City Council met in a closed session. City Attorney Susan Segal said the council received a briefing from the city’s emergency management director, Barret Lane, and a police update.

The issue has exposed divisions among council members, some of whom have occasionally joined the protest. North Side council members have criticized their colleagues for participating in the occupation of the precinct, calling their actions unhelpful.

On Friday afternoon, tensions between the police union and Chief Janeé Harteau spilled over when Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the police union, said on WCCO Radio that Harteau has not handled the crisis well and that she should have ordered an immediate clearing of the protesters’ camp.

Chief speaks briefly

The chief appeared before the crowd around 8:30 p.m., speaking behind a double barricade at the precinct's main entrance. She tried to talk to individual demonstrators, but those unable to hear quickly became agitated and urged her to get a microphone.

A bystander yelled, "we want to be able to hear you so we can hold you accountable."

"I don't have tapes to release," Harteau calmly told one protester. "I thought I'd come out and talk to you, but if you only want to talk to someone who has the power to release tapes, that's not me."

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The crowd began chanting "show the tapes," and Harteau left a minute later, going back inside the precinct.

The BCA has several videos of the shooting but none shows the event in its entirety. The videos will not be released until the investigation is finished, the agency said.

At the outset, police leaders and Kroll said Clark was not handcuffed at the time he was shot. The BCA said handcuffs were at the scene and agents were working to determine whether they were on Clark.

Police records show no disciplinary actions directed at Ringgenberg. Schwarze has been the subject of one case closed with no discipline; another remains under investigation. Both men have been police officers for seven years, including 13 months apiece with the Minneapolis department.

Late Friday, U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Vanita Gupta and Minneapolis FBI Division chief Richard Thornton issued a joint statement emphasizing that the shooting is under intensive investigation and adding: "Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner."

As Friday night drew to a close, protesters remained at the site, chanting and singing peacefully. Although it appeared that the rally had helped ease tensions, questions about Clark's death were no closer to being answered.

Said Dayton: "I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together in a way that only strengthens our overall Minnesota community."

<http://www.startribune.com/photos-national-naacp-holds-a-candlelight-vigil-at-the-4th-precinct/352298131/>

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<http://www.startribune.com/man-killed-in-police-shooting-tried-to-escape-troubled-past/352295241/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The troubled past that Jamar Clark struggled for years to escape now hangs over the investigation into his death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer.

Family members and friends say the 24-year-old was on the right track in the months leading up to the shooting early Sunday. He cared deeply about his parents — biological and adoptive — and his 14 siblings, and had a job and hopes of going to college.

But police union representatives point to Clark's criminal history as proof that he was a bad actor, and they contend he was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot. Beyond the domestic assault call alleging Clark had hurt his girlfriend that brought police to the north Minneapolis neighborhood, he spent three years in and out of prison for a robbery conviction. More recently, he was on probation for threatening to burn down an ex-girlfriend's house after a bitter break-up and was awaiting trial for a July arrest for fleeing police in a high-speed chase.

Black Lives Matter protesters outside the police precinct insist Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, which police dispute. His death laid bare the tension between Minneapolis' black community and law enforcement and, the protesters say, exposed deeply embedded societal problems that made Clark's history impossible to move past.

"None of our children deserve to be shot and killed, and then talked about like they are animals," said Bettie Smith, who joined protesters Monday to discuss her son's death in a 2008 officer-involved shooting.

Amid federal and state investigations into Clark's death, several family members declined to talk with The Associated Press. Wilma and James Clark, who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 4, acknowledged his legal trouble in an interview with MPR News but said he was fixing it.

"He was trying to do right. He was trying to turn his life around," James Clark said.

Clark spent much of his 20's in and out of prison, serving a three-year sentence for a first-degree robbery conviction in 2010. He had been convicted of a petty misdemeanor for possessing a small amount of marijuana in 2009.

In a letter on behalf of one of the officers involved in the shooting, an attorney and Minneapolis police union president Bob Kroll listed some of his past crimes, saying Clark was "not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

But when Tim Hoag and his wife hired Clark earlier this year — first to help out with painting and cleanup at their rental homes, then at Hoag's moving and trucking company — Hoag said they found an energetic yet polite young man, a hard and trustworthy worker with a bright personality and a "million-dollar smile."

Hoag also saw that Clark couldn't escape the trouble from his past: the familiar signs of a felon recently released from prison, struggling to get his footing. At times he couldn't afford bus fare for work and struggled with stable housing. Hoag put him up at a motel for a few days to help out, and gave him as many hours of work at Copeland Trucking as he could, helping in the warehouse or on moves.

Clark was ashamed of his past, he said. Hoag was sure he could move past it, maybe to become a full-time truck driver for the company.

"Jamar was a troubled youth that was put into the correction system. The system failed miserably," Hoag said. "He didn't know what he wanted to do. He needed to earn money,"

Tiffany Truitt saw two sides of Clark in the few months last winter they dated. When things were going well, he was a nurturing, loving man who was drawn to her four children, giving them advice and helping them sell candy for school.

"He was always talking about family. He wanted a family," Truitt said. "He cared about his family being connected with each other. He cared about having somebody care about him."

But when their relationship soured, she saw a man who snapped while gathering his things from her house after the breakup. He threw a brick through Truitt's window and threatened to burn her apartment unit down — leaving behind a trail of lighter fluid to prove it, according to court documents. Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats for the March incident, getting a probation sentence and an order not to contact Truitt.

Despite the order, Clark eventually reached out through Facebook to apologize — and Truitt accepted. He was going to sign up for community college, he told her.

He had a good heart but he didn't have the structure to be the person he wanted to be, Truitt said.

"He was trying to learn," she said. "He was looking for direction."

As pictures of Clark circulated online after his death, Hoag saw Clark's sly grin in a selfie, wearing his Copeland Trucking hat. Hoag let out a sigh pierced with pain.

"It makes me feel like a failure," he said of that photo. "I'm sitting here wishing I had done more. I wish I had made one more phone call. I wish we would have been able to give him a few more hours."

<http://www.startribune.com/activists-press-for-answers-after-minnesota-police-shooting/352275981/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Hundreds of people gathered outside a Minneapolis police precinct on a cold Friday night to call for peace and release of videos after a black man was fatally shot by an officer.

Protesters have been camped at the police station since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot last Sunday. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said "coming together shows we can achieve justice." She told Friday's crowd she wants police to treat community with respect, "as if we were members of your own family."

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“We were talking about community policing and some of the other steps we could take in Minnesota in the future to prevent this kind of tragedy,” Dayton said Friday. “I am certainly very interested to pursue those discussions in the weeks and months ahead... I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota, and we’ll engage NAACP leaders and others throughout the state.”

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The meeting with Dayton and Hodges was at the request of national and local NAACP leaders. The meeting with the governor lasted nearly two hours at his residence in St. Paul. When he had to leave to attend the investiture of Minnesota’s newest Supreme Court Justice, Natalie Hudson, the meeting continued without him for another 30 minutes. Dayton said he’s available to meet with the leaders again over the weekend if necessary.

The discussion included the NAACP’s nationwide president and CEO Cornell William Brooks and NAACP’s state, Minneapolis and St. Paul leaders, as well as Dayton’s commissioner of public safety and human rights.

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"We have to vote, turn up the heat and turn up the light," Brooks said as hundreds held up flaming lighters. "We have to press our case, make our case forcibly but also nonviolently."

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And in a joint statement Friday night, federal authorities backed up state and local investigators who have rebuffed demands for the release of the videos.

The statement came from U.S. Attorney Andy Luger; the assistant attorney general for civil rights, Vanita Gupta; and the special agent in charge of the FBI's Minneapolis office, Richard Thornton.

They said release of any information, including any video, would be "extremely detrimental" to the independent investigation that the Justice Department and FBI are conducting into whether Clark's death violated any federal laws.

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The troubled past that Jamar Clark struggled for years to escape now hangs over the investigation into his death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer.

Family members and friends say the 24-year-old was on the right track in the months leading up to the shooting early Sunday. He cared deeply about his parents -- biological and adoptive -- and his 14 siblings, and had a job and hopes of going to college.

But police union representatives point to Clark's criminal history as proof that he was a bad actor, and they contend he was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot. Beyond the domestic assault call alleging Clark had hurt his girlfriend that brought police to the North Minneapolis neighborhood, he spent three years in and out of prison for a robbery conviction. More recently, he was on probation for threatening to burn down an ex-girlfriend's house after a bitter breakup and was awaiting trial for a July arrest for fleeing police in a high-speed chase.

Black Lives Matter protesters outside the police precinct insist Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, which police dispute. His death laid bare the tension between Minneapolis' black community and law

enforcement and, the protesters say, exposed deeply embedded societal problems that made Clark's history impossible to move past.

"None of our children deserve to be shot and killed, and then talked about like they are animals," said Bettie Smith, who joined protesters Monday to discuss her son's death in a 2008 officer-involved shooting.

Amid federal and state investigations into Clark's death, several family members declined to talk with the Associated Press. Wilma and James Clark, who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 4, acknowledged his legal trouble in an interview with Minnesota Public Radio News but said he was fixing it.

"He was trying to do right. He was trying to turn his life around," James Clark said.

Clark spent much of his 20s in and out of prison, serving a three-year sentence for a first-degree robbery conviction in 2010. He had been convicted of a petty misdemeanor for possessing a small amount of marijuana in 2009.

In a letter on behalf of one of the officers involved in the shooting, an attorney and Minneapolis police union president Bob Kroll listed some of his past crimes, saying Clark was "not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

But when Tim Hoag and his wife hired Clark earlier this year -- first to help out with painting and cleanup at their rental homes, then at Hoag's moving and trucking company -- Hoag said they found an energetic yet polite young man, a hard and trustworthy worker with a bright personality and a "million-dollar smile."

Hoag also saw that Clark couldn't escape the trouble from his past: the familiar signs of a felon recently released from prison, struggling to get his footing. At times, he couldn't afford bus fare for work and struggled with stable housing. Hoag put him up at a motel for a few days to help out, and gave him as many hours of work at Copeland Trucking as he could, helping in the warehouse or on moves.

Clark was ashamed of his past, he said. Hoag was sure he could move past it, maybe to become a full-time truck driver for the company.

"Jamar was a troubled youth that was put into the correction system. The system failed miserably," Hoag said. "He didn't know what he wanted to do. He needed to earn money."

Tiffany Truitt saw two sides of Clark in the few months last winter that they dated. When things were going well, he was a nurturing, loving man who was drawn to her four children, giving them advice and helping them sell candy for school.

"He was always talking about family. He wanted a family," Truitt said. "He cared about his family being connected with each other. He cared about having somebody care about him."

But when their relationship soured, she saw a man who snapped while gathering his things from her house after the breakup. He threw a brick through Truitt's window and threatened to burn her

apartment unit down -- leaving behind a trail of lighter fluid to prove it, according to court documents. Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats for the March incident, getting a probation sentence and an order not to contact Truitt.

Despite the order, Clark eventually reached out through Facebook to apologize -- and Truitt accepted. He was going to sign up for community college, he told her.

He had a good heart but he didn't have the structure to be the person he wanted to be, Truitt said.

"He was trying to learn," she said. "He was looking for direction."

As pictures of Clark circulated online after his death, Hoag saw Clark's sly grin in a selfie, wearing his Copeland Trucking hat. Hoag let out a sigh pierced with pain.

"It makes me feel like a failure," he said of that photo. "I'm sitting here wishing I had done more. I wish I had made one more phone call. I wish we would have been able to give him a few more hours."

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/dayton-hodges-meet-with-naacp-leaders/76118864/>

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Minnesota's Governor and the mayor of Minneapolis are meeting Friday afternoon with national and local leaders of the NAACP in an effort to ease the racial tensions ignited by the death of a black man at the hands of two police officers.

The meeting was called after six days of unrest in the wake of the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. As hostilities, rhetoric and demonstrations at the fourth police precinct have escalated, the eyes of the nation have increasingly been on Minneapolis and its long-simmering racial wounds.

NAACP National President Cornell William Brooks, Minnesota NAACP President WC Jordan, Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds and St. Paul NAACP President Jeff Martin were all seen walking into the Governor's mansion around 1 p.m. Friday to sit down with Mr. Dayton and Betsy Hodges, who earlier this week agreed to put federal authorities in charge of the officer-involved shooting of Clark.

A candlelight vigil and march is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday at the fourth precinct, the site of violent episodes in recent nights. Both activists and police have blamed each other for escalating violence, but both sides have also sounded calls for restraint and respect during protests.

<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/wake-police-shooting-split-among-minneapolis-council-members>

Tension over the shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer spilled over into a meeting of the 13-member city council Friday, spurred by a brief protest by longtime anti-police-brutality activists.

Although nothing directly related to Clark's shooting — or to the community's response to it — was on the council's agenda, the Friday morning incident revealed an ongoing dispute that has been waged throughout the week via press conferences and social media: a disagreement between council members who believe they should be directly involved in protests and those who think such participation is premature, even inappropriate.

Staged by three members of Communities United Against Police Brutality, Friday morning's protest got underway just as the council's regular business meeting was beginning. That's when Communities United's Michelle Gross approached the podium and began speaking to the council about what she thinks is a lack of police accountability. "We're amending your agenda," Gross said.

Council members and city staff seemed prepared for the protest, however. Council President Barbara Johnson immediately told Gross there was no public testimony taken at regular meetings, read the rule and asked security guards, who were there in greater numbers than usual, to remove Gross. Two other protesters took to the podium in sequence and were also removed.

"This is just another sign that the city is not ready to listen and not ready to take action on pressing matters," said Dave Bickling as he was being removed. The three were not arrested or cited.

Between the protester comments, Council Member Lisa Bender tried to intervene in Johnson's order to remove the protesters, moving to suspend the rule against public testimony. The motion was seconded by Council Member Alondra Cano but failed on a voice vote. The move constituted a public challenge to Johnson, and came just a day after Johnson had called out Bender and other council members for taking part in demonstrations at the 4th precinct police station.

"It is not helpful when council members criticize the tactical decisions that are made by our chief of police," Johnson said at a Thursday press conference with Mayor Betsy Hodges and Police Chief Janee Harteau, called to talk about the previous evening, when police cleared demonstrators from the entrance to the 4th precinct. That move triggered even broader protests and tense confrontations between police and protesters.

Johnson, who along with Council Member Blong Yang represents the parts of the city covered by the 4th precinct, called the presence of council members at the protests "very awkward."

"I just think people need to act responsibly about their duties and understand this is a very troubling challenge for a community that Council Member Yang and I represent," Johnson said. "This is our 4th precinct. Our citizens and residents depend on this precinct."

Yang said the city has responded to most of the demands made by protesters: an independent investigation and the release of the names of the two officers involved in the shooting. But the video of the incident isn't the city's to release, he said. It is now possessed by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is doing the initial investigation.

Johnson mentioned no names but at least three council members took part in demonstrations: Bender, Cano and Cam Gordon. Their appearances gave support to demands made by Black Lives Matter and other groups, including a demand to immediately release all video that might capture the shooting.

Bender and Cano were both critical of the police use of chemical irritants and devices Wednesday night that might have been paintball-type guns but looked very real to demonstrators:

Gordon said Friday he wasn't bothered by criticism of his presence at the demonstration, calling it part of the job. "We can be supportive," he said. "We can encourage positive people to come out there and be part of the solution."

Friday's protest at the meeting pointed out what some view as a gap in council rules. Unlike some other local governments, Minneapolis' council does not provide any opportunity for residents to speak on general topics. Testimony is taken at committee meetings, but only on the matters before that committee. Its rules can be suspended to allow the public to address the council — something it did Wednesday for testimony on the city budget — but that procedure is rarely followed.

Both the Minneapolis Board of Education and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board have public forums during its regular meetings that allow residents to speak on any topic. Gordon was asked by a reporter after Friday's meeting why residents shouldn't have expected the council to discuss the killing of Clark. Gordon said that the every-other-week regular meeting is mostly to approve the work of the committees. But he said he would support a change to council rules to provide for a public forum.

"But I'm just one vote," Gordon said.

Twelve of the 13 members are DFL party members. Gordon is affiliated with the Green Party and on many issues is more liberal than many of the DFL members. That doesn't mean the council is monolithic. Several votes during last year's budget adoption, for example — including one to reduce to size of the tax levy — were 7-6, with Johnson prevailing thanks to the support of Council Members Yang, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Jacob Frey and Linea Palmisano. Voting against the tax cut — and some resulting cuts to the budget proposal — were Elizabeth Glidden, Gordon, Bender, Cano, John Quincy and Andrew Johnson.

The only mention of the Sunday shooting came from Glidden, the council's vice president, who referenced the incident during the approval of a historic designation for the headquarters of the city's black-owned newspaper, the Spokesman-Recorder.

"It is no secret that Minnesota and Minneapolis are the subject to international news right now in a way that we wish we were not but we are," Glidden said. The Spokesman-Recorder, she said, has been in the middle of covering that news for the community.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/minneapolis-council-meeting-interrupted-protest/76130324/>

MINNEAPOLIS – Observers expected a protest at Friday's meeting of the Minneapolis City Council by the Black Lives Matter group. Instead, there was a disruption by a different group: "Communities United Against Police Brutality" (CUAPB).

Three members of the group tried to talk over Council President Barbara Johnson at the beginning of the regularly scheduled meeting. All three were removed by security as they continued to call loudly to the council members.

"We will be heard! We will be heard!" shouted Michelle Gross of Minneapolis.

However, she and her fellow protesters were not heard. The Council rules prohibit public comment at their meetings. They permit public comment at committee meetings. An attempt to suspend the rules and allow the speakers failed on a voice vote.

Afterwards, CUAPB member Dave Bicken said their protest was in sympathy with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest at the Minneapolis 4th Precinct.

"It was prompted by the shooting of Jamar Clark, of course," said Bicken. "And the outrage that is shown by that. Outrage in the community and the outrageous behavior of our police department for the shooting itself."

Three Council members, Cam Gordon, Lisa Bender and Alondra Cano spoke at the 4th Precinct Thursday night in support of the BLM protest, which reportedly did not please Council President Barbara Johnson.

"She has not talked to me about this," said Gordon. "That is fine. That is what my job is. People look at what I am doing. They give me input and feedback and advice and criticism and everybody has their right to do that."

The council held a closed meeting after the regular council meeting. They got a briefing on security at the 4th Precinct, but took no votes, according to Susan Segal, Minneapolis City Attorney.

"I cannot disclose anything that was discussed during it because it is confidential," said Segal. "I mean It is private under the open meeting law."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3970093.shtml>

(RAW video, didn't grab)

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/3-activists-removed-from-mpls-city-council-meeting/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Friday’s Minneapolis City Council meeting received an unexpected interruption as one organization spoke out against the shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer.

Jamar Clark was shot and killed by Minneapolis Police early Sunday morning after officers responded to an assault call. The police union says Clark tried reaching for one of the officers guns. Some witnesses say Clark was restrained and in handcuffs.

It was a quieter and peaceful night Thursday at Minneapolis’ 4th precinct as people continue to protest, but protesters — not associated with the group Black Lives Matter Minneapolis — showed up at the Minneapolis City Council meeting to confront councilmembers.

Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality asked supporters to join her at Friday’s meeting.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, Gross interrupted and told leaders police need to be held accountable for Clark’s death.

City Council president Barb Johnson told Gross she was out of order, but she continued her message until being escorted outside by four officers. As she was escorted out, Gross shouted, “We will be heard. You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community.”

Two more supporters followed her lead, before also being led outside.

Even though the protesters were escorted out of the meeting, they believe they were still effective. They say Friday’s actions are just the beginning, but stopped short of giving details about future plans.

“We have people who are righteously angered, and we need to address people’s concerns. They shouldn’t be sitting there talking about mundane matters of city business,” Gross said. “Not now. They should be addressing the community and dealing with what the community needs right now ... Our city’s an inch away from turning into Ferguson.”

Lamorris Brayden left the sit-in at the 4th Precinct to see if his voice would be heard, but not to interrupt the meeting.

“Right now, there ain’t no place I’d rather be. I quit my job to be there,” Brayden said. I’m willing to talk to anyone that’s willing to listen.”

He never got that opportunity, and neither did Julian Johnson. City council meetings do not allow for public comment, which is left for committee meetings.

“It would have been nice if they would have allowed some public comment because we’re in crisis,” Johnson said. “We are definitely in crisis.”

Ward 2 Councilman Cam Gordon says this is a scenario he has seen play out before.

“It’s not unusual for me to see people coming in thinking they’re going to have opportunity to address the council and we’re not really providing it automatically here,” Gordon said.

The meeting ended with many promising to return. For them, this issue is too important to ignore.

“You can’t continue to have business as usual,” Johnson said. “Look in streets, OK. They’re not going anywhere.”

There was an attempt to suspend the rules and allow that public comment Friday, but that motion failed.

After talking to the more vocal demonstrators, it is sounding like this will not be the last time that the city council meeting has that kind of interruption.

Gordon and fellow councilmembers Alondra Cano and Lisa Bender have expressed their support for protesters and their demands to release video evidence in the case. They even attended a rally to show solidarity Thursday night.

Someone was at the meeting wearing a shirt bearing a “Black Lives Matter” message. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has spent its time at the 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue. Protesters remain there. Some have camped out since Sunday.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders tweeted support for those protesting Clark’s death in North Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mayor-hodges-to-meet-with-naacp-members-friday/>

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MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Three people protesting the shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police were removed from Friday morning's city council meeting for disrupting the scheduled proceedings.

"We will be heard," said Michelle Gross, an activist with Communities United Against Police Brutality. "You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Hundreds of protesters have been occupying the grounds of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct since Sunday's deadly shooting. Clark, 24, was shot by Minneapolis police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N.

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 2 Minneapolis police officers responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

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Gross did not leave quietly.

"We will be heard! We will be heard! You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community!" she yelled while being escorted out by law enforcement staffed at the meeting.

A man and another woman from the group did the same thing, and they were escorted out of the room by law enforcement.

The activists were advised that the public is welcome to attend city council meetings, but rules require those in attendance to refrain from disruptions.

Michelle told reporters Clark's shooting death on Sunday, Nov. 15, was not justified and they want city leaders to act faster in the investigation.

"There are things this city council can do today to meaningfully take on police brutality and hold police accountable, and they flat out refuse to do it," she said.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/small-protest-opens-mpls-city-council-meeting/76103086/>

MINNEAPOLIS - Friday's meeting of the Minneapolis City Council got off to a slightly bumpy start thanks to three protesters who were escorted out by police after interrupting the proceedings.

The meeting had just started when activist Michelle Gross took to the podium and began speaking loudly about issues between Minneapolis Police and the city's black community. City Council President Barb Johnson repeatedly asked Gross to sit down as it was not time for public comment but Gross, founder of the group Communities United Against Police Brutality, refused to stop speaking. Johnson eventually asked police officers staffing the meeting to remove Gross from chambers. "We will be

heard... you will be held accountable for what you have done to our community," Gross shouted as she was escorted out.

Immediately after Gross was removed from the room another man stood at the podium and began speaking over the council's business. He was escorted out, as was another woman who took the podium after him.

Activists from the Minneapolis Chapter of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter had hinted that they would disrupt the City Council with a major presence, but 30 minutes into the meeting there was no sign of a major demonstration.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/mpd-chief-union-head-spar-over-4th-precinct-protests-on-wcco-radio/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Two city law enforcement leaders exchanged heated words on live radio Friday afternoon.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau called into WCCO Radio Friday afternoon during a conversation with Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis Police Union, over recent protests by Black Lives Matter activists at the 4th Precinct.

He was speaking to WCCO-TV's Pat Kessler and WCCO Radio's John Williams at around 3 p.m. Friday when Harteau called in.

Kroll has been critical of the city's decision to allow protesters to occupy space on the grounds of the 4th precinct headquarters. Some protesters have sprayed graffiti and have thrown bricks and rocks at officers keeping the peace there.

Before Harteau called in, Kroll said he was disappointed in Mayor Betsy Hodges' handling of the situation, and said that a number of police officers have said they felt it was becoming her "Benghazi."

Protesters have been camping outside the precinct for days, ever since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark early Sunday morning after an struggle.

Earlier Friday, three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis City Council meeting. And a number of religious and political leaders have joined with Black Lives Matter and the NAACP at the 4th precinct demonstrations, including Rep. Keith Ellison.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3969227.shtml>

(new video)

Hundreds gathered outside a north Minneapolis police precinct to remember a black man who was fatally shot by an officer.

A candlelight vigil and march organized by the NAACP started at 4:30 p.m. outside the 4th Precinct. Stephen Green, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, said the weather may be cold, but people's hearts are burning for justice for 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The group started marching peacefully at 6 p.m. heading east down Plymouth Ave N. toward the area where Clark was shot by police. They stopped at the site to pray and sing the protest song "We Shall Overcome" before marching back to the 4th Precinct.

Several speakers are calling for unity and justice. Many attendees are holding candles, and several children are sitting on their parents' shoulders, taking in the event on a cold night. Several bonfires have been lit in the area, filling the air with smoke.

Meanwhile, the Minneapolis Police Department is warning of a group that may cause a "disturbance", and they are asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that seem out of the ordinary.

"The intelligence we have received has also been distributed through a number of social media channels. We urge everyone to take those messages seriously," a statement from police reads.

Police are asking people take note of physical descriptions, clothing descriptions and vehicle descriptions and call 911.

Dayton Meets with NAACP

Gov. Mark Dayton and the Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges met with national and local leaders of the NAACP at 1 p.m. Friday. The meeting comes as tensions rise between protesters and police after the fatal shooting of Clark.

NAACP national president Cornell William Brooks said Clark's death "is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

Hodges said they talked about the gravity about what happened in Minneapolis and what is happening in the city.

"The governor and I expressed that our hands are out, that our doors are open to anybody who wishes to talk about a peaceful resolution to what's happening right now; but also about long term, what solutions we need to find regarding police-community relationships," Hodges said.

Dayton says the meeting was constructive and he is asking those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and property.

I take this very, very seriously. I want to bring a set of proposals to the Minnesota Legislature in the next session," Dayton told reporters. When asked to react to protests, Dayton said: "The No. 1 priority is peace." He said he asks those who are understandably grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and safety.

"I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together, in a way that only strengthens or overall Minnesota community," he said.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, renewed demands for investigators to release video of the shooting. She rejected authorities' claims that releasing video would compromise the integrity of the investigation.

Thursday Night Arrests

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over Clark.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station, where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said 12 squad cars had "significant" damage at an estimated \$25,000. Two portable cameras were also damaged at an estimated \$13,000, and the precinct itself has a broken window, damaged fence and a totaled retaining wall, she said. She also said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers during Wednesday's protests.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the early Sunday morning shooting of Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

The head of the Minneapolis police union, Bob Kroll, says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/naacp-president-leads-hundreds-in-minneapolis-rally-police-on-alert/>

(links to other stories)

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/52277979-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The National NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks joined activists from the Minneapolis NAACP, Black Lives Matter, and community members for a candlelight vigil in memory of Jamar Clark on Friday night.

"Brother Jamar cannot be with us this evening, but we can stand and seek justice for him and for his family," Brooks told the crowd. "I need you to take care of yourselves. I need you to keep yourselves safe. We need to be in this fight for the long run."

The vigil took place outside the 4th Precinct station where police and protesters have clashed almost every night for the past week following Clark's death. It then turned into a short march to the scene where Clark was killed.

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Photo National NAACP President joins protesters outside 4th Precinct for Jamar Clark vigil

"We have to both turn up the heat and turn up the light. We have to press our way, make our case, make our case forcefully but also non-violently," Brooks said.

Brooks also met with Gov. Mark Dayton and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges on Friday to discuss the case and police tactics employed during the shooting.

"I asked the President of the NAACP to give us examples from other cities and states in terms of community policing and various outreaches that can be made," Dayton said. "I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota and then we'll gage NAACP leaders and others throughout the state. I take this very seriously."

Following the vigil, U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Vanita Gupta and Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Minneapolis Division Richard T. Thornton released a statement on their independent investigation:

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, and FBI Minneapolis Division are conducting an independent investigation into whether the death of Jamar Clark violated any federal criminal statutes. As is our practice in conducting investigations into allegations of constitutional violations committed under color of law, experienced federal prosecutors and FBI agents are conducting a thorough review of all evidence in this case. That includes interviewing relevant witnesses, reviewing relevant information, and pursuing leads. We are doing so in a manner that ensures the integrity of the investigation and the reliability of the information obtained.

Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/vigil-for-jamar-clark-held-at-mpls-police-precinct/76128902/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - National NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks joined activists from the Minneapolis NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and community leaders for a Friday night vigil in memory of Jamar Clark.

"As I travel across this country, what I've seen in Ferguson, in Staten Island, in north Charleston, in Cleveland, in Los Angeles, in Chicago -- what we've seen over and over and over again is a generation of people who are saying enough is enough," Brooks told the crowd

NAACP president speaks at vigil KARE

Clark was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer after an altercation early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice.

Vigil for Jamar Clark held at Mpls. police precinct.

Hundreds of people gathered for Friday evening's candlelight vigil, which was held at the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct headquarters in the city's northside.

Minneapolis Police Chief talks to crowd KARE

Protesters have been camping outside and protesting all week just outside the police precinct.

Day 12 of protests at 4th Precinct: What we know

The U.S. Attorney's Office and F.B.I. sent out a news release Friday night explaining why they won't release videotapes in the Clark case for now.

Here's the statement:

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/police-on-alert-at-4th-precinct-candlelit-vigil-for-jamar-clark/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Six days after Jamar Clark's shooting, chants of protest have turned to prayer, and police are there, making sure that group stays safe.

Protesters believe Clark was handcuffed when police shot him early Sunday morning. The Police union says that was not the case and an officer shot Clark because he reached for one of the officer's guns.

As they have since Sunday night, a large crowd is gathering outside the 4th precinct. A community vigil started at around 4:30 p.m. Friday. Police are on alert, after hearing a group may try to disrupt the vigil.

Early in the evening, police posted pictures to Twitter of items they say were recovered at the protest — several different bottles filled with gasoline, made into 'Molotov cocktail' explosives.

During Thursday night's protest, someone used chalk and spray paint to mark the 4th precinct with Jamar Clark's name and some profanities were also sprayed on the building. Police did say they made two arrests for the vandalism that night.

Earlier in the afternoon, Minneapolis police said they received information that an outside group may cause a disturbance.

Organizers say the night's start of the weekend means they could see the largest crowd so far. The guest of honor at the night's vigil is the national NAACP President Cornell William Brooks.

"What we're seeing, again and again, is a generation of people who are saying enough is enough," he said at the rally.

He also reiterated the importance of remaining peaceful after a week filled with confrontations with police.

"If there's no struggle, there's no progress," Brooks said.

Brooks' words lead supporters to march two blocks away, to the scene of Clark's early Sunday morning shooting.

Around 8 p.m., Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau took questions from protesters outside the precinct.

Police shot Jamar Clark early Sunday morning during an assault call. Investigators say he had attacked a woman earlier and started interfering with paramedics when they arrived to help her.

Police say when Officers Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg arrived, a struggle broke out. The police union said Clark tried to disarm one of the officers, and had control of the officer's gun.

That's when the other officer shot him in the head. The police union says the woman who Clark attacked went to the hospital with a broken ankle and other injuries.

Protesters at the rally made their demands clear — They want to see unedited footage from the night Jamar Clark was shot, which was turned over to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for their investigation.

At around 8 p.m. Friday night, while protesters circled the 4th Precinct calling for the video to be released, the FBI and U.S. Attorney's office in Minnesota released a statement on why that video can't be released until the investigation is finished:

"The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and FBI Minneapolis Division are conducting an independent investigation into whether the death of Jamar Clark violated any federal criminal statutes. As is our practice in conducting investigations into allegations of constitutional violations committed under color of law, experienced federal prosecutors and FBI agents are conducting a thorough review of all evidence in this case. That includes interviewing relevant witnesses, reviewing relevant information, and pursuing leads. We are doing so in a manner that ensures the integrity of the investigation and the reliability of the information obtained.

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<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/20/photos-emotional-candlelight-vigil-rallies-protesters>

(with photo gallery)

Demonstrators in front of the Minneapolis police department's Fourth Precinct held a vigil late Friday afternoon, as leaders from the national NAACP joined the group's nearly weeklong efforts.

Prayers, poetry, speeches and song carried the roughly hourlong service, as the gathered crowd held candles and peppered the speakers with applause and encouragement.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds called it "the most beautiful gathering I've ever seen in my life."

<https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/11/photo-gallery-shooting-jamar-clark-sparks-turbulent-week-minneapolis>

(with photo gallery)

On Friday morning, three members of an organization called Communities United Against Police Brutality staged a brief demonstration at a meeting of the Minneapolis City Council.

The group's demonstration, to protest what members said was a lack of police accountability, punctuated a tumultuous week in the city: five days that would include protests, demonstrations, dueling press conferences and confrontations between police and activists — much of it involving the group Black Lives Matter and all of it in response to the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by Minneapolis Police in the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 15. Here, a look at one of the most dramatic week's in the city's recent history:

<http://www.fox9.com/news/52329370-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - The Minneapolis Police Department said they recovered bottles filled with gasoline near the 4th Precinct on Friday night during the vigil for Jamar Clark. Police said the bottles were allegedly for "Molotov Cocktails," as they quoted.

The National NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks flew into Minneapolis to join activists at the vigil.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/20/video-shows-moments-molotov-cocktails-were-thrown-at-minneapolis-police/>

A video sent to BringMeTheNews shows the scene inside the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct when it was under attack from what the police chief described as "anarchists" early Thursday.

The footage — which the Minneapolis Police Department says is genuine, but was not released by the department — shows what appears to be Molotov cocktails being launched over precinct walls, while gunshots can be heard in the background.

Police Chief Janee Harteau said on Thursday that "anarchists" and people "from outside the community" are believed to be responsible, after they joined in with the protest outside the station.

The precinct has been the scene of a demonstration by Black Lives Matter, NAACP and other activist groups in response to the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by police. Wednesday afternoon, police arrived to move them off the property.

During a tense standoff, officers used mace and non-lethal marking rounds on protesters, who in turn threw bottles, rocks and bricks at officers and property, causing what Harteau said is tens of thousands of dollars in damage to police vehicles and buildings.

Nobody has been arrested in relation to the Molotov cocktail and gunshots fired, which happened after most of the protesters had gone home, Harteau said.

Rally, vigil Friday

The president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cornell William Brooks, is in Minneapolis on Friday where he has been meeting with Gov. Mark Dayton and City Mayor Betsy Hodges, along with other NAACP leaders, to discuss Clark's killing.

He also plans to attend a 4:30 p.m. rally and candlelight vigil outside the 4th Precinct, the Star Tribune reports.

Earlier on Friday, WCCO reported three activists were removed from a Minneapolis City Council meeting after they confronted council members over Clark's killing.

Additional video shows masked men with gun

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, meanwhile, has raised concerns about another video, featuring two men they said they turned away from the ongoing protest on Thursday evening. (Note: Some language in the video may be considered offensive.)

The video shows the masked men refer to the protesters using a racist term, while one of them said they were "locked and loaded" before brandishing a handgun, saying they were going to "have a look-see" at the protest.

Black Lives Matter said they "left without incident" after being questioned on live video streams by community members.

On Friday afternoon about 3:45 p.m., the Minneapolis PD issued a warning that "a group may attempt to cause a disturbance this evening in front of the Police Department's 4th Precinct," though it is unable to confirm whether this is linked to the video.

"We are asking gathered demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that may seem out of the ordinary," the alert said. "If anyone notices something suspicious, please contact a nearby officer or call 9-1-1. A physical description, clothing description, and/or vehicle description is helpful. Also, please report any 'out of the ordinary' actions you have observed."

"The intelligence we have received has also been distributed through a number of social media channels. We urge everyone to take those messages seriously."

<http://www.citypages.com/news/armed-white-supremacists-threaten-protesters-at-4th-precinct-shutdown-7847606>

have emerged to complicate and agitate police against protesters, protesters against police.

Thursday night, two guys wearing camo with their faces covered arrived at the precinct to film. They went up to a livestreamer with Unicorn Riot and stated they were curious about how the protest was going.

"I don't know if this is what [protesters] were planning, just standing here," one of the white supremacists said. "It's almost as if they expect one of us to do something. They expect one of us to be in the wreckage of all this. It's boiling. It's going to be happening soon."

UPDATE: Something did happen Monday night, though it's still to be determined if the men in this threatening video are connected to the events. Five Black Lives Matter protesters were shot by a group of white men who had appeared at the Fourth Precinct, and refused to remove their masks. After the shooting, the white men fled in an SUV. The five victims were treated for non-life-threatening injuries, and no suspects have been arrested.

When pressed about what "justice for Jamar Clark" means to them, the other supremacist answered, "All the folks here should get the justice and peace that they deserve. What we need to do is reach out to our communities, especially our melanin-enriched communities," he said, laughing.

Later, Black Lives Matter discovered a video that the two men filmed en route to the Fourth Precinct from Uptown. It shows one brandishing a gun. "We're gonna go see what these fucking dindus are up to," he said. "We're going to knock this shit out ... a little reverse-cultural enriching. Let the fire rise."

Thankfully, that bravado didn't translate into action once they got to the protest. The guys and other cyber anons have been posting on their own thread that they might return Friday night in larger numbers, however, packing to agitate what they've termed the "chimpout."

Police spokesman Scott Seroka says that MPD is aware of the threat to protesters.

"The Minneapolis Police Department has received information that a group may attempt to cause a disturbance this evening in front of the Police Department's 4th Precinct," he wrote in a statement. "We are asking gathered demonstrators to be vigilant and report any actions that may seem out of the ordinary. If anyone notices something suspicious, please contact a nearby officer or call 9-1-1. A physical description, clothing description, and/or vehicle description is helpful. Also, please report any 'out of the ordinary' actions you have observed."

Earlier this week, some protesters were also criticized for fueling tensions by throwing bricks and Molotov cocktails, spraying mace, and challenging cops to shoot at them. Black Lives Matter organizers worked to de-escalate potential violence by linking arms and using their bodies to cordon off upset protesters from police.

"We understand the frustration of community members who may take actions not sanctioned by our group; this is a time of grief and rage and we remain committed to nonviolent direct action," BLM said in a statement. "As has always been the case, our members remained committed to peaceful protest even in the face of growing escalation."

<http://www.citypages.com/news/mark-ringgenberg-cop-in-jamar-clark-shooting-was-sued-for-chokehold-7847630>

Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark, are due to come under intense public scrutiny while investigators and the public learn more about what happened on a north Minneapolis street corner early Sunday morning. Both cops joined the Minneapolis force about a year ago, but each had previously worked for other police departments.

In Ringgenberg's case, he started his police career in San Diego, before joining the Maple Grove police force in 2011. While in California, Ringgenberg was sued for police brutality by a black man who alleged that Ringgenberg had choked him, unnecessarily, while the man's family screamed for the officer to stop.

Fred Clark, Jr., recently retold his version of events to ABC 10, a San Diego TV station, which tracked him down five years after his encounter with Ringgenberg.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3969886.shtml>

The troubled past that Jamar Clark struggled for years to escape now hangs over the investigation into his death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer.

Family members and friends say the 24-year-old was on the right track in the months leading up to the shooting early Sunday. He cared deeply about his parents - biological and adoptive - and his 14 siblings, and had a job and hopes of going to college.

But police union representatives point to Clark's criminal history as proof that he was a bad actor, and they contend he was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot. Beyond the domestic assault call alleging Clark had hurt his girlfriend that brought police to the north Minneapolis neighborhood, he spent three years in and out of prison for a robbery conviction. More recently, he was on probation for

threatening to burn down an ex-girlfriend's house after a bitter break-up and was awaiting trial for a July arrest for fleeing police in a high-speed chase.

Black Lives Matter protesters outside the police precinct insist Clark was handcuffed before he was shot, which police dispute. His death laid bare the tension between Minneapolis' black community and law enforcement and, the protesters say, exposed deeply embedded societal problems that made Clark's history impossible to move past.

"None of our children deserve to be shot and killed, and then talked about like they are animals," said Bettie Smith, who joined protesters Monday to discuss her son's death in a 2008 officer-involved shooting.

Amid federal and state investigations into Clark's death, several family members declined to talk with The Associated Press and 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS. Wilma and James Clark, who adopted Jamar Clark when he was 4, acknowledged his legal trouble in an interview with MPR News but said he was fixing it.

"He was trying to do right. He was trying to turn his life around," James Clark said.

Clark spent much of his 20s in and out of prison, serving a three-year sentence for a first-degree robbery conviction in 2010. He had been convicted of a petty misdemeanor for possessing a small amount of marijuana in 2009.

In a letter on behalf of one of the officers involved in the shooting, an attorney and Minneapolis police union president Bob Kroll listed some of his past crimes, saying Clark was "not a peaceful, law-abiding citizen."

But when Tim Hoag and his wife hired Clark earlier this year - first to help out with painting and cleanup at their rental homes, then at Hoag's moving and trucking company - Hoag said they found an energetic yet polite young man, a hard and trustworthy worker with a bright personality and a "million-dollar smile."

Hoag also saw that Clark couldn't escape the trouble from his past: the familiar signs of a felon recently released from prison, struggling to get his footing. At times he couldn't afford bus fare for work and struggled with stable housing. Hoag put him up at a motel for a few days to help out, and gave him as many hours of work at Copeland Trucking as he could, helping in the warehouse or on moves.

Clark was ashamed of his past, he said. Hoag was sure he could move past it, maybe to become a full-time truck driver for the company.

"Jamar was a troubled youth that was put into the correction system. The system failed miserably," Hoag said. "He didn't know what he wanted to do. He needed to earn money,"

Tiffany Truitt saw two sides of Clark in the few months last winter they dated. When things were going well, he was a nurturing, loving man who was drawn to her four children, giving them advice and helping them sell candy for school.

"He was always talking about family. He wanted a family," Truitt said. "He cared about his family being connected with each other. He cared about having somebody care about him."

But when their relationship soured, she saw a man who snapped while gathering his things from her house after the breakup. He threw a brick through Truitt's window and threatened to burn her apartment unit down - leaving behind a trail of lighter fluid to prove it, according to court documents. Clark pleaded guilty to terroristic threats for the March incident, getting a probation sentence and an order not to contact Truitt.

Despite the order, Clark eventually reached out through Facebook to apologize - and Truitt accepted. He was going to sign up for community college, he told her.

He had a good heart but he didn't have the structure to be the person he wanted to be, Truitt said.

"He was trying to learn," she said. "He was looking for direction."

As pictures of Clark circulated online after his death, Hoag saw Clark's sly grin in a selfie, wearing his Copeland Trucking hat. Hoag let out a sigh pierced with pain.

"It makes me feel like a failure," he said of that photo. "I'm sitting here wishing I had done more. I wish I had made one more phone call. I wish we would have been able to give him a few more hours."

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/family-says-jamar-clark-was-trying-to-escape-troubled-past/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jamar Clark had been trying to escape a troubled past that followed him much of his life and now hangs over his death.

Clark was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer after an altercation early Sunday morning. But police union representatives point to Clark's criminal history as proof that he was a bad actor, and they contend he was reaching for an officer's gun when he was shot.

Protesters, family and friends say his troubled past is no excuse for his death. Clark spent more than three years in prison for an aggravated robbery charge.

Tim Hoag gave Clark a job at his trucking company this year. Hoag says Clark was a great employee. He echoed family members' sentiments that Clark was trying to turn his life around.

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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/day-6-of-protests-at-4th-precinct-what-we-know/76114888/>

MINNEAPOLIS – Protests over the fatal officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark are ongoing, as demonstrators call for justice outside the Fourth Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Since the protests began Sunday, Nov. 15, there have been numerous press conferences, rallies and an ever-changing scene outside the precinct.

Here's what we know, so far.

Minneapolis Police

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

-- Around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, two Minneapolis Police officers responded to a call for assistance on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, in regards to a man who was interfering with paramedics on the scene of an assault.

-- Officers arrived to find Jamar ONeal Clark, 24, at the scene. While officers attempted to restrain Clark, a struggle ensued.

-- At some point, an officer fired his gun at Clark, hitting him once in the head. Clark was transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center.

-- Later that day, protesters with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NAACP organized a march for justice for Jamar Clark from where the shooting took place to the Fourth Precinct of the police department. Leaders with the group claimed Clark was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot by police. They demanded a federal investigation, counseling for witnesses to the shooting and for any video of the incident to be released.

-- Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session Sunday evening to address concerns from the community.

Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis

Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct in Minneapolis to show support for Jamar Clark. (Photo: Chris Hrapsky, KARE 11)

MONDAY, NOV. 16

-- Protesters camped out overnight at the Fourth Precinct, pitching tents in the surrounding areas and "occupying" the entrance/vestibule of the station. They blocked vehicles from coming into or out of the precinct's parking lot.

-- Black Lives Matter held a press conference, demanding surveillance video of the shooting be released, the identities of the officers involved and calling for more supporters to come occupy the Fourth Precinct.

-- The family of Jamar Clark made the decision to remove him from life support. He died Monday night.

-- Mayor Betsy Hodges requests a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

-- Clark's family said he was trying to get his life together after a troubled past, including an aggravated robbery conviction in 2010 (which put him behind bars for 41 months) and a terroristic threats conviction earlier this year. (A domestic abuse no contact order was issued in that case.)

-- Protesters marched onto Interstate 94, shutting down traffic for hours. After a standoff with police, 41 people were arrested – 34 adults and eight juveniles. Frustrated drivers voiced complaints to the protest.

Troopers and protesters face-off on I-94.

Troopers and protesters face-off on I-94. (Photo: John DiVall, KARE 11)

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

-- The BCA announces they will not be releasing any videos of the shooting until their investigation is complete. They say they have received several videos, but none show the entire incident.

-- The BCA also states no dash cam or body cam video was taken of the incident.

-- At the press conference, the BCA does not give any information about the woman involved in the initial assault. They say she knew Clark but would not give details about her whereabouts or the events that led to the assault.

-- Protesters remain in the entrance and the surrounding areas of the Fourth Precinct.

-- Federal agencies agree to launch a civil right investigation into Clark's death.

-- The Hennepin County Medical Examiner releases their report, stating Clark died from a single gunshot wound to the head and listing the manner of death as "homicide."

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

-- The two officers involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark are identified as officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

-- The officers involved tell the BCA that Clark grabbed the hand grip of the officer's gun while it was in the holster and that he was never handcuffed in the incident.

-- Minneapolis Police storm the Fourth Precinct and reclaim the entrance to the building, taking protesters by surprise. One person is arrested after throwing a bottle at police.

-- Chief Janee Harteau tells the media it was her decision to remove protesters from the entrance of the precinct.

-- A coalition of activists holds a press conference to announce a list of demands, where Jamar Clark's sister speaks – and asks for justice and peace.

-- Tensions mount between nearly 400 protesters and police as night falls – bottles, rocks and bricks are thrown at police, who respond with a chemical irritant sprayed at the crowd.

Crowds of people still occupy the 4th precinct, despite

Crowds of people still occupy the 4th precinct, despite an effort by police to push them back Wednesday. (Photo: Ben Garvin, KARE 11)

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

-- The Minneapolis NAACP calls for respect from the Minneapolis Police Department, alleges violence against unarmed protesters and calls for long-term reform of the department.

-- Chief Janee Harteau lists the damages caused by Wednesday night's protests, saying they were likely at the hands of activists, not peaceful protesters. Among the violence, she said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at police officers overnight.

-- The head of the Minneapolis Police Union, Lt. Bob Kroll, reiterates Clark was not handcuffed during the incident, says he reached for an officer's gun and blames Clark for the outcome of Sunday's incident. He says he's confident the officers involved will be cleared of any wrongdoing.

-- Protests continue for a fifth day, with a rally at the Fourth Precinct. Rep. Keith Ellison speaks out after a photo surfaces of his son at the protest, with a gun pointed at him by Minneapolis Police.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

-- Police say two people outside the Fourth Precinct were arrested for graffiti on the building that contained profane language. A man was also arrested for ramming his vehicle into the gate to the precinct's parking lot.

-- A small protest at the Minneapolis City Council meeting results in three people being escorted out of the building by police.

-- A meeting between the national and local members of the NAACP, Gov. Mark Dayton and Mayor Betsy Hodges takes place at the Governor's Residence at 1 p.m.

-- National NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks joined activists from the Minneapolis NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and community leaders for a Friday night vigil in memory of Jamar Clark.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

-- A night of calm demonstrations on the city's north side was put on edge for a short period of time early Saturday when city crews and police officers showed up with cement barriers to reroute traffic.

-- Workers paint over anti-police graffiti at the Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days.

-- Gov. Dayton meets with Jamar Clark's family, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Congressman Keith Ellison.

The arrival of street barricades stirred up protesters in front of the Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct early Saturday. (Photo: KARE)

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

-- Family announces Clark's funeral will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis at Noon. A visitation will be held at the church beginning at 10 a.m.

-- After a lengthy meeting with north side community members on Sunday, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis members say they can only promise the protests will continue through Sunday and Monday nights. Tuesday morning, they are planning a march in Minneapolis.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

-- Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night Jamar Clark was shot, but that the footage is inconclusive. Nekima Levy-Pounds, the head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

-- Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced plans for a march at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall, the Hennepin County Courthouse and the federal courthouse. A memorial concert is planned for Tuesday evening. A food and clothing drive is planned for Wednesday. Organizers plan a community Thanksgiving on Thursday. On Friday, some sort of disruption is planned for Black Friday shoppers. One organizer wouldn't disclose the details to KARE 11, but said it would not happen at the Mall of America.

An arrest has been made after at least five were shot near the Fourth Precinct. (Photo: KARE)

-- Five people were shot near the Fourth Precinct protest, late Monday night. Police say they were gathering information and searching for three white men. Protesters at the scene said they had no plans to stop the demonstrations, despite the shooting. Of the five people who were shot, all suffered non-life

threatening injuries. Two were transported to the hospital via ambulance, three other victims made it to the hospital in private vehicles.

-- The brother of Jamar Clark issued a statement calling for an end to the protests at the Fourth Precinct, for the safety of the occupiers.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

-- Minneapolis Police announced they have three men in custody in connection to the shooting at the Fourth Precinct protest. Police say a 23-year-old white man was taken into custody in Bloomington, around 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday. Around 2:30 p.m., two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. Charges are pending.

-- Saying they "will not bow to fear or intimidation," leaders of Black Lives Matter announced Tuesday that demonstrators are recommitting to the so-called occupation of the Fourth Precinct. Protesters marched from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall, the county courthouse as well as the federal courthouse. However, late Tuesday, the Minneapolis Urban League released a statement stating the protests must come to an end.

-- Cameron Clark, Jamar Clark's cousin and victim of Monday's shooting, returned to the Fourth Precinct protests Tuesday night. "I'm hurting, my community needs me. I need them, and I'm not going to lay down," he told KARE 11.

A day after being shot near the Fourth Precinct, Cameron

A day after being shot near the Fourth Precinct, Cameron Clark, Jamar Clark's cousin, returned to the demonstration. (Photo: KARE 11)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

-- Minneapolis Police revealed a fourth person, a 27-year-old man, is being held in connection to the shooting. The Hennepin County Attorney's Office asked for and was granted more time to file charges against the four men connected to the shooting. It now has until noon Monday to file charges.

-- Several hundred people turned out for the funeral of Jamar Clark. Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. He added Clark's death will not be in vain.

-- Rep. Keith Ellison released a statement calling for an end to the Fourth Precinct protests.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

-- As snowflakes fall on the encampment in front of the 4th Precinct, protesters, neighbors, and volunteers share a Thanksgiving meal they say is helping build community.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

-- A quiet day at the Fourth Precinct. Some demonstrators joined others fighting for better wages outside the downtown Minneapolis Macy's while others remained at the encampment. Despite rumors of a #BlackFriday shutdown, protesters stayed out of major malls for one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

-- The Twin Cities' local East African community says they're standing together for Jamar Clark.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

-- Fire Chief John Fruetel met with protesters camped out at a north Minneapolis police station to discuss concerns about the growing campfires there and emergency access to the site.

-- More than 100 people gathered outside the Fourth Precinct in north Minneapolis Sunday morning to pray together.

Nekima Levy-Pounds says they will not stop until they

Nekima Levy-Pounds says they will not stop until they get justice for Jamar. (Photo: KARE)

MONDAY, NOV. 30

-- Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, along with Rep. Keith Ellison and other community members, called for an end to the occupation of the Fourth Precinct. In a press conference, Hodges cited safety concerns while others, including Ellison, urged protesters to move on.

-- Four men were charged in the shooting that injured five protesters near the Fourth Precinct. Twenty-three-year-old Allen Lawrence Scarsella, of Lakeville, was identified as the gunman and was charged with one count of riot while armed with a dangerous weapon and five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon. Four other men face riot charges.

-- In response, the Minneapolis NAACP and Black Lives Matter held a press conference to make it clear, they would not be going anywhere. They said they still have a list of demands that need to be met.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

-- Minneapolis City Hall served as a pulpit Tuesday as clergy members and leaders in the Twin Cities faith community camped out in the rotunda to support Black Lives Matter protesters.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

-- Minneapolis Police report slower response times due to the ongoing protests at the 4th precinct. Police say it has become a concern but is not a risk to the public. The Minneapolis City Council also

renewed their requests for protesters to leave the precinct. Blong Yang, a city council member, said it was time to put their foot down and say, "this has gone on long enough."

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

-- Just before 4 a.m., Minneapolis Police began the process to remove protesters from the 4th precinct. Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said protesters were given verbal and written warnings but those that refused to leave were arrested. There were eight taken into custody total. Soon after, dump trucks arrived on scene to remove tents, fire pits and other belongings from protesters. Plymouth Avenue was reopened Thursday morning.

-- Black Lives Matter say they will "converge on City Hall" at 4 p.m., in response to the mayor and city council's "continued brutality."

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/20/rep-ellison-council-members-call-for-clark-tapes/76085744/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - It wasn't violent behavior, like throwing bricks or rocks, but two demonstrators were arrested overnight after police say they spray painted profane graffiti on a wall of the 4th Precinct police building overnight Friday.

Reports are that the men arrested will face charges of damage to property. Besides profanities, Jamar Clark's name was sprayed on the wall, along with messages like "no justice, no peace."

Minneapolis Police spokesman John Elder also confirms that a driver was arrested after crashing into the gate that leads into the precinct parking lot where squad cars and personal vehicles are parked. Elder says the driver was arrested, and tests were taken to see if that person was intoxicated. At this point it is unclear if the person arrested was affiliated with the Jamar Clark protests.

One media outlet reported that shots were fired during the incident, something Elder strongly denied Friday morning.

Otherwise the night was mostly quiet as demonstrators camping out at the 4th precinct were joined Thursday night by U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison and three city council members calling for transparency in the Jamar Clark shooting.

Clark, 24, was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some allege Clark was handcuffed at the time, which the police union has staunchly disputed.

"I think it is fair, just and right to prioritize transparency. At the end of the day we want the truth," Ellison said.

Earlier Thursday, Ellison expressed in a Twitter post his frustration with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside the fourth precinct Wednesday night.

"The people of Minneapolis are in pain right now and to get the healing we need we're going to need truth, transparency, and we're going to need justice both in this instance and that of a larger justice," said Second Ward council member Cam Gordon.

The demonstration Thursday night was much different than the night before. On Wednesday, some in the crowd of 400 or so threw bottles, rocks and bricks towards the precinct causing thousands of dollars in damage, according to Chief Janee Harteau. Tenth Ward council member Lisa Bender said the difference is night and day.

"The difference is how the police are responding to the situation," Bender said. "We have seen what happens when police de-escalate and stand in support of our community. I am so grateful for the MPD to responding this way."

Protesters continue to demand the release of any video showing the Jamar Clark shooting. Ninth Ward council member Alondra Cano is asking for Governor Dayton to step in.

"I'm requesting the help of Gov. Dayton to release the tapes to allow us to build a clear path towards justice. This is the least we can do to build trust between police and our community members, and the least we can do for the family of Jamar Clark," Cano said.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/2-arrested-thursday-at-4th-precinct-during-protests/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – For the sixth day, protests continue outside Minneapolis' 4th precinct.

Protesters continue to demand answers in the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

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Things were quieter Thursday night as several political and religious leaders joined Black Lives Matter Minneapolis to show solidarity with protesters and echo their call for video of the arrest to be released.

Despite the peaceful nature of the group, one act of vandalism led to two arrests.

Minneapolis police said around 11 p.m. protesters were spray painting profanities on the building.

Video shows officers sprinting after one of the protesters and firing rounds from, what appears to be, a non-lethal chalk marker used to identify the suspects later.

Police arrested two men who face possible charges of felony damage to property.

This damage was minimal compared to Wednesday evening.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau estimates roughly \$38,000 worth of damage was caused in Wednesday night's protests.

She said protesters threw hundreds of rocks and more than a dozen large bricks. Twelve squad cars and two portable cameras were damaged.

Later, police said it was likely anarchists from outside the community who threw three Molotov cocktails.

Thursday was much calmer, as hundreds gathered for what turned out to be part protest, press conference and dance party. They continued their call for video of the shooting to be released.

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The police department has said that footage is not theirs to release and that it will not do anything to jeopardize the outside investigation.

Representative Keith Ellison was among the political leaders who spoke to the crowd Thursday.

Congressman Ellison asked for protesters to acknowledge how quickly their previous demands were met, including a state and federal investigation into the shooting, the identification of the officers and getting grief counselling to Clark's family. But Ellison says more needs to be done, including the release of the videos.

He spoke after a picture of his son has been circulating social media. It shows police pointing what appears to be a weapon at his son's face.

Police fired back and said the officer is pointing what's referred to as a launcher to the side of his son at people throwing rocks at police.

It fires chalk to mark the troublemakers.

The chief said she's proud of her officers' actions and the restraint they've shown.

The head of the police union questioned the leadership of the mayor and city council. He believes the mayor sympathizes with protestors because she wants their votes.

"The officers are under siege, and at first they weren't even allowed to put on helmets and batons. And as a police supervisor, I would never have allowed people to go out there without helmets and batons because it looked intimidating. You're not going to risk the officers' safety because of the appearance of a militaristic look. That's poor leadership," Head of Police Federation of Minneapolis Robert Kroll said.

"I am incredibly proud of the officers and their actions. I have not seen anything that would demonstrate to me that they haven't responded appropriately and with maximum restraint. But they're tired. I think the emotions are charged on both sides, but at the end of the day they're professional, they love this city, and they want to make sure everyone is safe." Harteau said.

The group Black Lives Matters is also calling for a civil rights investigation into what they call abuses of peaceful protesters during Wednesday night's unrest.

They said police used unnecessary violence and harassed protesters.

In a statement, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said it understands the frustration of community members who may take actions not sanctioned by the group, but said it remains committed to nonviolent direct action.

More than a dozen protesters were already up Friday morning.

They have placed fire pits, barricades and chairs on Plymouth; blocking vehicle access to the precinct. One man also threw a chair towards media from another local television station.

Demonstrators are planning a candlelight vigil and march at 4:30 p.m. at the 4th precinct.

Saturday, November 21

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3970400.shtml>

(with video)

Demonstrations outside a North Minneapolis police precinct continued for a seventh day Saturday as protesters demand the release of video showing an altercation in which a 24-year-old black man was fatally shot by a police officer.

Union leaders spoke in support of the activists protesting the shooting death of Jamar Clark during a rally outside the the 4th Precinct building at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

Several dozen people attended the rally in cold weather to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week since the fatal shooting in North Minneapolis last Sunday.

"We believe this moment is an essential test of whether our city moves forward as one Minneapolis, or the cracks of inequality and injustice splits it wide open," said Jigme Ugen, Vice President of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota.

One of the demands at the forefront for protesters is releasing the tapes to show exactly what happened to Clark.

"The camera doesn't lie, and they need to reveal it to society," said Girish Sahu, a Minneapolis resident who attended Saturday's rally.

On Friday, the U.S. Attorney and the FBI released a joint statement saying the "release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation."

"Why are you hiding the information if you've got nothing to hide?," said Gregory Demmings, a Bloomington resident who attended Saturday's rally.

"These public officials they should be held accountable," Sahu said.

"There's an incredible, troubling imbalance of power in Minneapolis. Until that fact changes, we will continue to be in the streets," Ugen said.

Meanwhile, Alanna Galloway of the Communication Workers of America, said civil rights are workers' rights

Kyle Edwards of AFSCME Local 3800, representing University of Minnesota clerical workers, says working class people are becoming aware that "we're all in this together."

Gov. Mark Dayton, Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released statements Saturday night regarding the recent events. Read their statements in full here.

Earlier Saturday, officers stood guard as crews moved in concrete barriers to block off Morgan Avenue in the area.

Protesters have been camped out at the 4th Precinct since Jamar Clark was shot by a police officer in what authorities say was a scuffle. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, but police dispute that.

The incident happened just before 1 a.m. at the corner of Plymouth Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with paramedics' efforts to treat an assault victim.

Police union president Lt. Bob Kroll said earlier this week that the officers involved told investigators that Clark was not handcuffed before or after he was shot, and that Clark had tried to disarm one of them.

Hundreds of people attended a vigil Friday evening to remember Clark.

The group started marching peacefully at 6 p.m., heading east down Plymouth Avenue North toward the area where Clark was shot by police. They stopped at the site to pray and sing the protest song "We Shall Overcome" before marching back to the 4th Precinct.

Also Friday evening, Chief Harteau spoke with people in the crowd. Some asked her why there is no body camera or dash camera video available. In response to their calls for videos, Harteau said they'll have to ask the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. She said she has no tapes to release.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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MINNEAPOLIS — U.S. Justice Department attorneys were expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted.

A key issue during their visit will be whether authorities should release to the public videos of the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark a week ago.

Federal and state authorities have resisted releasing the footage — from an ambulance, mobile police camera, public housing cameras and people's cellphones — because they said it doesn't show the full incident and making the recordings public would compromise their investigations.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said on Saturday that he had asked Clark's family and representatives of the Black Lives Matter group protesting his death to meet with the federal government lawyers.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said after meeting with the family and leaders of the protesters.

Federal authorities will be in Minneapolis "for a few days for meetings related to the investigation," Ben Petok, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, told the Star Tribune in an email Sunday.

Clark's funeral will start at noon Wednesday and last an hour at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis, his cousin, Kenya McKnight, said. A visitation will be held at the church before the funeral, from 10 a.m. to noon. Both will be open to the public and news media, McKnight said Sunday.

McKnight added that Clark's family hopes there are no rallies on the day of the funeral. She said the family "does not want it to be political."

Dozens of demonstrators huddled around bonfires early Sunday in frigid temperatures at an encampment outside a Minneapolis police station that they have said will not be dismantled until their demands are met.

Minneapolis civil rights activist Mel Reeves said the primary goal of the protests is to see the officers involved in the death of Clark prosecuted based on statements of people who say they saw the shooting. He said the officers should face charges and "go through the same procedures that we do. We think they're guilty, but let the court decide."

Both officers involved in the shooting, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, have been placed on standard administrative leave. Authorities haven't said who fired the fatal shot.

Police have said the officers were responding to an assault call and found the 24-year-old Clark interfering with paramedics. Authorities say there was a struggle. The head of the Minneapolis police union has said Clark was shot after reaching for an officer's gun. Protesters have said they don't believe that version of events.

Some people in the community say they saw him handcuffed at the time of the shooting — a claim police have disputed.

Protesters remained at the precinct late Sunday.

Police spokesman John Elder said there had been no arrests or reports of property damage.

<http://www.startribune.com/tensions-between-black-community-police-resurface-after-shooting/352750561/>

(11/22?) Bettie Smith stepped up to the bank of television microphones in front of the Fourth Precinct police station, her hands clasped, and made a fervent plea for justice to be served in the death of a young black man during an encounter with Minneapolis police.

“The police need to be held accountable for murdering our children,” she said.

Her words were not only about her son, Quincy, who died of cardiac arrest in 2008 after a scuffle with police, but also Jamar Clark, killed a week ago during a confrontation with police on the city's North Side.

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The circumstances around Clark's death are murky and in deep dispute, with police union leaders saying the unarmed 24-year-old was reaching for the officer's gun. But as protests continue and a federal civil rights investigation begins in the wake of the fatal shooting, Minneapolis is once again being forced to confront what has been one of its most chronic and high stakes problems: relations between the police and black residents of a community often burdened by crime and violence.

Some North Side residents see Clark's shooting as the latest example of the community's strained relationship with a police force that, historically, has rarely reflected the city's racial and ethnic makeup.

The department has never had a black chief. The City Council's only black member is from the Somali community — not the North Side. And although diversity in hiring has picked up in recent years, less than a quarter of Minneapolis officers are racial minorities.

The protests last week prompted Gov. Mark Dayton and influential legislators to include community and economic development measures specifically for the black community in a possible special legislative session. The emerging statewide effort comes after a recent U.S. Census report showing that income levels were down and poverty rates were up for black Minnesotans.

Police Chief Janeé Harteau said her department has made progress in its relationship with the black community, but acknowledged that more can be done.

“There certainly are some people that are very connected to history, and [Clark’s shooting] brings back things from the past, but we have done many things,” Harteau said Friday. “Every time that there was an incident, this department has evolved and tried to move forward, and tried to make things better.”

Despite recent efforts by city officials to address disparities in arrest rates — the City Council in June repealed bans on spitting and loitering, ordinances that critics said disproportionately affected blacks — the community’s wariness persists.

“You call police out of necessity, not because you trust them,” said Mel Reeves, a longtime North Side community activist. “It’s dishonest to think that we’re going to have a relationship. No, no, we’ve just learned to be tolerant of each other.”

Complicated history

Clark’s death occurred in the midst of a national debate sparked by deadly encounters between police and young black men in Baltimore, South Carolina and Ferguson, Mo. The head of the national NAACP led a candlelight vigil Friday, and both the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice have stepped in, at the request of Mayor Betsy Hodges and with Harteau’s approval, to investigate Clark’s death.

Police have said Clark, whose criminal record included a conviction for first-degree robbery, was shot in an altercation with officers after he interfered with a paramedic assisting his girlfriend, the victim of an assault. Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed and forced to the ground.

An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head. The officers involved in the shooting, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were placed on paid leave.

Despite the federal investigation, protesters have expressed skepticism and demanded more information, including the release of videos of the incident.

For some longtime North Siders, Clark’s death stirred memories of the police shootings of Tycl Nelson and Terrance Franklin, whose deaths also set off protests and heightened calls for a culture change at the police department.

“There’s nothing unfortunately different about this, other than the name of the victim, and the name of the perpetrator,” said Ron Edwards, a longtime civil rights activist.

Black residents have also expressed concerns about being singled out by police in less obvious ways.

One department-sponsored study found nearly two-thirds of those arrested by police over the past six years were blacks, who make up less than 20 percent of the city's population. An American Civil Liberties Union study suggested blacks were significantly more likely than whites to be arrested for low-level crimes like marijuana possession (11.5 times more likely) and disorderly conduct (9 times).

Shvonne Johnson, a college professor and lifelong North Side resident, said she joined a community group and frequently protested for police accountability after repeatedly seeing black motorists pulled over for seemingly minor traffic offenses. She said she's also witnessed people being beaten by officers.

"These are the types of things that send messages to the community and instill fear," she said.

Of the 29 people killed by Minneapolis officers in incidents involving use of force since 2000, 18 were black, according to a Star Tribune analysis of news and police reports, and death certificate data. Not all of those victims were unarmed, and department policy says Minneapolis officers are authorized to use deadly force when a suspect "creates a substantial risk of causing death or great bodily harm."

The city has paid out more than \$6 million in alleged cases of police misconduct since 2012. The largest of those settlements — \$2.19 million — went to the family of Dominic Felder, a black man who was shot and killed by two officers in 2006.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the Minneapolis police union, said he didn't dispute the statistics, but asked the public not to rush to judgment in the Clark case.

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"What do you do to change it? I don't know," Kroll said. "All I can say is our cops are not out there hunting people, that's for damn sure."

Efforts to improve

Some community activists say hiring more black officers would go a long way to restoring community confidence in law enforcement. In 2003, a federal mediation board recommended the department hire more minority and female officers.

As of October, 22 percent of Minneapolis' approximately 800 officers were ethnic minorities, according to department statistics, up from 18 percent in 2011. Next year's 32-member class of community service officers includes 22 candidates of color.

Harteau said she has taken a hard stance on problem officers, firing six in her tenure, including two who were caught using racial slurs in Green Bay, Wis. She invited the Justice Department to overhaul the department's training system to identify officers who need more instruction.

Earlier this year, the city was selected for a Justice Department pilot program focused on “racial reconciliation, procedural justice and implicit bias.” And the city has set aside \$1.1 million to outfit officers with body cameras — a tool that many hope will help with transparency and trust.

Angry community members loudly questioned an officer who came out to talk about police actions in north Minneapolis.] (KYNDELL HARKNESS/STAR TRIBUNE) kyndell.harkness@startribune.com Black Lives Matter protested in front of Minneapolis Fourth Precinct in Minneapolis Min., Wednesday November 18, 2015.

Ray Dunn, 54, a lifelong North Sider, traced the shift to more aggressive policing back to the 1980s and the rise of crack cocaine, which ravaged urban neighborhoods in Minneapolis and parts of the country.

“It’s pervasive and you’ve gotta be blind not to know that,” Dunn said, before ducking into the Camden Mart at the corner of N. Fremont and 42nd avenues.

Hodges, who has been outspoken in the past about her intention to root out problem officers, said last year that she wants the department to mirror St. Paul’s “high touch” approach to community policing, “getting officers out of their cars and talking to people, building those relationships, building trust.”

“My hope is that we move forward as a city,” Hodges said Friday.

It’s tough, Harteau and Kroll said, because in many cases, officers are running from call to call and don’t have time to build connections with the community.

Harteau said the recent discord over Clark’s death is “a temporary setback” in community relations “and is an opportunity for us to move forward, with reinvigorated partnerships and new partnerships.”

But Johnson, the professor, and others wonder if change will really come.

“It’s sad that I remember marching here 15 years ago and now we’re back,” Johnson said.

Staff writers MaryJo Webster and Jennifer Bjorhus contributed to this report.

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Gov. Mark Dayton on Saturday asked the family of an unarmed black man shot and killed by Minneapolis police officers to meet with federal attorneys headed to Minnesota on Sunday.

Dayton made the request after a meeting Saturday with members of Jamar Clark’s family and Black Lives Matter, as well as Rep. Keith Ellison.

They were joined via telephone by Assistant U.S. Attorney General Vania Gupta, who leads the U.S. Justice Department’s civil rights division, and Anthony Newby of the group Neighborhoods Organizing for Change.

Dayton urged the family, Black Lives Matter and the attorneys to discuss the tapes now in the possession of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating Clark's death.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said.

The governor also plans to ask for a federal investigation of "any matters which occurred in Minneapolis during the past week that may have violated the civil rights of any Minnesota citizens." He also will meet with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change in December.

Minneapolis officials responded in a flurry of statements late Saturday:

City Council President Barb Johnson, who represents part of north Minneapolis, said that any investigation would show "not only that our officers have done a great job, but that it will show criminal behavior on the part of some protesters."

In a posting on Facebook, Council Member Blong Yang, whose district also is in north Minneapolis, expressed frustration and said "I can't agree to the [Black Lives Matter] demands. They keep growing and/or changing, and many are not permitted by current law."

Police Chief Janeé Harteau also applauded the work of her officers, saying an investigation "will only confirm the strength" of officers' work to protect public safety and freedom of speech.

Mayor Betsy Hodges gave credit to police and protesters, asking both "to continue to exercise restraint and respect." She added that officers "continue to do their best to protect neighbors and protesters from violent elements who are out only to do harm."

Also Saturday, demonstrators maintained an encampment outside the Minneapolis police's Fourth Precinct station, marking a full week of protests over Clark's shooting death.

On the heels of a candlelight vigil that drew hundreds, union leaders held a rally Saturday afternoon outside the police station to show solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

One speaker, Kyle Edwards of AFSCME Local 3800, representing University of Minnesota clerical workers, said working-class people are becoming aware that "we're all in this together."

Earlier Saturday, around 5 a.m., police erected concrete barriers on Morgan Avenue N. to block off the station's side entrance, where protesters have congregated throughout the week. A live stream from alternative news outlet Unicorn Riot shows activists linking arms in a line to prevent police from entering the camp.

Police made no attempt to clear the area, spokesman John Elder said.

Graffiti laced with anti-police profanity was removed from the precinct's walls about 10:30 a.m., he said. A few protesters were asked to move their tents while painters worked, but they returned immediately after.

Two people were arrested on charges of felony destruction of property Thursday after spraying paint over a security camera on the precinct's front wall. Chalk messages on the building also have been removed.

Staff writer Liz Sawyer contributed to this report.

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(11/23?) One Minneapolis spoke loudly and clearly this week about the death of Jamar Clark.

It spoke from the Fourth Precinct, where hundreds have gathered to protest Clark's shooting by police. It spoke from the offices of the NAACP building. It spoke from the headquarters of the Police Officers Federation. And it spoke from a school gymnasium during a news conference by Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau, quietly held far from the bad visuals of the madding crowd.

In other words, One Minneapolis — the mayor's term for a united city — spoke in what seemed like foreign languages with words diametrically opposed.

There is likely no other event that spotlights the divisions that cleave a city as the shooting of a black man by a police officer, and certainly none that offers a bigger stage for political theatrics and opportunism.

While Hodges used words like dignity and patience at her public appearance, she was being eviscerated from both sides — by the police union for not standing up for the officers who shot Clark during what they say was a struggle over a gun, and by some on the left who were most active in putting her in the mayor's office.

They wanted Hodges to "engage directly to de-escalate" police actions and to join them in calling for a release of any video evidence of the shooting.

I think Hodges has so far taken the correct road, neither pre-emptively absolving police nor taking up the bullhorn outside the police station. It's not a politically popular track among those who yell the loudest — the unions and activist groups — but I don't agree with some who believe this could be the mayor's undoing.

Her strongest supporters are the progressive folks from south Minneapolis who are concerned about police behavior and who want justice in this case, but who also don't want to see hooligans burn the city or, God forbid, interrupt their commute.

I have been a frequent critic of the mayor, particularly when it comes to overreaching with broad platitudes on equity and social justice — issues I don't believe can be solved, sorry, by a small-city mayor. But she has met privately with interest groups and the family and even showed up at the precinct, only to get accosted. There is not a lot more she can do that would be productive rather than exploitive.

Larry Jacobs, University of Minnesota political science professor, said Hodges' bold promises probably have set her up because supporters have unrealistic expectations.

"Whenever you promise big change, you're going to make people angry," especially when you veer from their agenda, said Jacobs. "She's getting beaten up pretty badly."

"I actually think the way she's handled this in terms of policy is appropriate," said Jacobs. "It's not been common practice to hand over a police investigation to federal authorities. The implicit message is, 'I've got absolutely no confidence a police investigation here would be fair.' Wow. That's a strong statement."

Jacobs said Hodges is showing respect for the process "even though those who are following her are filled with rage and fury," and that's the job of a mayor, or any elected official.

Which is why the decision of some City Council members to join protesters outside the police station caused Council President Barb Johnson to call the situation "awkward." Johnson was being kind. She and

Blong Yang, both of whom represent the North Side, have appeared at news conferences but have worked behind the scenes instead of in front of the cameras.

"To have City Council members there kind of fanning the flames in my view is not responsible," said Jacobs.

Amen. They have yet to realize there is a difference between being activists and being public officials.

Paul Ostrow, a former City Council president who is now a prosecutor, said he didn't mind council members joining the protests to show support for Clark's family or free speech rights.

But, according to a Black Lives Matter news release, Council Members Alondra Cano, Lisa Bender and Cam Gordon, as well as U.S. Rep Keith Ellison joined the group in demanding that the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Justice Department release any videos of the shooting. Ostrow not only thinks that is inappropriate, it's ludicrous because they know, or should know, releasing information during an investigation is prohibited.

On Thursday, the mayor correctly pointed out that the decision to release videos was not hers to make. Ostrow wishes that Hodges could be more emphatic and tell her supporters that releasing that information would taint witness testimony and "doom the investigation" and actually deny justice to Clark.

"The position she is taking is the correct one," said Ostrow. "But be more absolute about it. Own it. Even if that means disagreeing with Ellison and Black Lives Matter."

During another news conference, this time by the police union, Lt. Bob Kroll faulted Hodges for not strongly supporting the officers involved in the Clark shooting. "Someone has to stand up for the officer," Kroll said.

Exactly. That person is Kroll, not the mayor.

The job of the mayor is to stand up for justice, due process and the city.

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MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

10:45 p.m.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he will urge the Justice Department to investigate any police actions in Minneapolis this past week that may have violated civil rights.

Dayton's comment Saturday came as demonstrators maintain their presence at a police station just blocks from where police shot Jamar Clark last Sunday.

Police Chief Janee Harteau said any investigation into her officers' conduct "will only confirm the strength of the work my officers did protecting both public safety and the freedom of speech."

At one point Wednesday night, police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd. Police said a chemical spray was also directed at officers, as well as Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

On Thursday, Minnesota U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison tweeted a photo of his son at the protest scene with his hands up and an officer with a gun in the background, calling it "agonizing for me to see."

10 p.m.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton has met with the family of a man who was killed by police in Minneapolis and with leaders of a local Black Lives Matter group.

The meeting Saturday comes as demonstrators maintain their presence at a police station just blocks from where Jamar Clark was shot a week ago.

Protesters are demanding to see video of the shooting. Authorities say doing so could taint an investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A federal criminal civil rights probe also is underway.

Dayton says that Assistant U.S. Attorney General Vanita Gupta spoke by telephone and reiterated that releasing the video would be "extremely detrimental" to the federal investigation.

Mica Grimm of Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis says she told officials at the meeting that the protest won't end until the community says it's OK.

8 p.m.

A cousin of a black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police say her family is recovering after "a very rough week."

Kenya McKnight also says the family is trying to get a handle on dealing with "the dynamics of a situation" that has included dealing with "police, the community, activists, the government."

McKnight says a funeral for her cousin Jamar Clark has been scheduled for Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International in Minneapolis.

She says she wants people to remember that Clark "was loved; he was cared for."

He acknowledged that "he had flaws," but says he was "on this path of getting his life together."

Earlier this year, Clark was convicted of a felony count of terroristic threats and sentenced to 15 months in prison. His sentence was stayed for five years and he was out on probation.

7:15 p.m.

Protesters are huddling around fires in freezing temperatures during a demonstration a week after a black man was fatally shot in a scuffle with Minneapolis police.

The scene was calm Saturday outside the Fourth Precinct headquarters down the street from where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot.

Clark was shot early Sunday after police responded to an assault complaint. Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, has said that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

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4 p.m.

Workers have painted over anti-police graffiti on a Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days over the death of a black man.

The graffiti was removed Saturday morning as protesters watched.

The police station had been spray-painted with Jamar Clark's name and anti-police profanity.

They were on the Fourth Precinct, where protesters have set up tents, fire pits and stools. It's just blocks from where Clark was shot early Sunday after police responded to an assault complaint.

2:15 p.m.

Union leaders have spoken at a rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting the shooting death of a black man by a city police officer.

Several dozen people attended the rally in cold weather to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in north Minneapolis last Sunday.

One speaker, Alanna Galloway of the Communication Workers of America, says civil rights are workers' rights.

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Hundreds attended a peaceful vigil Friday evening to remember Clark.

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Protesters, led by leaders from the NAACP and Black Lives Matter, also have called for the release of surveillance footage taken at the scene of the deadly encounter early Sunday.

Gov. Mark Dayton said he met with Clark's family and leaders of the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter on Saturday. He said U.S. Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta joined the meeting by telephone and reiterated her concern that releasing the video would be "extremely detrimental" to a federal criminal civil rights probe that's underway. Dayton said he will urge the Justice Department to release the recordings "as soon as doing so will not jeopardize" the investigation.

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"That's not the point. The point is: He was unarmed, on the ground, now he's dead," she said.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29150171/

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Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also released a statement Saturday night.

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3970968.shtml>

(with video)

Prosecutors with the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division flew to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted.

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Jamar Clark's cousin, Cameron Clark, is among those demanding the release of footage. He said he wants to know what's public information, what's not, and why.

"I will stay out here until release of the tapes and we get justice," Cameron Clark said.

Jamar Clark's death at the hands of Minneapolis police has stoked fiery emotions in those camped out in front of the precinct.

"I'm not understanding what's taking so long; they're telling stories that Jamar tried to grab a gun and was hostile, if that's the case, they'd be out here releasing the video. What's holding the cops up?" Cameron Clark said.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS put that question to the person who thoroughly knows Minnesota's data privacy law: Don Gemberling with the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information.

"There are pieces of an investigation that are always public, it's a long list, the name of the person arrested, where the arrest occurred and the officer's involved," Gemberling said.

Gemberling said police incidents create a lot of data. In this case, it's controlled by the Minneapolis Police Department, the state-run Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and lawyers with the U.S. Department of Justice. That includes the collection of videos of Clark's divisive shooting death.

According to state law, the videos are evidence in an active criminal investigation and are considered confidential.

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Funeral Plans Set

A cousin says Clark's funeral will be Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in North Minneapolis.

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McKnight says Clark's family hopes there are no rallies on the day of the funeral. She says the family "does not want it to be political."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/21/gov-dayton-meets-with-jamar-clarks-family/76204104/>

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Gov. Dayton has met with Jamar Clark's family and Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, according to a statement released Saturday.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/21/dayton-ellison-meet-with-jamar-clarks-family-blm-leaders/>

(with video)

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Jamar Clark's family joined local leaders of Black Lives Matter along with Congressman Keith Ellison, an Assistant U.S. Attorney and a representative of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change for a meeting with

the governor about the ongoing protests at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, where protesters have been camping for nearly a week.

The activists want the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to release video showing the fatal shooting that left 24-year-old Clark dead early Sunday morning. He was unarmed, but a leader of the city's police union said Clark was reaching for an officer's firearm right before police shot him. Protesters dispute that claim.

Leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, along with several city council members and NAACP leaders, have called on Gov. Dayton to compel the release of the tapes, but the governor and other law enforcement officials say that would jeopardize the integrity of the BCA's investigation.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Gov. Dayton said in a statement after Saturday's meeting.

Gov. Dayton also said attorneys from the DOJ will be flying to Minnesota Sunday, and that he hoped they could meet with local leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Clark's family.

"I will also urge the Department of Justice lawyers and the U.S. Attorney to investigate any matters, which occurred in Minneapolis during the past week that may have violated the civil rights of any Minnesota citizens," Gov. Dayton said in the statement.

In response, Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau said she's confident any investigation into her officer's conduct will find no wrongdoing:

"I've been in law enforcement for 29 years, and I've never seen more professionalism from police officers than has been displayed in Minneapolis at the 4th Precinct this week. I fully support the actions of my officers. Any investigation, federal, state, or county into my officers' conduct at the 4th Precinct during this time will only confirm the strength of the work my officers did protecting both public safety and the freedom of speech."

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/21/anti-police-graffiti-removed-in-minneapolis/76198112/>

MINNEAPOLIS -- Workers have painted over anti-police graffiti on a Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days over the death of Jamar Clark.

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The police station had been spray-painted with Clark's name and anti-police profanity. It's not clear who made the markings.

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Union leaders spoke at a rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting the shooting death of Jamal Clark. (Photo: KARE)

Early Saturday afternoon, union leaders spoke at a rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting the shooting death of Clark.

Several dozen people attended the rally in cold weather to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week.

One speaker, Alanna Galloway of the Communication Workers of America, says civil rights are workers' rights.

Kyle Edwards of AFSCME Local 3800, representing University of Minnesota clerical workers, says working class people are becoming aware that "we're all in this together."

Longtime Minneapolis civil rights activist Mel Reeves told The Associated Press that protesters want the police involved in the shooting prosecuted. Clark was shot by a police officer in what authorities say was a scuffle. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, but police dispute that.

<http://wjon.com/anti-police-graffiti-removed-in-minneapolis/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations.

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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/21/street-cleaning-interrupts-calm-at-4th-precinct/76166518/>

MINNEAPOLIS - A night of calm demonstrations on the city's north side was put on edge for a short period of time early Saturday when city crews and police officers showed up with cement barriers to reroute traffic.

A large crowd turned out for a candlelight vigil and march led by NAACP National President Cornell William Brooks early Friday evening, and the mood was calm but resolved as leaders called for change in the Minneapolis Police Department, and justice for 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Clark is the young black man fatally shot by a Minneapolis Police officer early last Sunday morning.

Things remained calm at the protester encampment outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct building until approximately 3 a.m. Saturday, when rumors of a pending police action on activists prompted one of Jamar Clark's relatives to get on a bullhorn and begin shouting about a police takeover. The rumors also involved a reported sweep of the area to clean up Plymouth Avenue so traffic could get through, so a number of activists took it upon themselves to move fire pits out of the street, sweep the area and pick up garbage to make the encampment neat.

The police sweep never came, but around 5 a.m. city crews showed up with front end loaders and concrete road barricades to restrict and reroute traffic in the area. A KARE 11 photojournalist says a barrier was placed to keep traffic away from a gate to the 4th precinct parking lot. Another was placed to block an alley off Morgan Avenue. The other night a driver was arrested for trying to run an SUV through one of the police parking lot gates.

The arrival of barriers and a bevy of officers to protect those city crews stirred up protesters for a second time, but things quickly calmed and remained that way through the early morning hours.

Sunday, November 22

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One week after Jamar Clark was fatally shot by police and protesters surrounded the Police Department's Fourth Precinct station to demand answers and evidence, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis met Sunday to decide what to do next.

Meanwhile, a family member of Clark said funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 W. Broadway Av. N., with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Clark's cousin Kenya McKnight asked that there be no rallies on the day of the funeral, saying the family "does not want it to be political."

At least two dozen people attended Sunday's meeting in a storefront on West Broadway. It was closed to the media, but Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Kandace Montgomery read a statement.

Members of the group met Saturday with Gov. Mark Dayton and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., and were pleased that he urged that any videos of the Nov. 15 shooting "be provided to the family and released to the public as soon as it does not affect the investigation negatively," Montgomery said.

The video is in the hands of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which has said that any release of the tapes would hinder the investigation.

A grainy 59-second video appeared on the Black Lives Matter Minneapolis Facebook page Sunday. The online post says the video shows Clark "moments after he was shot in the head by Minneapolis Police. At the 29 second mark, you can see Jamar's body appears to be lifeless on the ground with his hands in handcuffs, just as numerous witnesses have reported from day one." The jerky, handheld video depicts at least one officer with a pistol drawn and bystanders yelling at officers.

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Montgomery said the governor also agreed to sit down with members of Black Lives Matter and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change in December "to craft policies."

Dayton showed "more willingness to work with us," Montgomery said. "I think he came to the table with more compassion.

"We expect our elected officials to continue to step up to the plate and work in collaboration with the community to end the violence and injustice," Montgomery said. "This community, particularly the North Side, has been left out of the discussions. Decisions are made without them. So we are calling this meeting to decide what comes next."

Meanwhile, the divide between city officials became more visible with a flurry of statements late Saturday.

Some City Council members have stood with protesters outside the Fourth Precinct.

Council President Barb Johnson, who represents part of north Minneapolis, voiced her support for police, saying any investigation would show "not only that our officers have done a great job, but that it will show criminal behavior on the part of some protesters."

In a posting on Facebook, Council Member Blong Yang, whose district also is in north Minneapolis, said: "I can't agree to the [Black Lives Matter] demands. They keep growing and/or changing, and many are not permitted by current law.

“I will fight with my dying breath for anyone’s First Amendment rights, but in my view, the protest at the Fourth Precinct has accomplished the realistic goals: a federal investigation (the speed of which is unprecedented) and the names of the officers. Many of my constituents want: access to Plymouth Avenue; a Fourth Precinct that is fully functional; a good night’s sleep without helicopter noise. ... I want what my constituents want, which may be at odds with BLM.”

Police Chief Janeé Harteau applauded the work of her officers, saying an investigation “will only confirm the strength” of their work to protect public safety and freedom of speech.

Mayor Betsy Hodges gave credit to police and protesters, asking both “to continue to exercise restraint and respect.” She added that officers “continue to do their best to protect neighbors and protesters from violent elements who are out only to do harm.”

Attorneys from the U.S. Justice Department were expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate events surrounding Clark’s death.

“The U.S. attorney’s office in Minnesota and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are working together with prosecutors from Department of Justice Civil Rights on the criminal civil rights investigation. They will be here for a few days,” Ben Petok, communications director with the U.S. District Attorney’s office in Minneapolis, said in an e-mail Sunday.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/52914033-story>

(with video)

(11/21?) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (KMSP) - After nearly a week of demanding answers outside of the Minneapolis Police's 4th precinct, we take you to a surrounding neighborhood and share the stories of two north side mothers. These two women hope we look beyond the stigma hovering over north Minneapolis and instead think of the children and their families who call it home.

There’s a lot of love inside the home of Shanene Herbert and Melissa Mercedes. Only blocks away remain the outcries demanding justice for Jamar Clark remain loud and clear.

“I’m sick and tired of all of this still going on! It was on before I was born, after I was born and all of my life. When does it stop?” Betty Ellison-Harpole asks with tears in her eyes.

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Photo Beyond Protests: N. Mpls mothers encourage community resolution

Many insist the demonstrations continue.

“It should go on until it is dealt with in a court of law,” said another protester.

Police have said Clark reached for an officer's handgun, while some believe he was handcuffed when shot in the head by an officer last Sunday.

"I know that great people live in this neighborhood, and for us to go through this thing with law enforcement, with government agencies coming in, its traumatic!" Herbert exclaimed.

"We have to continue to pour love into our children. They're affected by this too. We can't just put them on the school bus in the morning and say 'have a good day!' when they experienced a helicopter flying overhead and couldn't sleep because of it," Melissa Mercedes said, shaking her head.

The hopeful mother also encourages protesters to plan beyond the demonstration.

"We have to take action. We have to have commitment by those who say they're here because of [Jamar Clark]. OK. Where are you tomorrow?" Mercedes said.

Herbert, who is also an educator, notes that the FBI and U.S. attorney have called for an investigation into Jamar Clark's death. Herbert doesn't expect everyone to be happy with the outcome, but she hopes the community will stand together and be prepared to move forward.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/22/4th-precinct-protests-could-end-this-week/76245044/>

MINNEAPOLIS - Protesters have occupied the block of Plymouth Ave. in front of the Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct since Nov. 15, when a 24-year-old black man was shot and killed by an officer.

That protest may come to end the day before Jamar Clark is buried.

Clark's family has requested there be no protests on Wednesday, because they don't want his funeral to be politicized.

And after a lengthy meeting with north side community members on Sunday, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis members say they can only promise the protests will continue through Sunday and Monday nights.

Tuesday morning, they are planning a march in Minneapolis.

Black Lives Matter representatives say they are pleased with the results of a meeting Saturday with Gov. Mark Dayton.

"I think Governor Dayton was willing to show more willingness to work with us and pursue justice. I think he came to the table with more passion," said Kandace Montgomery of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis.

Dayton is now urging videotape evidence be shown to Clark's family and made public as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the criminal investigation into his shooting.

Dayton also agreed to meet with Black Lives Matter and Neighborhoods Organizing for Change in December. And he renewed his call for a legislative special session to address racial disparities in Minnesota.

"I'm absolutely proud. No city has gotten what we've gotten in such a short amount of time," Montgomery said.

"I think Governor Dayton was willing to show more willingness to work with us and pursue justice. I think he came to the table with more passion," Montgomery said.

Kenya McKnight, a cousin of Clark, says Clark's funeral will be Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis.

McKnight says the service will start at noon and last an hour. A visitation will be held at the church before the funeral, from 10 a.m. to noon. McKnight says both will be open to the public and media.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/20/keesee>

The national president of the NAACP will be in Minneapolis Friday afternoon for a rally and candlelight vigil outside the 4th Precinct police station.

- Thursday: Hodges confronted by demonstrators as she visits 4th Precinct
- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands

Protesters have been gathering there since Sunday when Jamar Clark was fatally shot by Minneapolis police.

On Thursday, Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter, said she's requesting that the U.S. government put the police department under federal receivership because of their handling of the investigation into Clark's death.

Police and protesters clashed on Wednesday evening.

This is the kind of conflict that the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice is trying to prevent.

Earlier this year, Minneapolis was named as one of six cities that would be part of a \$4.75 million pilot project funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

MPR's Cathy Wurzer spoke with Tracie Keesee, the national director of that initiative

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/22/family-funeral-set-for-jamar-clark/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Funeral plans are set for a black man whose fatal shooting by Minneapolis police has sparked protests.

A cousin of Jamar Clark says Clark's funeral will be Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis.

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Related: Federal Lawyers Coming To Investigate Jamar Clark Shooting

Protesters have been demonstrating outside a Minneapolis police station since Clark was shot during a struggle with officers who were answering an assault complaint last Sunday. McKnight says Clark's family hopes there are no rallies on the day of the funeral. She says the family "does not want it to be political."

Despite cold weather, protesters remain outside the police Fourth Precinct office.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/22/black-lives-matter-protesters-stand-firm-as-federal-investigators-arrive/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — It's been one week since Black Lives Matter protesters started occupying a Minneapolis police precinct and Sunday night, the protest continues.

The protesters are camping out in front of the fourth precinct in north Minneapolis. They say they will stay there until tapes are released in the shooting of Jamar Clark. Investigators with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension say while answering a call early last Sunday, an officer's gun went off, killing Jamar. Witnesses say Clark was in handcuffs.

As federal investigators join in on this case, protesters are staying put.

Federal attorneys were scheduled to arrive in Minneapolis on Sunday. There no solid answers for protestors, but they say they are making progress.

Seven days and 30 degrees separate this Sunday from last. That's when Black Lives Matter protesters set up camp outside the fourth precinct.

"I've taken breaks but I was one of the first people on the scene when it happened," Jason Sole said.

Sole is one of hundreds who've joined the week-long cause dubbed "Justice for Jamar." The college professor has juggled protests with his classes.

"I think we're getting closer but we're in it for the long haul," he said.

As food and space heater donations come in, the crowds power through the Minnesota air. That's after a week of shutting down Interstate 94 and enduring chemical irritants.

"We got plenty of milk, plenty of strength, plenty of unity," one protester said.

One leader says the group is thriving.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the community I've been standing with, I'm incredibly proud," Kandace Montgomery said.

She says the passion is still burning and as for the camp out, "I'm not sure what's going to happen, I think it depends on how much the mayor and Chief Harteau are actually committed to allowing peaceful protesters to continue to peacefully protest," Montgomery said.

Now that was just after 3 p.m. when we spoke with Kandice. After she spoke with us, she went into a meeting where she says they will discuss what's next.

Montgomery says they are working closely with Jamar's brother as they wait to see tapes and get more information. Meanwhile there is a funeral set for Jamar Clark on Wednesday.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/22/a-week-after-jamar-clark-shooting-black-lives-matter-to-discuss-its-next-step/>

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<http://www.fox9.com/news/53110599-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (KMSP) - Despite freezing temperatures Saturday, protests continued outside of Minneapolis police's Fourth Precinct.

Protesters have no plan on leaving, as they demand officials to release any video they have in the fatal officer-involved shooting of Jamar Clark.

"There is a heart and a hope of America and there is the actual reality." One demonstrator said.

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Photo Protests continue in North Minneapolis

"Are we getting so caught up in the window of life that we look at that we can not see outside of that window?" One demonstrator said.

And the window in North Minneapolis is wide open. For the past week, hundreds have used the police station as a podium to share their message.

Protesters have made their demands clear, they want police video and investigators are making their intentions known, they also want justice and for now that means no video will be released.

The Department of Justice Attorneys will arrive in Minneapolis Sunday. Gov. Dayton has asked members of the Clark family, along with Black Lives Matter leaders to meet with them to discuss disposition of the tapes.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/22/demonstrations-over-jamar-clark-death-enter-2nd-week->

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys are in the Twin Cities Monday to conduct a civil rights investigation, as demonstrations over the police killing of a 24-year-old African-American man by Minneapolis police enter a second week.

The lawyers are expected to discuss the possible release of video that may show the shooting.

Even with nighttime temperatures falling into the teens, protesters are keeping their tents on the front lawn of the 4th Precinct police headquarters on Plymouth Avenue North.

They've been camped out there since last Sunday. That's when a police officer shot and killed Jamar Clark outside an apartment building down the street.

Late Sunday morning the mood was much more relaxed than the previous week. Dozens of people kept warm by campfires as others set up propane heaters and sorted through donated food and winter clothing.

Devonne Mayweather, 29, was among the protesters who've been spending the night here. Like everyone else, Mayweather is demanding that state investigators release video of the incident. Mayweather says Clark did not have a gun and police could have subdued him without taking his life.

"It was an excuse to shoot him in the head," he said. "He had no right to shoot him in his head. He was executed."

Some witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Bob Kroll, a Minneapolis police lieutenant and president of the police union, says that's not true. Kroll says Clark was not handcuffed and tried to grab one officer's gun before another fired the fatal shot.

Betty Harpole, 79, has not been among the overnights at the 4th Precinct. But Harpole says she's been outside every day to lend her support to demonstrators five and six decades her junior. Harpole says the protest is not only about Clark's death, but also the racism that African-Americans have endured for centuries.

"A lot of this was going on before I was born," she said. "And it went on during the time when I was growing up. And it's still going on. You wonder, when does it stop? I'd like to go on record as declaring white privilege as a form of bullying ... and it's time that it stop."

Clashes between African-Americans and police have prompted other protests recently in the Twin Cities. In September, Black Lives Matter demonstrators shut down the Green Line after they say Metro Transit police used excessive force in arresting a 17-year-old boy with autism at a light rail station.

And in St. Paul, calls to overhaul the police civilian review commission were prompted in part by officers' Taserings of a black man in the downtown skyway in early 2014.

While these high-profile incidents get the lion's share of attention, many African-Americans also say they feel disrespected during nonviolent encounters with police. Last year officers stopped and frisked a group surveying residents in north Minneapolis about a proposed greenway. No one was arrested, but the canvassers said they felt embarrassed and shaken up.

Black Lives Matter organizer Lena Gardner says these are some of the broader issues underpinning this latest protest.

"We are really dedicated to improving the lives of black Minnesotans," she said. "We are dedicated to long-term systemic and structural change and we also think it's really important that there's a cultural shift where we start to understand that the black community is not disposable."

As the group plans its next steps, Gardner says she is hopeful that the video of Clark's death will be made public soon. But she couldn't say if releasing that video will mean demonstrators will break camp at the 4th Precinct.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/20/day-6-of-protests-at-4th-precinct-what-we-know/76114888/>

(updated daily grabbed on 11/30)

involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark are ongoing, as demonstrators call for justice outside the Fourth Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Since the protests began Sunday, Nov. 15, there have been numerous press conferences, rallies and an ever-changing scene outside the precinct.

Here's what we know, so far.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

-- Around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, two Minneapolis Police officers responded to a call for assistance on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue North, in regards to a man who was interfering with paramedics on the scene of an assault.

-- Officers arrived to find Jamar O'Neal Clark, 24, at the scene. While officers attempted to restrain Clark, a struggle ensued.

-- At some point, an officer fired his gun at Clark, hitting him once in the head. Clark was transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center.

-- Later that day, protesters with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NAACP organized a march for justice for Jamar Clark from where the shooting took place to the Fourth Precinct of the police department. Leaders with the group claimed Clark was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot by police. They demanded a federal investigation, counseling for witnesses to the shooting and for any video of the incident to be released.

-- Mayor Betsy Hodges and Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau held a listening session Sunday evening to address concerns from the community.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

-- Protesters camped out overnight at the Fourth Precinct, pitching tents in the surrounding areas and "occupying" the entrance/vestibule of the station. They blocked vehicles from coming into or out of the precinct's parking lot.

-- Black Lives Matter held a press conference, demanding surveillance video of the shooting be released, the identities of the officers involved and calling for more supporters to come occupy the Fourth Precinct.

-- The family of Jamar Clark made the decision to remove him from life support. He died Monday night.

-- Mayor Betsy Hodges requests a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

-- Clark's family said he was trying to get his life together after a troubled past, including an aggravated robbery conviction in 2010 (which put him behind bars for 41 months) and a terroristic threats conviction earlier this year. (A domestic abuse no contact order was issued in that case.)

-- Protesters marched onto Interstate 94, shutting down traffic for hours. After a standoff with police, 41 people were arrested – 34 adults and eight juveniles. Frustrated drivers voiced complaints to the protest.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

-- The BCA announces they will not be releasing any videos of the shooting until their investigation is complete. They say they have received several videos, but none show the entire incident.

-- The BCA also states no dash cam or body cam video was taken of the incident.

-- At the press conference, the BCA does not give any information about the woman involved in the initial assault. They say she knew Clark but would not give details about her whereabouts or the events that led to the assault.

-- Protesters remain in the entrance and the surrounding areas of the Fourth Precinct.

-- Federal agencies agree to launch a civil right investigation into Clark's death.

-- The Hennepin County Medical Examiner releases their report, stating Clark died from a single gunshot wound to the head and listing the manner of death as "homicide."

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

-- The two officers involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark are identified as officers Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

-- The officers involved tell the BCA that Clark grabbed the hand grip of the officer's gun while it was in the holster and that he was never handcuffed in the incident.

-- Minneapolis Police storm the Fourth Precinct and reclaim the entrance to the building, taking protesters by surprise. One person is arrested after throwing a bottle at police.

-- Chief Janee Harteau tells the media it was her decision to remove protesters from the entrance of the precinct.

-- A coalition of activists holds a press conference to announce a list of demands, where Jamar Clark's sister speaks – and asks for justice and peace.

-- Tensions mount between nearly 400 protesters and police as night falls – bottles, rocks and bricks are thrown at police, who respond with a chemical irritant sprayed at the crowd.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

-- The Minneapolis NAACP calls for respect from the Minneapolis Police Department, alleges violence against unarmed protesters and calls for long-term reform of the department.

-- Chief Janee Harteau lists the damages caused by Wednesday night's protests, saying they were likely at the hands of activists, not peaceful protesters. Among the violence, she said three Molotov cocktails were thrown at police officers overnight.

-- The head of the Minneapolis Police Union, Lt. Bob Kroll, reiterates Clark was not handcuffed during the incident, says he reached for an officer's gun and blames Clark for the outcome of Sunday's incident. He says he's confident the officers involved will be cleared of any wrongdoing.

-- Protests continue for a fifth day, with a rally at the Fourth Precinct. Rep. Keith Ellison speaks out after a photo surfaces of his son at the protest, with a gun pointed at him by Minneapolis Police.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

-- Police say two people outside the Fourth Precinct were arrested for graffiti on the building that contained profane language. A man was also arrested for ramming his vehicle into the gate to the precinct's parking lot.

-- A small protest at the Minneapolis City Council meeting results in three people being escorted out of the building by police.

-- A meeting between the national and local members of the NAACP, Gov. Mark Dayton and Mayor Betsy Hodges takes place at the Governor's Residence at 1 p.m.

-- National NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks joined activists from the Minneapolis NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and community leaders for a Friday night vigil in memory of Jamar Clark.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

-- A night of calm demonstrations on the city's north side was put on edge for a short period of time early Saturday when city crews and police officers showed up with cement barriers to reroute traffic.

-- Workers paint over anti-police graffiti at the Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days.

-- Gov. Dayton meets with Jamar Clark's family, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Congressman Keith Ellison.

The arrival of street barricades stirred up protesters

The arrival of street barricades stirred up protesters in front of the Minneapolis Police 4th Precinct early Saturday. (Photo: KARE)

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

-- Family announces Clark's funeral will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis at Noon. A visitation will be held at the church beginning at 10 a.m.

-- After a lengthy meeting with north side community members on Sunday, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis members say they can only promise the protests will continue through Sunday and Monday nights. Tuesday morning, they are planning a march in Minneapolis.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

-- Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night Jamar Clark was shot, but that the footage is inconclusive. Nekima Levy-Pounds, the head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

-- Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced plans for a march at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall, the Hennepin County Courthouse and the federal courthouse. A memorial concert is planned for Tuesday evening. A food and clothing drive is planned for Wednesday. Organizers plan a community Thanksgiving on Thursday. On Friday, some sort of disruption is planned for Black Friday shoppers. One organizer wouldn't disclose the details to KARE 11, but said it would not happen at the Mall of America.

-- Five people were shot near the Fourth Precinct protest, late Monday night. Police say they were gathering information and searching for three white men. Protesters at the scene said they had no plans to stop the demonstrations, despite the shooting. Of the five people who were shot, all suffered non-life threatening injuries. Two were transported to the hospital via ambulance, three other victims made it to the hospital in private vehicles.

-- The brother of Jamar Clark issued a statement calling for an end to the protests at the Fourth Precinct, for the safety of the occupiers.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

-- Minneapolis Police announced they have three men in custody in connection to the shooting at the Fourth Precinct protest. Police say a 23-year-old white man was taken into custody in Bloomington, around 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday. Around 2:30 p.m., two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. Charges are pending.

-- Saying they "will not bow to fear or intimidation," leaders of Black Lives Matter announced Tuesday that demonstrators are recommitting to the so-called occupation of the Fourth Precinct. Protesters marched from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall, the county courthouse as well as the federal courthouse. However, late Tuesday, the Minneapolis Urban League released a statement stating the protests must come to an end.

-- Cameron Clark, Jamar Clark's cousin and victim of Monday's shooting, returned to the Fourth Precinct protests Tuesday night. "I'm hurting, my community needs me. I need them, and I'm not going to lay down," he told KARE 11.

A day after being shot near the Fourth Precinct, Cameron

A day after being shot near the Fourth Precinct, Cameron Clark, Jamar Clark's cousin, returned to the demonstration. (Photo: KARE 11)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

-- Minneapolis Police revealed a fourth person, a 27-year-old man, is being held in connection to the shooting. The Hennepin County Attorney's Office asked for and was granted more time to file charges against the four men connected to the shooting. It now has until noon Monday to file charges.

-- Several hundred people turned out for the funeral of Jamar Clark. Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. He added Clark's death will not be in vain.

-- Rep. Keith Ellison released a statement calling for an end to the Fourth Precinct protests.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

-- As snowflakes fall on the encampment in front of the 4th Precinct, protesters, neighbors, and volunteers share a Thanksgiving meal they say is helping build community.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

-- A quiet day at the Fourth Precinct. Some demonstrators joined others fighting for better wages outside the downtown Minneapolis Macy's while others remained at the encampment. Despite rumors of a #BlackFriday shutdown, protesters stayed out of major malls for one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

-- The Twin Cities' local East African community says they're standing together for Jamar Clark.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

-- Fire Chief John Fruetel met with protesters camped out at a north Minneapolis police station to discuss concerns about the growing campfires there and emergency access to the site.

-- More than 100 people gathered outside the Fourth Precinct in north Minneapolis Sunday morning to pray together.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

-- Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, along with Rep. Keith Ellison and other community members, called for an end to the occupation of the Fourth Precinct. In a press conference, Hodges cited safety concerns while others, including Ellison, urged protesters to move on.

-- Four men were charged in the shooting that injured five protesters near the Fourth Precinct. Twenty-three-year-old Allen Lawrence Scarsella, of Lakeville, was identified as the gunman and was charged with one count of riot while armed with a dangerous weapon and five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon. Four other men face riot charges.

-- In response, the Minneapolis NAACP and Black Lives Matter held a press conference to make it clear, they would not be going anywhere. They said they still have a list of demands that need to be met.

ABC News: The Latest: NAACP Plans Minneapolis Vigil on Police Shooting

The nation's oldest civil rights organization is calling for a candlelight vigil and march in Minneapolis to bring attention to the latest fatal shooting of a young black man by a police officer. (AP wire story)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-naacp-plans-minneapolis-vigil-police-shooting-35321157>

The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

8:15 p.m.

Federal authorities say releasing videos from the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer would harm the investigation.

In a joint statement Friday night, they backed up state and local investigators who have rebuffed protesters demands for the release of videos of the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

The statement came from U.S. Attorney Andy Luger; the assistant attorney general for civil rights, Vanita Gupta; and the special agent in charge of the FBI's Minneapolis office, Richard Thornton.

They say release of any information, including any video, would be "extremely detrimental" to the independent investigation that the Justice Department and FBI are conducting into whether Clark's death violated any federal laws.

The federal investigation was also one of the protesters' demands.

5:30 p.m.

Hundreds are gathered outside a Minneapolis police precinct to remember a black man who was fatally shot by an officer.

The vigil was peaceful on Friday evening. Several speakers are calling for unity and justice in the wake of Sunday's shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Many attendees are holding candles, and several children are sitting on their parents' shoulders, taking in the event on a cold night. Several bonfires have been lit in the area, filling the air with smoke.

Clark was shot Sunday after authorities say he struggled with an officer. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed. Police dispute that.

5:25 p.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he had a constructive meeting with state and local leaders as well as leaders from the NAACP to talk about the situation in Minneapolis after the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Dayton met Friday with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, national and local leaders of the NAACP, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and other officials. Clark was fatally shot Sunday by a Minneapolis police officer, and his death has sparked days of protests at the local police precinct.

Dayton says he is asking those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause further damage to people's lives and property. He says he takes the issue seriously and wants to bring proposals up during the next legislative session.

11:30 a.m.

Three activists were escorted from a Minneapolis City Council meeting after speaking out about the shooting of a black man by a city police officer.

Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality was one of the activists removed from Friday's meeting. As she was escorted out, she shouted, "We will be heard. You will be held accountable for what you have done to our community."

Gross and others were speaking out about the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. He was shot by a police officer in what authorities say was a scuffle. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed. Police dispute that.

The activists were advised that the public is welcome to attend City Council meetings, but rules require those in attendance to refrain from disruptions.

6:25 a.m.

The nation's oldest civil rights organization is calling for a candlelight vigil and march in Minneapolis to bring attention to the latest fatal shooting of a young black man by a police officer.

NAACP national president Cornell William Brooks says the event planned for 4:30 p.m. Friday outside the 4th Precinct headquarters will increase pressure on the Minneapolis Police Department in the wake of the killing of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed. Police dispute that.

The shooting has prompted protests. Brooks told reporters Thursday that Clark's death "is one bad chapter in a bad national narrative of police conduct."

TIME: Why Minneapolis Is Erupting Over a Police-Related Shooting

The Department of Justice is currently investigating to determine whether Clark's civil rights were violated, and the FBI is conducting its own investigation. The Minneapolis Police Department, meanwhile, has had a history of misconduct. <http://time.com/4120901/minneapolis-jamar-clark-protests/>

(with video)

Was Jamar Clark handcuffed when he was shot and killed by police?

That's the question many Minneapolis protesters are asking after the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old black man in the early morning hours Sunday following a confrontation with police officers.

On Wednesday, hundreds of demonstrators demanding answers in Clark's death protested outside of a Minneapolis police precinct headquarters, where police erected barricades, used pepper spray against demonstrators, and attempted to take down a makeshift camp created by protesters, according to the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. Some protesters threw rocks and bricks at police and several officers were injured. Dozens of protesters have been arrested over four days of demonstrations.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a state agency investigating the case, publicly released the identities of the two officers involved in the shooting on Wednesday—Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. According to the Associated Press, the two officers have each had seven years of law enforcement experience, 13 months of that with the Minneapolis Police Department.

The state agency says several videos exist showing the confrontation between the two officers and Clark, including cell phone videos taken by bystanders as well as nearby surveillance recordings, but none of them show the full incident. Minneapolis police were not wearing body cameras.

According to state law, information gathered by law enforcement during an active criminal investigation can remain private, but video would likely be released once the investigation is completed.

Police say they were called to the scene early Sunday after Clark was interfering with paramedics who were treating a woman, who has been described as Clark's girlfriend. At least one witness says Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. The Minneapolis police union, however, says Clark reached for an officer's gun and was not handcuffed. The incident is the latest to involve police and the deaths of black men and boys to roil an American city since the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., by Officer Darren Wilson last summer.

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The Minneapolis Police Department, meanwhile, has had a history of misconduct. According to the Star-Tribune, the city paid \$14 million in settlements between 2006 and 2012. The newspaper says more than 400 civilian complaints were lodged against officers between 2012 and 2013, but no officers were formally disciplined.

NPR: After Night Of Clashes, Protests Continue In Minneapolis

Protesters in Minneapolis clashed with police Wednesday night, as demonstrations over the police shooting of a black man intensified.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/11/19/456643663/after-night-of-clashes-protests-continue-in-minneapolis>

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Minnesota Public Radio reports:

"A gathering of hundreds of protesters at a north Minneapolis precinct grew tense Wednesday night, after police cleared the entrance of the station where some had camped since Sunday after Jamar Clark was shot by police.

"Police sprayed a chemical irritant at a crowd through a chain link fence, and Minneapolis officials say some officers were targeted as well.

"By late afternoon, around 300 Black Lives Matter protesters stood in a cold rain outside the precinct. When police removed a few of them from inside the vestibule, the protest grew outside."

According to The New York Times, Clark was shot in the head by police on Sunday and he died Monday at a hospital. The Minneapolis Star Tribune reports that police say they shot Clark after a "struggle with officers." Clark, they said, was interfering with paramedics who were treating his girlfriend.

Demonstrators have taken to the streets daily since the shooting.

Minneapolis Police said that on Wednesday night, they had fired one "marking round" to someone "throwing bricks" and that they had used a chemical irritants after their officers were attacked with rocks and bottles.

A video posted by the independent news outlet Unicorn Riot appears to show police firing multiple marking rounds. It also captures the tense atmosphere of Wednesday:

Minneapolis Police Shoot #Justice4Jamar Protesters With "Less-Lethal" Weapons from Unicorn Riot on Vimeo.

The AP talked to one protester, Wintana Melekin, who complained about the police tactics being used to disperse protesters:

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a statement today calling on protesters to "act peacefully" and on police officers to "exercise maximum restraint."

She went on:

"I understand that emotions are running high in the community and across the City. I share many of the emotions that people are feeling in Minneapolis today. I firmly believe in everyone's right to protest and understand that people want to have places where they can gather and do that peacefully. We also want to ensure everyone's safety."

Update at 2:15 p.m. ET. 'Mass Occupation' Planned:

The Black Lives Matter movement in Minneapolis are say they have plans for a "mass occupation" today at 5 p.m. ET.

"Today, we will grow in numbers and let the nation know that this type of oppression and injustice will not stand in our city," the group said in the event's Facebook page.

US News & World Report: The Latest: 2 accused of spray-painting police building arrested during protest in Minneapolis

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer. (AP story)

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/19/latest-naacp-calls-for-police-restraint-in-minneapolis>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

12:45 a.m.

Two people were arrested after police say they spray-painted walls and windows of a precinct building with profane messages during a protest over the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Police Department tweeted early Friday that two men were arrested on suspicion of felony damage to property. The department said they were the only arrests during the demonstration outside the station where protesters have gathered since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday.

Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

The Star Tribune reports the scene was mostly peaceful Thursday night. A night earlier in the same spot, police said officers were hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks, and a chemical spray was used to control the crowd.

8:15 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison says he supports protesters' demands that investigators release video of the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Minneapolis Democrat spoke Thursday night outside a police station where protesters have been camped out since Sunday's shooting of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was fatally wounded in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members allege Clark was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Ellison noted a Star Tribune photo showing his son, Jeremiah, in a tense moment with an officer in riot gear amid the protests Wednesday night. The scene at the station was calmer early Thursday night.

Ellison urges all sides to remain peaceful, saying he doesn't want anything to derail the message of justice for Clark.

Authorities have said they have video from several sources but none captured the entire incident. They say none will be released while the investigation is ongoing.

5 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis police union says the department should take a tougher stance with protesters camping out at a north side precinct near the site where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by officers.

The city's 4th Precinct has been the center of protests since the shooting early Sunday morning of 24-year old Jamar Clark. Clark was shot once in the head in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Union head Bob Kroll says officers are under fire in a chaotic situation and no one has been arrested. He says tents and campfires shouldn't be allowed.

Chief Janee (juh-NAY') Harteau says police have been hit with pepper spray, bottles, rocks and bricks. She has praised officers for what she said is restraint under tough circumstances and said police will arrest people where they have enough evidence.

2:30 p.m.

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison is upset with police who he believes pointed a gun at his son, Jeremiah, during protests outside a Minneapolis police station over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man.

The Minneapolis Democrat, who is black, posted on his Twitter account Thursday that a Star Tribune photo showing his son and an officer in riot gear was "agonizing" to see. He says it shows his son was peacefully protesting with his hands up, while the officer is shouldering a gun.

The photo has been circulating on social media. It was taken Wednesday night amid protests taking place at the station since another officer shot Jamar Clark in a confrontation Sunday.

It's not clear if the officer shown in the photo was pointing the gun directly at Ellison's son.

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1:45 p.m.

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

CBS News: Civil rights leaders, police spar over Minneapolis protest response

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<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/civil-rights-leaders-police-spar-over-minneapolis-protest-response-jamar-clark/>

MINNEAPOLIS -- Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protesters after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer.

jamar-clark-shot.jpg

An undated photo of Jamar Clark, who died Monday after being shot by Minneapolis police. CBS MINNESOTA

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Ellison released a statement Thursday night on Facebook extending his sympathies to the Clark family and saying, "We must all be committed to establish the facts of what happened in the interest of justice."

The congressman said he agrees with protesters that video of the shooting should be made public, and urged all sides to remain peaceful.

"I call on all of us to be our best selves and move beyond anger to dialogue and problem solving," Ellison wrote.

On Wednesday, shortly after 1:30 p.m. officers from the Minneapolis 4th precinct attempted to remove protesters from the area, CBS Minnesota reported.

The situation escalated when someone threw a portion of a brick in the direction of the building, leading officers to fire what is called a "marking round" at him.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, head of the Minneapolis police union, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the 4th Precinct.

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Christian Science Monitor: Protests continue in Minneapolis over police shooting

The protests were sparked by the death of Jamar Clark on Sunday. The 24-year-old black man was shot in the head during a confrontation with police. (AP)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2015/1119/Protests-continue-in-Minneapolis-over-police-shooting>

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"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Ms. Levy-Pounds said.

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Yahoo News: Minneapolis NAACP chief calls for release of videos in fatal police shooting

The head of the Minneapolis NAACP on Thursday joined protesters in demanding that authorities release videos of an altercation earlier this week in which a police officer shot an unarmed black man to death. (Reuters report)

<http://news.yahoo.com/minneapolis-naacp-chief-demands-release-video-minnesota-shooting-012050059.html>

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Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said there have been "so many false narratives spun by the Minneapolis Police Department as to what has happened."

"Enough is enough," she told about 75 protesters and members of the media at a news conference outside the police precinct near where Jamar Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday.

Clark is the latest in a series of unarmed black people to be killed at the hands of police in the United States in the past several years, fueling protests nationwide.

Community activists have said Clark was unarmed and claim he was handcuffed when he was shot shortly during an altercation with two police officers.

[View gallery](#)A police officer talks with demonstrators in front …

A police officer talks with demonstrators in front of a north Minneapolis police precinct during a p ...

On Wednesday, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety identified the officers involved but did not reveal their races. Both are on administrative leave during the investigation.

"We're demanding release of the tapes," Levy-Pounds said. "We're demanding reform of the police department and we are demanding justice for Jamar Clark right now."

Authorities have said there was no video of the shooting from police dashboard or body cameras, but investigators are reviewing video from business and security cameras in the area.

They also are checking witnesses' cell phones but said none of those videos captured the entire incident.

Bob Kroll, president of the union representing Minneapolis police officers, said at a Thursday news conference that Clark had grabbed one of the officers' guns during the melee, although the weapon remained in its holster.

[View gallery](#)A protester carries a sign as police stand their ground …

A protester carries a sign as police stand their ground in front of a north Minneapolis police preci ...

Kroll has previously said that Clark was not handcuffed during the struggle.

"This event should have been a peaceful encounter. It was the actions and choices only of Mr. Clark alone that determined its outcome," he said. "The officers' actions are going to prove to be justified."

Frederic Bruno, an attorney representing one of the officers involved in the incident, said in a written statement that Clark had prior convictions for robbery and making criminal threats.

PROTEST CAMP ERECTED

Protesters have set up a camp, including more than 12 tents and half a dozen campfires, in front of the police precinct building near the shooting site in north Minneapolis. A sign near the building reads "Justice4Jamar."

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About 200 demonstrators on Thursday were chanting, singing and holding signs near the building, while several officers, in their regular uniforms, watched from the front of the precinct.

Tensions rose later in the evening, when several protesters spray painted on the side of the building and police fired rubber bullets at a small group.

Drew Evans, superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating Clark's death, has said Clark was unarmed and the BCA was still trying to determine whether he was handcuffed.

According to the BCA, the police officers had responded to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that someone was interfering as they tried to help an assault victim.

The BCA said Clark, who died on Monday night at a hospital, was a suspect in the assault and had an altercation with the officers before one of them shot him.

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Inforum: Minneapolis police say Molotov cocktails thrown at protest, blame 'anarchists'

The Minneapolis police chief says anarchists from outside the community are attacking police, using an early Sunday police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to conduct violence.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3886335-minneapolis-police-say-molotov-cocktails-thrown-protest-blame-anarchists>

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Minneapolis police chief says anarchists from outside the community are attacking police, using an early Sunday police shooting of an unarmed black man as an excuse to conduct violence.

Meanwhile, protesters demanded federal action, accusing police of abuse.

Chief Janeé Harteau told reporters that Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and several shots were fired east of the 4th Precinct station, center of protests since the early Sunday police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who died the next day.

While many in North Minneapolis are not happy with police, Harteau blamed outsiders for the most violent actions.

"We believe we are dealing with anarchists..." Harteau said about Wednesday night-Thursday morning activity. "We believe people from outside our community are coming in to promote violence."

Harteau said chemical irritants were sprayed at officers, resulting with one needing medical treatment.

While "most people were peaceful," the chief said about 400 protesters, "hundreds of rocks," bottles, full-size bricks and chunks of materials were thrown at police.

Officers responded by spraying irritants at the throwers, Harteau said.

Thousands of dollars worth of damage was done to cars and other police property, she added.

While Harteau was blaming anarchists for problems, protest organizers said police were abusing them.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis alleged several cases of police abuse, including using mace on a young woman and a WCCO-TV reporter, pointing weapons at several "peaceful protesters" including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's son and making "false claims" that protesters sprayed chemicals irritants at them.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said that the Minneapolis Police Department cannot fix itself.

"We are also asking for the Minneapolis Police Department to be placed under federal receivership..." she said. "What happened to Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg."

Levy-Pounds alleged that police beat two women protesters and pointed guns at others who were chanting peacefully.

In the meantime, the national NAACP president headed to Minneapolis to deal with the aftermath of the Clark shooting.

Police say Clark, 24, interfered with ambulance personnel trying to treat a person in North Minneapolis early Sunday. All agree that Clark was not armed, but disagree about whether he was handcuffed.

"Cuffs were never on; the suspect was disarming the officer;" Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis police union said, without going into detail.

Many witnesses from the North Minneapolis community said Clark was handcuffed.

Records indicate Clark has been arrested in the past, but his family said he was setting his life straight and had two jobs.

Police are saying little about the case, which is being investigated by federal and state authorities.

Since shortly after the Sunday shooting, protesters have camped out around the 4th Precinct, with a tense relationship between them and police.

"Chief (Janeé) Harteau and I are asking officers to exercise maximum restraint, and are asking protesters to act peacefully," Mayor Betsy Hodges said. "I thank the many officers and protesters who are doing just that."

The major tension point is the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's refusal to release of video from several sources of the shooting incident. BCA officials said that release of the video, which does not show the entire Sunday incident, would "taint" future interviews in the case.

NAACP national President Cornell William Brooks was en route to Minneapolis to lead a late-Friday afternoon rally at the 4th Precinct.

"Our goal is to come to a resolution," NAACP spokeswoman Raquel Coombs said.

Similar situations in which officers killed a young black man, such as in Ferguson, Mo., have resulted in violent and sometimes deadly clashes between police and protesters.

"We don't want it to get to that," Coombs said.

State Rep. Raymond Dehn, D-Minneapolis, was among those standing outside the 4th Precinct station.

"What I've seen from those demonstrating at the 4th Precinct has been nothing but peaceful," Dehn said Thursday. "While there may be some bad actors, we must remember that the police have guns and the protesters don't. Minneapolis is better than what happened last night and must strive to do better."

Black Lives Matter called for a civil rights investigation into "abuses of peaceful protesters."

The group said Clark was shot "execution style."

An activist supporting the Black Lives Matter-backed protests tweeted a photo of one of Ellison's sons with his hands in the air in front of a police line. It was not immediately clear which of Ellison's sons is pictured.

A helmeted police officer has a weapon shouldered and pointed in the direction of the crowd, although it does not appear to be pointed directly at Ellison's son:

"My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" the congressman tweeted.

St. Paul Pioneer Press reporter David Montgomery contributed to this story. Forum News Service and the Pioneer Press are media partners.

Boston Globe: Editorial: To restore trust, make police accountable in Minneapolis

THERE ARE a few searing facts that Black Lives Matter protesters, the Minneapolis Police Department, and residents of North Minneapolis agree on: Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, is dead.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2015/11/19/restore-trust-make-police-accountable-minneapolis/gdD3tBqtE3cedccqdVPGWO/story.html>

THERE ARE a few searing facts that Black Lives Matter protesters, the Minneapolis Police Department, and residents of North Minneapolis agree on: Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man, is dead. The cause: a bullet in the head, from the gun of a police officer responding to a domestic-violence call last weekend. Beyond that, circumstances around the shooting of the 24-year-old are murky in the extreme. Was Clark handcuffed when he was shot? Was he complying with police, resisting arrest, or going for the officer's gun? How much video footage of the incident exists, and when will it be released?

"We've been saying for a long time that Minneapolis was one bullet away from Ferguson. Well, that bullet was fired last night," Jason Sole, an associate professor of criminal justice at Metropolitan State University, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Black Lives Matter protesters crowded onto Interstate 94 on Monday night, and scores were arrested, including Minneapolis NAACP president and law professor Nekima Levy-Pounds. On Wednesday night, tensions flared again as protesters threw rocks at police.

Like the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., Freddie Gray in Baltimore, or Walter Scott in North Charleston, S.C., the death of Jamar Clark demands a timely, rigorous, and transparent investigation by an independent agency. The US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the US Attorney for Minnesota should be commended for swiftly agreeing to Mayor Betsy Hodges's request for a criminal civil rights probe. Good intentions aside, however, the historic context of police-community relations in Minneapolis raises questions. Cases alleging police misconduct between 2006 and 2012 cost the city \$14 million, the Star Tribune reported in 2013. In the last 15 years, 140 people have died in "forceful encounters" with law enforcement officers in Minnesota — and Minneapolis Police officers were involved in 27 deaths, the largest share, according to the newspaper. The force has also struggled to diversify its ranks: As of last year, only 9.2 percent of the department was black, in a city with a black population of 18.6 percent.

It makes for a volatile mix, and the solutions are far from simple. But one worthy experiment has already been proposed. Just last month, a study by the Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission recommended that officers start using body cameras, and partner with an academic institution for two years to analyze metrics. (Officials confirmed that neither officer involved in the incident was wearing a body camera.) The study should be pulled off the

shelf and implemented. Video footage is no substitute for a deeper level of police accountability, but it can provide a record that can begin to restore trust — of heightened importance when lethal force is used. Investigators have asked that witnesses come forward. City leaders should do all they can to make it clear that Clark's family, and the community, have a right to a just investigation, wherever the facts lead.

DailyMail (UK): Dramatic moment: Cop 'aimed rifle at congressman's son' in Minneapolis during protest over 'execution-style' police shooting of unarmed black man

A dramatic photograph from last night's protests in Minneapolis over the 'execution-style' shooting of an unarmed black man appears to show a police officer pointing a rifle at the son of a congressman.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3326279/Dramatic-moment-cop-aimed-rifle-congressman-s-son-Minneapolis-protest-execution-style-police-shooting-unarmed-black-man.html>

(story included a lot of pictures)

A dramatic photograph from last night's protests in Minneapolis over the 'execution-style' shooting of an unarmed black man appears to show a police officer pointing a rifle at the son of a congressman.

Jeremiah Ellison, the son of Minnesota Democrat Keith Ellison, was unarmed and had his hands in the air as the cop appeared to aim his weapon at him.

The congressman tweeted on Thursday that he had seen the image and found it 'agonizing', adding that his son was protesting peacefully.

The shocking moment came during skirmishes between police and demonstrators protesting against the shooting of Jamar Clark, who was unarmed when he was fatally shot in the head by cops.

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Tragic: Jamar Clark (above) was unarmed when he was fatally shot in a confrontation with police on Sunday in Minneapolis. His family claim he was shot 'in the head execution style' by police

Some demonstrators had been throwing rocks at police but Jeremiah does not look like he is joining in.

Rep. Ellison tweeted the picture of his son, adding: 'Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?'

It is not clear whether the officer is pointing the gun directly at Jeremiah, or what type of weapon it is.

Protesters have taken to the streets of Minneapolis following the death of Clark, 24, whose family say he was 'shot in the head execution-style' by police on Sunday despite being unarmed.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. Investigators are now trying to find out whether Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

Witnesses claimed Clark was not struggling and was already in handcuffs at the time of the shooting.

He died after his life support machine was turned off on Monday evening.

Last night officers were forced into storming their own police station in the city's Fourth Precinct to move protesters out.

A cop sprays a chemical irritant at protesters outside a police station during last night's confrontation

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Pastor Tanden Brekke (right) pleaded with police officers to calm the situation as demonstrators besieged the Minneapolis Police Department Fourth Precinct building

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As the confrontation extended into the night, police used a chemical irritant to control the crowd of scores of protesters swelling outside the precinct office.

Chemical spray was also directed at officers from the crowd, police spokesman John Elder said.

The department tweeted that police used the irritant after officers trying to remove tarps had rocks and bottles thrown at them.

KSTP reported that some protesters poured milk on their faces after coming in contact with the chemical irritant that police used.

Police said they also fired one marking round to identify a man who was throwing bricks.

Protesters have called for a video of Clark's shooting to be released by police.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) called for restraint following last night's confrontation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police needed to back down, adding: 'It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis.'

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A protester argues with a police officer in front of a north Minneapolis police precinct Wednesday

Police chased and briefly detained a man who threw a bottle at them in front of the Fourth Precinct Wednesday afternoon

A protester clashes with Minneapolis police officers on bikes as a Black Lives Matter protest continued Wednesday at the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct in Minneapolis

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The officers involved in Clark's shooting were identified as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

They both have seven years of experience, including 13 months with the Minneapolis department.

Their race wasn't released because it's private under state law, however police in Maple Grove, where Ringgenberg worked before joining the Minneapolis force, said he is white.

According to USA Today, neither officer had faced disciplinary action while working for the Minneapolis Police Department.

However, Schwarze was reportedly named in two federal lawsuits in 2010 and 2011 while working as an officer with the Richfield, Minnesota Police Department. Both were dismissed.

Riggenberg also worked as a police officer in San Diego, California, where he was named in a lawsuit for an alleged mistaken arrest, a case that was also dismissed by a judge.

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ColorLines: UPDATE: Minneapolis Cops Who Killed Jamar Clark ID'd, FBI to Investigate

And police donned riot gear and fired rubber bullets and a chemical agent into the crowd outside the Minneapolis Police Department's fourth precinct building.

<http://www.colorlines.com/articles/update-minneapolis-cops-who-killed-jamar-clark-idd-fbi-investigate>

After four full days of citizen protest, the Minneapolis police officers who killed 24-year-old unarmed Black man Jamar Clark have been identified.

StarTribune reports that the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension named Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28, as the involved officers, but did not say which one fired the fatal shot. Their races have not been released, and are redacted in their personnel records, according to MPR News. Both officers have been working for seven years, and have been with the Minneapolis PD since September 2014.

Meanwhile, the FBI and U.S. Department of Justice have agreed to investigate the shooting to determine if the officers violated Clark's civil rights. And activists just concluded a meeting with Minneapolis mayor Betsy Hodges, where they asked her to "take a stand against the Minneapolis Police Federation."

Last night, officers donned riot gear and clashed with protestors, firing rubber bullets and a chemical agent in an attempt to break up the ongoing demonstration outside the MPD's fourth precinct. Officers say some people threw rocks and water bottles. They began to dismantle the protestors' makeshift camp outside the station, saying that it was blocking the entrance and security cameras in the building's vestibule. See harrowing video of the confrontation here.

Activists say they will maintain their position outside the station until video is released that shows exactly what happened when Jamar Clark was killed. Police union president Lt. Bob Kroll said yesterday that Clark reached for an officer's gun during a scuffle early Sunday morning. MPD chief Janeé Harteau did not mention that in her press conference earlier this week. Witnesses maintain that Clark was actually handcuffed and on the ground when he was shot in the head. He died on Monday night.

LA Times: Civil rights leaders, police differ over protest response

Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protestors after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer. (AP)

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151119-story.html>

Civil rights leaders appealed Thursday for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint but the head of the police union said officers should get tougher with protestors after a night of tense confrontations over the fatal shooting of a black man by an officer.

The contrasting responses showed the strong emotion surrounding the incident four days after Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head during a confrontation with two officers.

Police said he was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics trying to treat the victim. The state agency investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, is looking into claims that Clark was handcuffed. The head of the Minneapolis police union said Thursday that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found at the scene.

Police used a chemical irritant against protestors Wednesday night outside a north Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have gathered since the shooting.

The public response Thursday included a tweet from U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose son Jeremiah was shown in a Star Tribune photo that also included an officer in the background pointing a gun at a crowd of protestors.

"Photo is agonizing for me to see. My son is PEACEFULLY protesting w/ hands up; officer is shouldering gun. Why?" tweeted Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black.

Police said the officer's weapon shown in the photo fired non-lethal rounds that could be used to mark law-breaking protestors with chalk. Police spokesman John Elder said the gun wasn't pointed at Jeremiah Ellison.

Chief Janee Harteau said Thursday that officers themselves had been hit with pepper spray, Molotov cocktails, bottles, rocks and bricks.

Harteau said police would pursue arrests where they had evidence, but Bob Kroll, the police union leader, said the department should be moving more forcefully, including removal of tents that some protesters have set up outside the north side's 4th Precinct.

"It's chaos," Kroll said. "The officers are worn down."

He added of the protesters: "They should not have been allowed to pitch one tent, set one fire, or block the entryway for one minute."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said police need to back down.

"It shows a militarization of the police force in the city of Minneapolis," Levy-Pounds said.

A gathering Thursday night was more peaceful, the Star Tribune reported. Two men were arrested on preliminary charges of felony damage to property after profanities were found spray-painted on the precinct building, the police department tweeted.

The NAACP called for a candlelight vigil and march at the station starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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NBC News: Protesters Join City Leaders to Urge Calm After Police Killing of Black Minneapolis Man

Demonstrators protesting the killing of an unarmed black man during a scuffle with police joined Minneapolis officials Thursday in urging protesters to remain calm after a night of violence.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/protesters-join-city-leaders-urge-calm-after-police-killing-black-n466581>

(didn't grab video, multiple clips, nat sound pkgs)

Demonstrators protesting the killing of an unarmed black man during a scuffle with police joined Minneapolis officials Thursday in urging protesters to remain calm after a night of violence.

Demonstrators have been camping for days outside 4th Precinct police headquarters in Minneapolis, where officers used pepper spray to disperse crowds who hurled bottles, rocks and bricks Wednesday night. They are protesting the killing of Jamar Clark, 24, who died of a gunshot wound to the head Sunday.

Police told NBC News on Thursday that no arrests were made. But one officer was treated for reaction to a chemical irritant sprayed by a segment of protesters, and 12 squad cars were damaged, Police Chief Janee Harteau told reporters Thursday.

Related: Jamar Clark: Tension Rises After Killing of Unarmed Minneapolis Man

After the clash ended, three explosive devices that police described as "Molotov cocktails" were thrown at officers, Harteau said. The suspects, whom authorities described as political anarchists based on a flag they were carrying, remained at large Thursday, police said.

Harteau and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges both praised the majority of demonstrators for protesting peacefully, blaming the violence on outside elements.

Citing Minneapolis' history as a center of large-scale peaceful public activism, Hodges said she was determined to ensure the rights of protesters. At the same time, she said, she was responsible for protecting her police department and public spaces.

"We cannot allow violent conduct to endanger anyone" — including the protesters — she said.

Ezra Hyland, who has helped organize Black Lives Matter demonstrations after Sunday's shooting, joined Harteau and Hodges to call for calm.

Hyland, an African-American literacy specialist at the University of Minnesota, also blamed outside elements for the violence, calling them "agents-provocateurs."

"I hope and pray there will be justice for Jamar, but at the same time I pray for peace" for the community, he said.

Other protest leaders joined Hyland in calling for calm.

The protesters, led by the local chapter of the NAACP, are demanding that authorities release video of the shooting Sunday in north Minneapolis that was recorded by several sources. State investigators have said they won't release the video while the investigation is continuing.

Police say Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat the victim. An autopsy found that he died of a gunshot wound to the head.

It remained unclear whether Clark was handcuffed during the scuffle. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it is looking into whether he was restrained.

The officers involved — Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze — have been with the department for 13 months, and both have been police officers for seven years.

Related: Officers Identified in Killing of Unarmed Minneapolis Man

The officers' races haven't been made public, but the FBI is conducting a civil rights investigation.

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds, meanwhile, called for peaceful demonstrations.

"We are asking the community to exercise restraint in the midst of grief, hurting and unanswered questions, and we demand the same respect from the Minneapolis Police Department," she said at a rally Thursday.

Meanwhile, Lt. Bob Kroll, director of the Minneapolis police union, said protesters shouldn't have been allowed to gather at the precinct headquarters in the first place.

"That is not a place to exercise your First Amendment rights," Kroll told reporters Thursday. "That is police property."

Kroll said the officers involved in the shooting told state investigators that Clark was non-compliant with verbal commands and that at one point he got hold of one of the officers' gun belt and gun.

He said the officers' would be exonerated, and he criticized city officials who he said hadn't stood by their police.

"Someone needs to stand up in a leadership position and make a positive statement about the officers," Kroll said.

FoxNews: The Latest: NAACP calls for police restraint at Minneapolis protests of man's shooting

Leaders of the NAACP are appealing for Minneapolis police to exercise restraint in dealing with protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by an officer. (AP)

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/19/latest-naacp-calls-for-police-restraint-at-minneapolis-protests-man-shooting/>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

National Coverage Nov. 21, 2015

CBS News: National NAACP head joins Minneapolis protest over police shooting

The demonstrations were prompted by the police shooting of an unarmed black man -- 24-year-old Jamar Clark -- on Sunday night. (video report by Dean Reynolds -- played on 530 p.m. national news)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/national-naacp-head-joins-minneapolis-protest-over-police-shooting-of-jamar-clark/>

MINNEAPOLIS -- The head of the national NAACP is joining a rally in Minneapolis Friday night to call attention to the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer on Sunday night which has sparked week-long protests.

Protesters in Minneapolis demand video of deadly police shooting

On Monday night, protesters managed to close an Interstate and shouted, "We're shutting it down!"

"What's happening with the police department is one aspect of what causes this to be a tale of two cities. The worst of times if you're black and the best of times if you're white," said Nekima Levy-Pounds who is president of the Minneapolis NAACP.

The demonstrations were prompted by the police shooting of an unarmed black man -- 24-year-old Jamar Clark -- on Sunday night.

The turmoil spilled over into the city council chambers this morning as activists demanded to be heard.

Protests over the shooting death of Jamar Clark by police on Sunday, November 15, 2015 continue in Minneapolis as the national head of the NAACP joins them. CBSNEWS.COM

"I am surprised that we continue to have such anger and frustration and not as much movement forward," said Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau.

The police union says Clark resisted when confronted during a domestic disturbance call and tried to take an officer's gun. Others who say they were there said Clark was on the ground with his hands cuffed.

The officers involved have been put on administrative leave while surveillance video at the scene is being reviewed. Protesters are claiming a cover-up, and are demanding the video's release.

Harteau said that she is concerned that misinformation will spread during the event.

The Minneapolis police have turned the investigation over to the state police, and the FBI is also looking into it now. Chief Harteau said she had no idea how long the inquiry will take, but hopes it is quick and accurate.

New York Times: The Latest: Feds Reject Releasing Video of Fatal Shooting

Federal authorities say releasing videos from the fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer would harm the investigation. (AP)

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/20/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Spokesman-Recorder: Calls for justice intensify as police clash with protesters

The NAACP Minneapolis branch is calling for a federal takeover of the city's police department in light of the treatment of protesters Wednesday night, said its branch president.

<http://spokesman-recorder.com/2015/11/20/national-naACP-joins-local-chapter-fight-answers/>

National NAACP joins fight for answers

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Prior to a Thursday morning press conference outside the Fourth Precinct police station, NAACP-Minneapolis President Nekima Levy-Pounds told the MSR that the local NAACP chapter wants a "long-term federal intervention. We want to see changes in the way this department operates and how it treats the people [of Minneapolis]."

When asked during the press conference what a “federal receivership” means, Levy-Pounds replied, “It would take control of the Minneapolis [police department].”

“We know that it is a broken system, and we need an early intervention system” to track problem officers and help dismiss them, if needed, she added. There are officers who have accumulated incidents of abuse against citizens of color, noted Levy-Pounds. “They are not being disciplined as they should be.”

She also accused police officials of putting out “false narratives on what has happened” regarding the Clark shooting, as well as its “militarization” practices, such as what occurred Wednesday night outside the police station.

“We have serious concerns that the narratives that are out there are inconsistent with what many witnesses are saying happened,” continued Levy-Pounds. “We are also asking the community to show restraint,” added the president. “We demand the same respect from the Minneapolis Police Department” as is seemingly given to non-citizens of color.

Stephen A. Green, NAACP National Director, Youth and College Division also appeared with Levy-Pounds at Thursday’s press conference. He told the MSR beforehand that the national organization wants the city police department “to show immediate restraint” as the protest continues in front of the police station on Plymouth Avenue.

“Police brutality by the Minneapolis Police Department has been an ‘open secret’ in the state of Minnesota,” continued Levy-Pounds. “The stories I have heard from the community have been appalling.”

She cited several incidents she’s heard about, including one involving a 10-year-old boy. “I hear the stories from the community and I’ve seen the disrespect and the brutality with my own eyes. It is not being condemned by the governor all the way down. This has got to stop.”

“We are to monitor and watch what is going on with our eyes, and to tell them the nation is watching,” added Green.

The local NAACP branch is also calling for any videos that the police have in regard to the alleged beating of two women late Wednesday night by police, as well as any video regarding the Clark shooting last weekend to be released to the public.

“We witnessed two women getting beat up by police officers,” said Jayson Morris, who told the MSR that he doesn’t know what provoked them to take such action.

“This police department needs to be put in federal receivership,” reiterated Levy-Pounds. “We have tolerated from the hands of the police for far too long. The shooting death of Jamar Clark was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of some of the abusive practices on behalf of the Minneapolis Police Department, and the harassment and the criminalization of residents by the Minneapolis Police Department. We are demanding justice.”

Levy-Pounds, who is also a St. Thomas law professor, said she is strongly advocating for the U.S. Justice Department to prosecute the case. She doesn’t want the case to go to a grand jury “[because] we know that these grand juries don’t indict [police officer involved in shootings],” she said. “We want a direct prosecution based on probable cause.”

Levy-Pounds said she has not met with Mayor Hodges yet, but plans to in the near future “but right now it’s time for action,” she contended.

Still, the protest outside of the Fourth Precinct is in its fifth day. A female protester who wished her identity not published told the MSR Thursday, “Everybody is sick and tired. Everybody wants the same thing.”

The woman expressed concern, however, that some young people may run out of patience and choose instead non-peaceful ways to protest what's happening. "I'm concerned about the young people who might not understand the long-term ramifications" if violent actions are taken, said the woman.

Morris added that he "witnessed many children getting hit with pepper spray and rubber bullets" Wednesday night. He and others told protesters not to throw rocks and other objects at police in response, he said.

"We plan to continue using all available methods," including social media to initiate changes, said Levy-Pounds. "We will continue to lobby the federal government to get involved. We will continue to encourage the community to march and to demonstrate. We will have petitions and write letters.

"What is happening with the police department is just one aspect of Minneapolis being a tale of two cities — the best of times for Whites and the worst of times for Blacks" in all segments of life, including employment, education, housing, access to capital, as well as social and criminal justice.

"It's time for that to change, as well as changes in the police department," concluded Levy-Pounds.

Also on Thursday, Congressman Keith Ellison joined the chorus of people calling for the release of video footage that led to Jamar Clark's shooting.

A vigil and march with national NAACP President Cornell Williams Brooks, NAACP-Minneapolis, Black Lives Matter-Minneapolis and community members is planned for Friday, 4:30 pm at the Fourth Precinct police station.

Reuters: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting ousted from city council meeting

Three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis city council meeting on Friday after they voiced disapproval over how city leaders have handled the investigation of Sunday's police killing of an unarmed African-American man.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/21/us-minnesota-shooting-idUSKCN0T92FT20151121>

Three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis city council meeting on Friday after they voiced disapproval over how city leaders have handled the investigation of Sunday's police killing of an unarmed African-American man.

The protesters interrupted a regular council meeting to complain about the way the city handles police misconduct issues. A day earlier, a number of council members joined protests over the shooting.

Jamar Clark, 24, died on Monday night after his family decided to disconnect life support. Two officers under investigation in the incident have been identified, but their races have not been revealed.

Clark's death comes at a time of heightened awareness of and debate in the U.S. over police use of lethal force, especially against blacks. Over the past year, protests against killings of unarmed African Americans - some videotaped with phones or police cameras - have rocked a number of U.S. cities.

"This is atrocious. This is outrageous. They know what's going on... and they don't want to hear it," Michelle Gross, a community activist, said after ejection from the meeting.

On Friday evening, hundreds of people gathered and lit candles during a vigil for Clark outside of the 4th Street Precinct station, two blocks where he was killed.

Demonstrators have remained in front of the station all week.

"We need to be in this fight for the long run. Not for a day, not for a week, not for a month, but until justice is realized and until we get what it is that we seek," Cornell William Brooks, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told the crowd.

Protesters, who have demanded release of video footage of the incident, say Clark was unarmed and handcuffed when he was shot.

Officials have confirmed no weapon was found at the scene and that they are looking into whether Clark was handcuffed.

The police union said Clark had grabbed one of the officers' guns, although the weapon remained in its holster.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has met with protesters to try to diffuse tensions, but says releasing video would jeopardize an investigation of the shooting by state authorities.

Hodges and Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton met on Friday with Brooks to discuss calls to release the video.

There is no police video from dashboard cameras or body cameras, but investigators said there is partial footage from security cameras in the area and an ambulance on the scene.

(Writing by Fiona Ortiz; Editing by Dan Grebler, Victoria Cavaliere)

Read more at Reuters <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/21/us-minnesota-shooting-idUSKCN0T92FT20151121#D3UJB5qeDYt7fWQL.99>

ABC News: Protesters Call for Peace at Vigil for Slain Minneapolis Man

Protesters have been camped at the police station since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot last Sunday. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said "coming together shows we can achieve justice."

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/activists-press-answers-minnesota-police-shooting-35329317>

Hundreds of people gathered outside a Minneapolis police precinct on a cold Friday night to call for peace and release of videos after a black man was fatally shot by an officer.

Protesters have been camped at the police station since Jamar Clark, 24, was shot last Sunday. Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said "coming together shows we can achieve justice." She told Friday's crowd she wants police to treat community with respect, "as if we were members of your own family."

Also Friday, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, national and local leaders of the NAACP, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and other officials to discuss the shooting and the protests that have followed.

Dayton said the meeting was constructive and officials talked about steps they could take, such as community policing, to prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

"I take this very, very seriously. I want to bring a set of proposals to the Minnesota Legislature in the next session," Dayton told reporters. Asked for his reaction to the protests, Dayton said: "The No. 1 priority is peace." He asked those who are grieving to behave in ways that don't cause damage to people's lives and safety.

"I just pray that we will be able to get through this terrible, terrible time, all of us together, in a way that only strengthens or overall Minnesota community," he said.

Police said they were responding to an assault call Sunday in which Clark was a suspect when they arrived to find Clark interfering with paramedics trying to treat the injured woman. They say a scuffle followed and an officer shot Clark, who later died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Some community members have said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. An attorney for one of the officers involved in the shooting says Clark was not handcuffed, went for an officer's weapon and "had manual control" of that officer's gun.

The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is investigating. A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway.

Friday evening's vigil was peaceful and included attendees from several races. Speakers called for unity and justice, and many people in the crowd held candles. In between speakers, the crowd chanted: "What do we want? Justice! For who? Jamar!" Speakers also called for the release of videotapes that they hope will provide answers regarding the shooting. After the vigil, the crowd marched a short distance to the site of the shooting.

The BCA has said it has some video, but none of it shows the incident in its entirety. The agency said it is still investigating and won't release the recordings yet because that would taint the investigation.

FoxNews: Protesters, activists press for answers in fatal shooting of black man by Minneapolis officer

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(associated press story that was already grabbed)

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/20/protesters-activists-press-for-answers-in-fatal-shooting-black-man-by/>

CNN: Union chief: Minneapolis police worried protests may turn violent

In an interview on WCCO radio, Lt. Bob Kroll, head of the city police union, accused Minneapolis Police Chief Janée Harteau and Mayor Betsy Hodges of not listening to police concerns. Harteau called in during the interview, leading to a tense conversation.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/index.html>

(with video)

Minneapolis (CNN)Smoke tumbled from several small bonfires surrounded by protesters warming their hands outside the 4th Police Precinct in North Minneapolis on Saturday.

The demonstrators are a mixed crowd of black, white, and brown people who say they will not leave until justice is done. At the very least, they want any video that police have to be released in the officer-involved fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Outside the police department, a myriad of small colorful tents, a table of snacks and chairs sit in the front yard of the precinct.

A small portable wooden structure with "Justice Shack" written on it blocks a portion of the road outside the department.

Fresh paint has hidden the "F--- the police" graffiti scrawled on the precinct building, along with Clark's name.

Many of the protesters have been here almost a week, since the November 15 early-morning shooting involving two Minneapolis police officers and Clark, who they were trying to arrest.

Several witnesses to the shooting or immediate aftermath told CNN the public needs to understand why the protesters are so angry. The witnesses are adamant that there was no reason for police to shoot Clark -- they say he was restrained.

One told CNN he is sure Clark was handcuffed. Another said he was unable to move.

"One of the cops had his knee in his back and the other cop was kind of straddling him in an awkward type position. But they had complete control of him. I didn't see him fighting, I didn't seem him resisting," barbershop owner Teto Wilson said.

Wilson said he had just walked out of the Elks Lodge as it was closing when he saw the officers with Clark on the ground. The lodge is across the street, about 35 feet from where the incident happened. It was dark, about 10 minutes before 1 a.m.

"I saw a still body laying on the ground restrained. Like I said, maybe about a minute after that, that's when the shot went off." Wilson said he couldn't see which officer shot Clark. "There was no reason to shoot him."

Not so, said Frederic Bruno, the attorney representing one of the officers. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist," Bruno said in a statement.

"While he was being legally detained, he chose to resist, fight officers and to seize control of an officer's firearm," Bruno said. "At no time was Mr. Clark handcuffed, contrary to press reports and social chatter."

Minneapolis resident Everett Spicer, who said he saw Clark in cuffs, recoiled after hearing Bruno's statement.

"How (is) he going for a gun in handcuffs behind his back? Do you think I could see a gun back here," Spicer said as he motioned putting both his hands behind his back as one would do if being cuffed.

Spicer says he is sure of what he saw. He says he, too, was next door at the Elks Lodge and came out right after the gunshot went off.

"I instantly walked out the front door and you see a man across the street in handcuffs on the ground. He wasn't moving. He wasn't twitching. He wasn't doing anything. The ambulance pulled off after they shot him," he said

Spicer said he was sure Clark was dead. Clark died at a hospital the next day.

Spicer told CNN as the second group of EMS workers came, police removed the handcuffs.

"They went back and took the handcuffs off because they didn't want the EMS team seeing that this man was still in handcuffs," he said. "He just shot him. That's more s--- you gotta deal with."

Union: Clark had control of gun

The police union has a starkly different version of events.

At a Thursday news conference, Robert Kroll, president of the union, said Clark had control of an officer's gun belt and pistol.

"It was in the holster and he had physical control of the hand grip," Kroll told reporters.

State and federal investigators are looking into the shooting. Officers and paramedics were responding to a call of a woman being assaulted.

Authorities have said Clark was interfering with the woman's medical care when Officers Mike Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze tried to arrest him.

Kroll said Clark was trying to pull the woman out of the ambulance.

Parts of the incident were recorded on several cameras, but no video shows the entire incident, Drew Evans, the superintendent of Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said this week. None of the videos will be released until the investigation is over.

Clark "chose to resist, fight officers, and seize control of an officer's handgun," according to a media statement from Kroll and Frederic Bruno, attorney for Schwarze.

Officers feel besieged, official says

Black Lives Matter activists have been among the protesters. Clark was African-American.

As protesters remain outside the 4th Precinct headquarters, some police officers are worried that the situation could turn violent -- and that if they do, City Hall will not have their back.

"The cops feel like it's like a local version of Benghazi," Kroll of the police union told WCCO radio on Friday. "They are under siege. The mayor has directed the police chief to not help."

In an interview on WCCO radio, Kroll accused Police Chief Janée Harteau and Mayor Betsy Hodges of not listening to police concerns.

CNN affiliate WCCO-TV reported that some protesters have been spraying graffiti and throwing rocks at officers. Police said that they've found Molotov cocktails nearby.

Kroll said that the protesters need to be cleared out, and that the mayor "has directed the police chief to not help" -- a decision he says is politically charged.

"They need to get their political needs out of it. They need to allow the chief to be a chief and run the department and take feedback from her upper echelon," Kroll said.

Hodges' office has not responded to CNN's request for comment on Kroll's claims.

Harteau called in during Kroll's radio interview, and once she jumped in the conversation got tense.

"We do have to facilitate the freedom of speech," Harteau said. "But there's also other things [that] occur when there's Molotov cocktails being thrown, shots fired. When officers are struck with rocks and bottles and bricks, I want them to take action. They have taken action and it's appropriate action."

"I'm not asking anybody to put themselves in harm's way unnecessarily and not protect themselves," she said.

Several hundred people came to a candlelight vigil Friday night. It was mostly a quiet night, though there were a few tense exchanges with police.

Sara Sidner reported from Minneapolis. Steve Almasy and Joshua Berlinger reported and wrote in Atlanta. CNN's Dave Alsup, Tina Burnside, Michael Martinez, Bill Kirkos, Dani Stewart and Sheena Jones contributed to this report.

Washington Post: The Latest: Hundreds at vigil remember man shot by officer

The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local): (AP updates)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/latest-us-rep-ellison-wants-shooting-video-released/2015/11/19/2aba8d10-8f34-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Chicago Tribune: Protesters call for peace at vigil for slain Minneapolis man

Also Friday, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton met with Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, national and local leaders of the NAACP, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and other officials to discuss the shooting and the protests that have followed. (AP)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-bc-us--killings-by-police-minneapolis-20151120-story.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

TIME: Minnesota Congressman Shares 'Agonizing' Photo of Son's Protest

Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison shared a photo on Twitter Thursday that shows a police officer pointing a gun toward his son during a recent protest. (Nov. 19)

<http://time.com/4120694/congressman-shares-agonizing-photo-of-sons-protest/>

Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison shared a photo on Twitter Thursday that shows a police officer pointing a gun toward his son during a recent protest.

TIME has reached out to the Congressman's staffers for more information, but they weren't immediately available for comment.

Al Jazeera America identified the person in the photo as Jeremiah Ellison, one of the Congressman's three sons. Tensions rose in Minneapolis on Wednesday as protesters and police clashed amid peaceful demonstrations against the killing of an unarmed Minnesota man named Jamar Clark. Ellison formally asked Attorney General Loretta Lynch to investigate the man's death earlier this week.

Clark's shooting is the latest in a string of police-involved shootings across the U.S. over the past 12 months.

The events have sparked reactions from across the spectrum of government, including President Obama who launched a police task force that recommended more effective strategies of community engagement.

Rapid News Network: What we know about Minneapolis police shooting

Police in Minneapolis say a move against protesters camped out at a north side precinct was limited to clearing its entryway of demonstrators.

<http://rapidnewsnetwork.com/what-we-know-about-minneapolis-police-shooting/300386/>

(link didn't work)

ChronicleOracle: Jamar Clark Protests Continue at Minneapolis Police Station

Michael McDowell, a founding organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said that rallies would continue at the precinct until video is released. Both have been with the department for 13 months and have been police officers for seven years.

<http://chronicleoracle.com/2015/11/jamar-clark-protests-continue-at-minneapolis-police-station/>

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The video obtained by the BCA in the course of the investigation came from sources including personal cellphones, a camera mounted on an ambulance, surveillance cameras on a public housing building and a nearby police observation station.

The protestors said they plan to stay vocal and vigilant until videos of the shooting are released.

Clark, of Minneapolis, was shot during what police described as a struggle with officers on the street in the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. about 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Police say Clark was interfering with medical personnel who were tending to the victim in that assault, which prompted a call to authorities.

Tensions are high and the group Black Lives Matter is calling its supporters down to the scene.

Minneapolis Police Federation president Bob Kroll said handcuffs were never placed on Jamar Clark and that Clark was trying to take an officer's gun. Hodges and Gov. Mark Dayton requested a federal civil rights investigation, too, which is beginning.

Ringgenberg and Schwarze haven't had any disciplinary actions since they joined the Minneapolis department, said Kroll, of the police union.

Schwarz was an officer in Minneapolis suburbs of Richfield and Brooklyn Park before taking the Minneapolis job. Before that, he was a San Diego police officer from July 2008 to March 2012.

A federal civil rights investigation has been launched into Clark's death.

Dayton said rumors that the National Guard would be called to the scene of ongoing protests at a police station in Minneapolis are false. Minneapolis city council member Cam Gordon, who does not represent this ward but was present, said he would not have moved the demonstrators and anxious about the potential for violence, while another city council member Lisa Bender said there was "a lot of fear in the crowd". Officials confirmed Clark was unarmed but were still investigating whether he was handcuffed. A few onlookers have alleged that Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

A small group of protesters had demonstrated on Interstate 94 earlier in the week, resulting in the arrest of 51 people according to The Associated Press. This spring, Minneapolis was selected for a U.S. Justice Department program to rebuild trust between police and the communities they patrol.

'African-American males feel like they are targeted by police because, frankly, they are,' Samuelson said.

Protesters camped outside the Police Department's 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis have demanded the release of the videos in hope of learning more about how Clark died.

KSTP reported that a few protesters poured milk on their faces after coming in contact with the chemical irritant that police used.

The chief said bottles and rocks were thrown at officers as they approached the 4th Precinct to remove protesters.

"Everything that happened to him, he did not deserve", said Burns, backed by others in her family.

Ellison, a Minneapolis Democrat who is black, expressed dismay on his Twitter account about a Star Tribune photo showing his son and an officer in riot gear.

Police also sent a tweet stating officers were continuing to look for a suspect with a bandaged hand who admitted running from the police and being hit.

Protesters said police rushed into the vestibule and roughly evicted them.

Instead, the BCA wants community members to turn video in to police first.

In an interview with a local TV station, Wilson said he was not close enough to see whether Clark was handcuffed.

Wireless Goodness: Protesters against Minneapolis police shooting thrown out of city council meeting

National and state leaders met Friday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul to talk about the investigation of the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the demands protesters are making.

<http://wirelessgoodness.com/2015/11/21/protesters-against-minneapolis-police-shooting-thrown-out19994/>

(Link broken)

National Coverage Nov. 22, 2015

CNN: Jamar Clark shooting: Witness says he was in handcuffs

Smoke tumbled from several small bonfires surrounded by protesters warming their hands outside the 4th Police Precinct in North Minneapolis on Saturday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/21/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-shooting/>

(with video)

ABC News: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he will urge the Justice Department to investigate any police actions in Minneapolis this past week that may have violated civil rights. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-union-members-rally-minneapolis-35345610>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

ABC News: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/federal-lawyers-fly-minneapolis-probe-shooting-35352530>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

FoxNews: Union members to rally in Minneapolis in support of activists protesting shooting

Labor groups plan to show solidarity with protesters who have been camped out all week since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in north Minneapolis last Sunday.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/11/21/latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis-in-support-activists-protesting/>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

New York Times: The Latest: Dayton Calls for US Investigation Into Police

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he will urge the Justice Department to investigate any police actions in Minneapolis this past week that may have violated civil rights. (AP)

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/21/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis-the-latest.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Salt Lake Tribune: Minneapolis protesters vow to stay outside police station

Tents, fire pits and stools have been set up outside the Fourth Precinct, in the heart of a predominantly black section of the city and just blocks from where Jamar Clark was shot early Sunday after police responded to an assault complaint. (AP)

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3211546-155/story.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

LA Times: Minneapolis protesters demand answers in fatal police shooting of black man

An encampment of protesters outside a Minneapolis police station vowed Saturday to maintain their vigil over the death of a black man who was shot by police, saying they won't move until video recordings of the encounter are released and authorities change how they interact with communities they serve.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-minneapolis-shooting-20151121-story.html>

KTAR: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://ktar.com/story/777246/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting/>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Yahoo News: Protesters of Minneapolis police shooting press on in bitter cold

A few dozen demonstrators endured bitter cold on Saturday outside a Minneapolis police station, where they have spent the last week encamped in protest of the killing of an unarmed African-American man. (Reuters)

<http://news.yahoo.com/protesters-minneapolis-police-shooting-press-bitter-cold-040400031.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

NY Times: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Probe Shooting

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Washington Post: The Latest: Anti-police graffiti removed in Minneapolis

Workers have painted over anti-police graffiti on a Minneapolis police station where protesters have gathered for days over the death of a black man.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-union-members-to-rally-in-minneapolis/2015/11/21/42ba9cb0-9070-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to probe police shooting of Jamar Clark

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said (Wire updates)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

US News & World Report: US Justice Department lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate fatal shooting of black man

U.S. Justice Department attorneys are expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted. (AP)

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/11/22/federal-lawyers-fly-to-minneapolis-to-probe-shooting>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

National Coverage Nov. 23, 2015

NPR: Minneapolis Protesters Keep Up Pressure After Black Man Is Killed By Police

Justice Department lawyers are in Minneapolis conducting a civil rights investigation, and are expected to discuss the possible release of video that may show the shooting. (3:09 audio report)

<http://www.npr.org/2015/11/23/457063768/minneapolis-protesters-keep-up-pressure-after-black-man-is-killed-by-police>

Justice Department lawyers are in Minneapolis conducting a civil rights investigation, and are expected to discuss the possible release of video that may show the shooting.

STEVE INSKEEP, HOST:

Now, Justice Department lawyers are in Minneapolis today conducting a civil rights investigation into the police killing of a young African-American man. As Matt Sepic of Minnesota Public Radio reports, police and Black Lives Matter protesters have widely different accounts of what happened.

(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING)

UNIDENTIFIED PROTESTER #1: (Singing) Justice for...

MATT SEPIC, BYLINE: Even with nighttime temperatures falling into the teens, protesters are refusing to remove their tents from the front lawn of a police station here in North Minneapolis. They've been camping out since a week ago, when a police officer shot and killed 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Protesters, citing witness accounts, say Clark was handcuffed when he was killed. A police union leader says that's just not true. Nearly a week ago, 42 demonstrators were arrested while blocking Interstate 94, and there were other skirmishes as well. Last Friday, the group swelled to more than 1,000 to hear NAACP President Cornell William Brooks.

(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING)

CORNELL WILLIAM BROOKS: We have to both turn up the heat and turn up the light. We have to press our case, make the case forcefully but also nonviolently.

SEPIC: By yesterday, things were much quieter. Demonstrators, including 29-year-old Devonne Mayweather, are demanding that state investigators release video that may show what happened just before Minneapolis policemen shot Jamar Clark. Mayweather says Clark did not have a gun, and police could've subdued him without deadly force.

DEVONNE MAYWEATHER: It was an excuse to shoot him in the head. He had no right to shoot him in his head. He was executed.

SEPIC: Police Chief Janee Harteau has said very little about the incident. But police union President Bob Kroll says two officers were helping paramedics respond to a domestic violence call when Clark grabbed the handle of one policeman's holstered pistol. Kroll points out that Clark was convicted of armed robbery in 2010. Earlier this year, he pleaded guilty to threatening to burn down his ex-girlfriend's apartment. Kroll says last Sunday, Clark fought with police officers as they tried to keep him away from the ambulance crew.

(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING)

BOB KROLL: Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist. Instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon.

SEPIC: Kroll says Clark was never handcuffed, and that's where the narratives between police and protesters diverge. Some Minneapolis political leaders are calling for state investigators to release the video immediately, and talks are underway. Governor Mark Dayton agrees that the footage should become public as soon as possible.

(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING)

MARK DAYTON: I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation.

SEPIC: In Minneapolis, as in many urban areas, there are long simmering tensions between the African-American community and police. As another week of protests gets underway, some demonstrators here say their message is also about a sense of disrespect many feel in day-to-day encounters with police officers. For NPR News, I'm Matt Sepic in Minneapolis.

Yahoo News: From Ferguson to Minneapolis: Crisis of confidence plagues police in wake of deadly officer-involved shootings

Balancing transparency and due process a tricky proposition (Yahoo reporter)

<http://news.yahoo.com/from-ferguson-to-minneapolis-crisis-of-confidence-plagues-police-in-wake-of-deadly-officer-involved-shootings-143019360.html>

One of the most critical issues facing law enforcement is playing out now in Minneapolis — what, when and how much information to make public in the aftermath of an officer-involved shooting.

Authorities say 24-year-old Jamar Clark, a suspect in a domestic assault, was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat his alleged victim early last Sunday when he scuffled with Minneapolis officers and was shot. Clark, who was unarmed, died one day later. Police have denied the accounts of some eyewitnesses who say that Clark was handcuffed before being shot once in the head.

The hashtag #Justice4Jamar took off nearly immediately on social media. Later that afternoon, hundreds of demonstrators led by the local Black Lives Matter chapter were marching through the streets. Protesters demanded that police immediately name the officers involved, make public any video of the shooting and request a federal investigation.

“We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson,” Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP’s criminal justice committee, told a reporter.

“That bullet was fired last [Sunday]. We want justice immediately.”

A mere mention of “Ferguson” is enough to make any police chief flinch. The unrest outside St. Louis following the police killing of Michael Brown, an unarmed teenager, was a “defining moment for the entire policing profession,” according to a recent paper by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

Minneapolis Chief Janee Harteau was among nearly 200 of the country’s top police executives who met in Chicago a month after Brown’s August 2014 death. On short notice, the PERF annual “critical issues” conference was extended to include a full day on Ferguson.

Nationally, police departments are inconsistent about what information they release to the public about officer-involved shootings. Many chiefs have traditionally guarded specifics in the interest of the investigation, possible litigation and officer safety.

But in the wake of Ferguson, department heads “told us they are finding that approach no longer viable, because the narrative is created within a few hours of a critical incident happening, and the narrative is written whether or not the police contribute any information to the story,” the PERF paper states. “Too much damage can be done if police miss their chance to explain what happened and correct wrong information that can spread in the immediate aftermath of an incident.”

Ferguson officials waited nearly a week to release Darren Wilson’s name after he shot Brown, an unarmed robbery suspect whom he had been fighting. Then Chief Thomas Jackson initially planned to disclose Wilson’s identity three days after the shooting, but changed his mind when he said threats had been made on social media against the officer and department. Wilson, who was eventually cleared by state and federal investigators, went into hiding with his family.

“The value of releasing the name is far outweighed by the risk of harm to the officer and his family,” Jackson told reporters. The decision was quickly criticized. For many nights, Ferguson was the scene of violent clashes between some protesters and police. Since Ferguson, high-profile incidents in New York, Baltimore and South Carolina have fueled a national debate about deadly encounters between police and young black men.

Minneapolis has experienced several tense moments this week, but far from the Ferguson unrest. Police arrested nearly 50 demonstrators who shut down a freeway during the Monday evening rush hour. All week activists have maintained a sometimes-testy occupation outside the Police Department’s Fourth Precinct headquarters, a few blocks from where Clark was shot.

At the request of Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Chief Harteau, the FBI and U.S. Justice Department are looking at the case. But despite the federal investigation, demonstrators have expressed skepticism and demanded more information, including the release of videos of the shooting.

It's the kind of discord on the minds of police chiefs across the country.

"There has been a very robust discussion between the chiefs, that's for sure," Terrence Cunningham, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, told Yahoo News.

Cunningham, the chief in Wellesley, Mass., said what's not being communicated is that agencies sometimes don't immediately reveal officer's names and other details at the behest of outside investigators or because union contracts limit what can be released.

"If you can't, then you need to tell them why," he said. "In the meantime these high-profile cases, they become flash points, I personally believe, because of a lack of information that we provide."

'No comment' doesn't cut it, said Cunningham, adding that the IACP plans to develop a checklist for police departments.

SLIDESHOW – Protesters and police square off in Minneapolis >>>

"I think we all understand, particularly given the environment that we face today, that transparency should be No. 1," Cunningham said. "The communities that we serve deserve that. Understanding that — and you have to tell people this — the first information we get may not be right because we have not had an opportunity to vet it yet. But we're going to give you as much information as we have."

Mayor Hodges and Chief Harteau have communicated regularly with demonstrators since Clark's death but, Minneapolis police spokesperson John Elder told Yahoo News, "some people may not like the message."

Jana Kooren with the ACLU of Minnesota writes that protests have continued because "communities of color have no trust in their police force."

"Police have to stop looking at Black people as threats to be squashed, and instead start seeing every individual as a person with dignity, loved ones and constitutional rights," writes Kooren, citing a recent ACLU investigation exposing a disproportionate number of arrests in Minneapolis. "It's impossible to understand the protests and civil disobedience triggered by Jamar's death without this context."

For the first time in MPD history, the shooting investigation is not being handled internally. The department requested the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and FBI step in.

"We have total faith in our investigators to do an absolutely ethical, thorough, complete investigation, but this should take away the appearance of any impropriety," Elder said. "Once it was decided that the BCA would handle this, then the case in its entirety goes to them. That includes releasing anything."

The officers involved in the Minneapolis shooting were identified Wednesday as Mark Ringgenberg, 30, and Dustin Schwarze, 28. BCA spokesperson Jill Oliveira said it's standard practice for Minnesota state police to release the names once the officers involved have been interviewed. Detectives questioned Ringgenberg and Schwarze, who have not been charged, Tuesday night, Oliveira said.

The BCA said it has several videos of the shooting, but none showing the entire event. Despite protesters' demands, the agency said the videos wouldn't be made public until their investigation is complete, which could take months. Investigators acknowledged to reporters that handcuffs were present at the scene, but they are still working to determine whether they were on Clark.

Jim Pasco, executive director of the national Fraternal Order of Police, said he fears investigations are rushed, due process lost and officer well-being jeopardized because of people on social media "fanning the flames of discord."

"There's no one size fits all," Pasco said. "In general, any decision that's made should be made with the best interest in terms of safety and due process of all parties to any incident."

Police commanders, Pasco said, are not always in total control.

“Police chiefs are not free agents,” he said. “It’s not caving, it’s not politicized; it’s a matter of fact that you do what your boss tells you to do or you don’t work there anymore.”

In May, President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing made recommendations on use of force investigations and data reporting, but did not address the release of information like officer names.

“These are some challenging times,” said Cunningham, the IACP president. “But coming out of challenging times, you can make some really significant changes. I think it’s good for the profession. We’re under increased scrutiny, which I’m fine with.”

FergusFallsJournal: NAACP, government talk about easing Minneapolis tension

Tension over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man turned to talks about the future Friday, the most peaceful day in North Minneapolis since the early Sunday incident.

<http://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/2015/11/naACP-government-talk-about-easing-minneapolis-tension/>

MINNEAPOLIS (FNS) — Tension over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man turned to talks about the future Friday, the most peaceful day in North Minneapolis since the early Sunday incident.

Minnesota leaders met with local, state and national NAACP representatives trying to find solutions to six days of conflicts between police and hundreds of protesters.

National NAACP President Cornell William Brooks urged the black community to stand up, but to be peaceful, as Minneapolis police have come under criticism of how they deal with the community.

“We have to vote, turn up the heat and turn up the light,” Brooks said as hundreds held up flaming lighters during a Friday night rally and vigil. “We have to press our case, make our case forcibly but also nonviolently.”

He urged his audience, which turned out in 30-degree weather, to be patient. “We need to be in this fight for the long run.”

The gathering came after protests over 24-year-old Jamar Clark’s death to a single bullet in the head fired by a Minneapolis police officer. Police said that he was interfering with ambulance personnel treating his girlfriend.

The shooting, which sounded much like other American cases of police shooting unarmed black men, set off the siege of a nearby North Minneapolis police precinct station.

Protesters have shut down Interstate 94 and tossed objects at police, and police have moved them away from the front door of the station. Tensions mounted through the week, but Friday night that was much less palpable than other nights.

About 400 attended the rally and vigil, then many walked to the shooting scene.

The big change from previous nights was there was no show of force, from either side, at the barricade separating police and protesters. There was no police presence noticeable outside the precinct building, where the rally was held.

“We must use the power of the vote,” Brooks said in his brief speech. “We must use the power of civil disobedience. We must use the power of non-violence, and we must use the power of love for one another.”

He advised the crowd to be organized and disciplined to “find the justice we seek.”

Brooks followed Minnesota civil rights legend Josie Johnson, who said she is passing the torch to those in the crowd.

She called the shooting “a repeat of history.”

“The way we can avoid this start and stop and start and stop is for us to stay focused,” Johnson said. “Understand this condition is one that has been in existence and has been created since slavery. There is no way for you to just come out once in awhile.”

Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds said that people should not always turn to government for answers. “Sometimes, the answers are with the people: diverse backgrounds, diverse ideas.”

She urged the crowd not to harbor anti-police sentiments, but to oppose police brutality. “We want them to treat us like their own family.”

Before the rally, Gov. Mark Dayton and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges met with local, state and national leaders of the NAACP, the country’s best-known civil rights group.

“I asked the president of the national NAACP to give us examples of other states in terms of community policing, in terms of various outreach that could be made,” Dayton said. “I want very much to learn from what other states are doing better than Minnesota, and we’ll engage NAACP leaders and others throughout the state.”

When leaving the meeting, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said the 90 minutes of talks were general and long-term.

“The governor and I expressed that our hands are out and our doors are open to anyone who wants to talk about what is happening now, but also long term to what solutions regarding police-community relationships,” Hodges said.

If Friday was relatively quiet, there still was activity.

Late Friday, police said they found lighter fluid, rags, bottles and other things used to make Molotov cocktails near where protesters have been camping. Two Molotov cocktails were tossed at police earlier in the week, police said.

Police said they arrested two people after the outside walls and windows of the station were vandalized with graffiti: “Jamar Clark,” “No Justice, No Peace” and an obscenity.

Also, a sports utility vehicle driver was arrested after driving into a precinct parking lot gate. There was no indication whether the incident was connected to the precinct occupation.

Three protesters were removed from a Minneapolis City Council meeting after they voiced their disapproval over how city leaders have handled the investigation.

Also Friday, about 30 students joined protesters at the precinct after marching from a nearby middle and high school.

Clark’s brother, 32-year-old Jermaine Robinson, was among a small group of people who congregated at a shrine of balloons and liquor bottles where the shooting took place.

Federal and state investigators are on the Clark case, with state officials saying it could take four months before they wrap it up.

Also late Friday, federal authorities said they would not release videos of the shooting incident.

The statement came from U.S. Attorney Andy Luger; the assistant attorney general for civil rights, Vanita Gupta; and the special agent in charge of the FBI's Minneapolis office, Richard Thornton.

They said release of the video would be "extremely detrimental" to the independent investigation that the Justice Department and FBI are conducting into whether Clark's death violated any federal laws.

GreenPartyWatch: Green Party council member joins Minneapolis protests over Clark shooting

MinnPost reports that Cam Gordon, a Green Party member of the Minneapolis city council, is among three councilmembers who have been taking part in protests over the police shooting of Jamar Clark. Gordon has faced some criticism for joining the demonstrations, but said it does not bother him.

<http://www.greenpartywatch.org/2015/11/22/green-party-councilmember-joins-minneapolis-protests-over-clark-shooting/>

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The Green Party of Minnesota denounced police use of force against protesters at a Wednesday rally, with party spokesman Brandon Long saying, "Last night's actions by the Minneapolis Police were entirely unacceptable. If, as Mayor Hodges is claiming, officers are exhibiting 'maximum restraint,' I sincerely fear for the well-being of the peaceful protesters currently occupying the precinct." Gordon tweeted, "I am proud of the peaceful protesters tonight. You help make us all better."

MinnPost said that tension over the shooting "spilled over into a meeting of the 13-member city council Friday," as activists tried to get the council to amend its agenda to discuss the matter.

Chicago Tribune: Federal lawyers fly to Minneapolis to investigate shooting of Jamar Clark

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<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-minnesota-police-shooting-20151122-story.html>

U.S. Justice Department attorneys were expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted.

A key issue during their visit will be whether authorities should release to the public videos of the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark a week ago.

Federal and state authorities have resisted releasing the footage — from an ambulance, mobile police camera, public housing cameras and people's cellphones — because they said it doesn't show the full incident and making the recordings public would compromise their investigations.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said on Saturday that he had asked Clark's family and representatives of the Black Lives Matter group protesting his death to meet with the federal government lawyers.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said after meeting with the family and leaders of the protesters.

Federal authorities will be in Minneapolis "for a few days for meetings related to the investigation," Ben Petok, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, told the Star Tribune in an email Sunday.

Clark's funeral will start at noon Wednesday and last an hour at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis, his cousin, Kenya McKnight, said. A visitation will be held at the church before the funeral, from 10 a.m. to noon. Both will be open to the public and news media, McKnight said Sunday.

Minneapolis police shooting of Jamar Clark stirs old racial tensions

McKnight added that Clark's family hopes there are no rallies on the day of the funeral. She said the family "does not want it to be political."

Dozens of demonstrators huddled around bonfires early Sunday in frigid temperatures at an encampment outside a Minneapolis police station that they have said will not be dismantled until their demands are met.

Minneapolis civil rights activist Mel Reeves said the primary goal of the protests is to see the officers involved in the death of Clark prosecuted based on statements of people who say they saw the shooting. He said the officers should face charges and "go through the same procedures that we do. We think they're guilty, but let the court decide."

Both officers involved in the shooting, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, have been placed on standard administrative leave. Authorities haven't said who fired the fatal shot.

Police have said the officers were responding to an assault call and found the 24-year-old Clark interfering with paramedics. Authorities say there was a struggle. The head of the Minneapolis police union has said Clark was shot after reaching for an officer's gun. Protesters have said they don't believe that version of events.

Some people in the community say they saw him handcuffed at the time of the shooting — a claim police have disputed.

Protesters remained at the precinct late Sunday.

Police spokesman John Elder said there had been no arrests or reports of property damage.

New York Times: Federal Lawyers Fly to Minneapolis to Investigate Shooting

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/11/22/us/ap-us-killings-by-police-minneapolis.html>

(associated press story that was already grabbed)

Washington Post: The Latest: Funeral set for man killed by Minneapolis police

Funeral plans are set for a black man whose fatal shooting by Minneapolis police has sparked protests. (AP)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/the-latest-federal-lawyers-to-probe-death-of-black-man/2015/11/22/c853c320-90e7-11e5-934c-a369c80822c2_story.html

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WEEK 2

Monday, November 23

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-police-say-5-shot-near-protest-scene/353124531/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Protesters demanding justice for a black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police were settling in for their ninth night of demonstrations when something just didn't seem right.

Lingering in the crowd were four people who seemed out of place. They were asked to leave. Moments later, shots rang out about a block away.

"I really did think it was like firecrackers or something initially because it was so loud and there was like this acrid smell," protester Jie Wronski-Riley said. "I thought, 'Surely, they are not shooting at us.'"

Then Wronski-Riley heard the cries of wounded people on the ground. "I really understood the danger we were in and what had happened."

Police say five people were shot in the attack, which unfolded late Monday near a police precinct where dozens of protesters have been camped out since the Nov. 15 fatal shooting of Jamar Clark. None suffered life-threatening wounds.

Authorities arrested a 23-year-old white man, who remained in custody Tuesday evening, and a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was later released. Two more men — both white, ages 26 and 21 — turned themselves in Tuesday afternoon.

According to police, Clark was shot after he struggled with officers. But some people who said they saw the shooting said the 24-year-old was handcuffed.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said it will be up to a grand jury to decide whether to bring charges against officers in Clark's death.

Freeman issued a statement Tuesday after repeated requests by black activist groups to make the decision himself rather than go to a grand jury. Protesters have complained that grand juries are unlikely to indict police officers.

After marching from the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis, the site of constant protests since Clark was shot, to Minneapolis City Hall downtown, several hundred people gathered outside the station Tuesday night for a concert. The diverse crowd, which included a number of children, listened to hip-hop music and soul classics such as "A Change Is Gonna Come."

"We ain't scared. We can't back down. We ain't turning around, but we're here fighting for justice," Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds told the crowd.

Around 200 people remained at the scene late Tuesday night, talking, stacking up firewood, and eating pizza and doughnuts. Police officers watched the crowd from inside the station.

At least one member of Clark's family asked Tuesday for the protests to end. But demonstrators said they would not be intimidated or "bow to fear."

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, but several racially disparaging comments had been posted on social media in recent days. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to authorities.

The protesters had a safety plan, and security team members had been asking people who looked like troublemakers to leave.

Fourteen people whom protesters believed to be white supremacists were kicked out of the area one night, said Mica Grimm, an organizer of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. She said they came in with their faces covered and filmed the crowd but would not talk to people. Some made racist comments.

Grimm said protesters had been threatened by one group online and had been working with hackers to figure out the group's plans. On one night, Grimm said, online chatter included a post stating that a pie had been left at the protest site with rat poison.

"We made sure that all the pies were thrown out, and actually other food was thrown out for fear of contamination," she said.

Grimm said concerns were brought up to police, but protesters felt the threats were not being taken seriously.

The situation escalated Monday night when members of the protesters' security team approached three men and one woman who were standing under a "Justice4Jamar" sign and asked what they were doing.

"We're here for Jamar," one said, according to Henry Habu, who had been providing security for the demonstrators.

Habu said he and others tried to escort the four away from the protest and they took off running. He and others said at least three members of the group were wearing masks that covered the lower half of their faces.

Alexander Dewan Apprentice Clark, who said he chased the attackers, said one of the men fell and when Clark helped him up, he felt what he believed to be a bulletproof vest under the man's clothing.

Wronski-Riley, who is also on the security team, said most of the crowd stopped following the men about midway up the street, but a few protesters gave chase. Wronski-Riley and a friend followed to make sure everyone came back safe. After running about another half block, the suspects started shooting.

"It was so busy and chaotic," Wronski-Riley said.

One wounded man had been shot in the back of the leg and was crawling in the street, Wronski-Riley said. Another, who had been shot in the arm, was yelling that his limb was numb and he needed help.

Some protesters criticized the police response time and said officers arrived in full riot gear. Officers aggressively pushed back on the crowd, Wronski-Riley said, at one point using a chemical irritant to keep people back.

"They can't kill the sense of community that I'm building," Wronski-Riley said. "And they can't stop us from making sure that black lives do matter."

Police did not answer questions about their response to the shootings or about their response to prior reports of suspicious behavior.

Wesley Martin was among those shot. A day later, he was back at the scene, walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg and treated at a hospital.

He said his 19-year-old brother, Tevin, was wounded in the stomach and was in intensive care but was expected to recover.

Asked why he came back after being shot, Martin said: "Bullets aren't going to stop me from supporting what I want to do anyway."

<http://www.startribune.com/several-people-were-shot-near-black-lives-matter-protest-site/353121881/>

Five protesters were shot late Monday night near the Black Lives Matter encampment at the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis, according to police.

Those who were shot sustained non-life-threatening injuries, said police spokesman John Elder in a statement.

Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said "a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights."

One of the three men wore a mask, said Dana Jaehnert, who had been at the protest site since early evening.

When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they "opened fire on about six protesters," hitting five of them. Jaehnert said she heard four gunshots.

The shootings occurred at 10:45 p.m. on Morgan Avenue N. about a block north of the precinct station.

Nov. 19: Congressman Keith Ellison and other elected officials spoke at a news conference across the street from the 4th Precinct headquarters Thursday night in Minneapolis. At left was Black Lives Matter organizer Lena Gardner.

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Gallery: Photos: Protesters press for answers after fatal police shooting in Minneapolis

The attackers fled. No arrests had been made by midnight Monday. Police said via their Twitter feed that they are searching for three white male suspects.

The gunshot victims were taken to North Memorial Medical Center and Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC), deputy police chief Medaria Arradondo said at the scene.

A person at the scene said one of the victims had been shot in the stomach, and was undergoing surgery overnight at HCMC.

Jie Wronski-Riley said angry protesters moved the men away from the encampment at the police station. Wronski-Riley heard what sounded like firecrackers and thought, "surely they're not shooting human beings." Two young black men on either side of him were hit, one in the back and leg, the other in the arm.

At least two of the three men who had been taunting protesters were firing guns, said Wronski-Riley, who described the incident as "really chaotic, really fast."

"I am obviously appalled that white supremacists would open fire on nonviolent, peaceful protesters," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, who returned to the site after the shootings.

The protesters, angry over the fatal police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15, have maintained a presence outside the police station ever since.

Eddie Sutton, Jamar's brother, issued this statement early Tuesday morning in response to the shootings:

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

MARY LYNN SMITH and CLAUDE PECK

<http://www.startribune.com/dayton-ambulance-video-from-jamar-clark-shooting-inconclusive/353053901/>

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that footage from an ambulance at the scene where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by police appeared to be inconclusive.

“I’ve seen the tape. It doesn’t show anything that would be any confirmation of one point of view or another.” He said of the footage taken from one of the cameras at the scene where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in the head during a scuffle with two Minneapolis police officers Nov. 15, sparking more than a week of protests. Some witnesses have contended Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police deny. A police union official contended Clark was trying to grab an officer’s gun when he was shot.

Describing the footage at a news conference, Dayton said:

“It’s basically the camera’s looking out the back door of the ambulance for the purpose of photographing what would occur in the back of the ambulance, and there’s just a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encounter each other and then they disappear from sight and there’s no other view of them until one of the officers—and there’s no audio—it appears after the shot was fired one of the officers comes back into the point of view.”

Dayton, who met with some members of Clark’s family over the weekend, described to them what he saw in the footage.

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Dayton declined to elaborate on the nature of Clark’s encounter with officers, and would not go into more detail as to what he saw on the tape. He has not seen other footage.

Dayton said he asked to see the tape and watched it Friday. He defended his decision to view it because as governor, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is one of the agencies investigating the shooting, answers to him. The U.S. Justice Department is also investigating.

“It’s my responsibility, knowing this is a very, very volatile situation.” He said, adding that he does not believe his viewing of the footage could jeopardize the investigation.

“We’re teetering on the brink of a very, very volatile situation and I want to know everything I possibly can, or need to know, to make the best informed decision I possibly can to protect public safety, and that’s what I did.”

Dayton said he does not yet know whether he will attend Clark’s funeral Wednesday, but will meet with Black Lives Matter leaders in December.

Authorities have said releasing the tapes could prejudice witnesses—which Dayton said he conveyed to Clark’s family. As protesters continue to camp outside the Fourth Precinct Police station in North Minneapolis, Dayton lauded their restraint.

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Investigation ongoing

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Clark’s family has said his funeral will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 W. Broadway Av. N., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

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In the statement posted Monday on Facebook, Levy-Pounds said the NAACP supports the “peaceful occupation” outside the precinct.

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<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-naacp-public-should-see-police-shooting-video/353088321/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

5:15 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Nekima Levy-Pounds said in a statement posted on Facebook that the public should see the video, rather than rely on the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert.

Gov. Mark Dayton said earlier Monday that video recorded by an ambulance at the scene of Clark's shooting on Nov. 15 was inconclusive.

Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

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12:55 p.m.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night a black man was shot by a Minneapolis police officer, but that the footage is inconclusive.

Dayton said Monday that he watched video recorded by an ambulance that was at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's relatives are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

Dayton says he watched less than a minute of footage Friday. He declined to describe it, but said it doesn't completely exonerate police or support claims that Clark was handcuffed.

Dayton says he described the "inconclusiveness" of the video to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

11 a.m.

Federal authorities from several agencies are working on a criminal investigation after a black man was shot by Minneapolis police.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Ben Petok said Monday that his office and the FBI are working with the U.S. Department of Justice to determine if there were any criminal civil rights violations during the Nov. 15 shooting of Jamar Clark.

The shooting has prompted ongoing protests and calls for the prosecution of two police officers involved in the shooting.

FBI spokesman Kyle Loven has said agents are gathering facts, interviewing witnesses and considering all available evidence to determine whether there was a federal criminal violation.

Such investigations involve looking into whether police intentionally violated a person's civil rights through excessive force. But it's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29158835/

Simmering racial tensions boiled over yet again when several men shot five black people who had been protesting the recent police killing of an African-American man in Minneapolis.

Police said Tuesday that they had arrested two suspects and were still seeking an unspecified number of additional suspects. One man, a 23-year-old white man, was arrested in Bloomington about 11:20 a.m.; a 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested just after noon in South Minneapolis.

One of the Black Lives Matter protesters who was shot a block from a Minneapolis police precinct returned to the protest on Tuesday.

Wesley Martin was among the five protesters shot as they tried to escort some people from Monday night's demonstration. Martin was walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg and treated at a Minneapolis hospital. Martin was "feeling better than yesterday," he told the Associated Press.

Martin remembers chasing the people that he confronted, then being hit in the leg, being put in an ambulance and little else, he said.

Since the shootings, officers were searching for "three white male suspects" who fled the scene, authorities said.

A police spokesman confirmed to that those shot had been protesting outside the police station before the incident.

"Tonight, white supremacists attacked the #PrecinctShutDown in an act of domestic terrorism," Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said on Facebook. "We won't be intimidated.

Although Clark's family called for an end to the protests following the shooting, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis vowed to return to the police station Tuesday for another demonstration.

Throughout the morning, protesters were still gathered outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, where demonstrators have stood each day since the Nov. 15 police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Some prepared for another day, while others dozed in sleeping bags or lawn chairs.

About 10:40 p.m. Monday, police responded to the scene, about one block from the police station. Soon, 911 calls started to pour in, police said.

A video from a journalist at the scene showed people fleeing; then screaming for an ambulance. A young African-American man was seen writhing in pain with an apparent gunshot wound to the leg while fellow protesters -- then police and paramedics -- tried to help.

PEOPLE IN SKI MASKS FILMING

Henry Habu, a nearby resident, said he was there during the shooting.

Habu said there were three men and a woman in ski masks who were filming the demonstrations. One witness reported seeing three men in masks; another reported one. Still, when protesters asked them who they were and why they were filming, Habu said, they deflected the questions.

Several people involved in the demonstrations -- including a Black Lives Matter organizer and the NAACP Minneapolis chapter president -- have called the alleged gunmen white supremacists. Authorities, however, have not confirmed those claims.

Habu said the outsiders appeared to fit the description of white supremacists whom protesters had been told to watch out for -- those wearing masks or camouflage clothing. He said that at one point, those who were wearing masks walked away, and some protesters followed them.

"They tried to fight," he said. "There was a scuffle."

'DON'T LEAVE ME'

Carrie Brown and several other older members in the community said they tried to defuse the situation.

"One of the white protesters who had been with us since the beginning said, 'Be careful, those guys are white supremacists,' " Brown said, referring to the three men and one woman in balaclavas. "We asked

them to remove their masks, asked who they were, invited them to come and protest with us peacefully once they did that."

"One of our young men reached out and touched one of them and said, 'Oh, he has a vest on,' like a bulletproof vest," she added.

One witness, who did not want to be named, was among those who followed the outsiders up the street.

"About midway down the block the group sort of thinned out and I said, 'Maybe we should turn around, not make them feel like we're all up on them,' and the minute I turned around I heard four shots," he told the Washington Post. "One whizzed right by me. I was going to get down but then I just ran."

Habu said shots rang out and he saw people disperse, running back to the demonstration camp.

Brown said she heard about 15 shots and, when she turned around, saw "four boys on the ground." She said she tended to one who had been shot in the leg.

"He just kept saying, 'Don't leave me, don't leave me,' " she said.

Several witnesses said police used pepper spray on those who were trying to help -- apparently to get protesters away from the victims so that medical personnel could reach them. Brown said an officer put a gun to her face and told her to move back.

"I couldn't move," she said. "He -1/8the gunshot victim-3/8 had his hands wrapped around me. They pried his hands off of me."

Three victims were transported to North Memorial Medical Center, police said, and two others were transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center. Police described the injuries as non-life-threatening.

WHITE SUPREMACISTS? OR RUMORS?

Rep. Keith Ellison, D, who represents the area in Congress and has supported the demonstrators, spoke out about the shooting and wouldn't speculate about whether the alleged shooters were white supremacists.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," he said, according to Minnesota Public Radio. "I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go. I know there's a lot of speculation as to who these people were. And they well could have been, I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

The shooting occurred the night before the one-year anniversary of a Missouri grand jury's decision against indicting white Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown. That decision helped reignite powerful frustrations about America's policing of African-Americans.

In Minneapolis, protesters have been camping out in front of the 4th Precinct since Nov. 15, when two Minneapolis police officers were involved in the contentious killing of Clark.

Authorities said officers were responding to a call for help from paramedics, who said Clark was interrupting their attempts to help an assault victim. Clark, who was unarmed, was also a suspect in the assault, police said.

"At some point during an altercation that ensued between the officers and the individual, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the individual," the state Department of Public Safety said in a Nov. 17 statement.

Clark died in a hospital a day after being shot.

Even before his death, however, his shooting was already causing outrage. Several witnesses claimed that Clark was handcuffed at the time of the fatal shooting, although police claimed otherwise. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is now investigating the shooting at the request of MPD.

FAMILY ASKS PROTESTERS TO GO HOME

As protests gained strength last week, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also asked the Justice Department to open a federal civil rights investigation into the shooting.

Both Black Lives Matter organizers and the Minneapolis NAACP have called on authorities to release video of the shooting.

But Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that video footage taken from an ambulance at the scene was inconclusive. Dayton, who met with protesters and Clark's family on Saturday, said he has urged federal investigators to release the tapes as soon as possible.

Although largely peaceful, the demonstrations have been disrupted by several other incidents. More than 50 protesters were arrested on Nov. 16 after they shut down a highway. And on Friday, police announced they had arrested two men for spray-painting profanity on the 4th Precinct's walls.

After Monday night's shooting, Clark's family has thanked protesters for their "incredible support" but said demonstrations outside the police station should stop.

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time," Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, said in a statement. "We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful.

"But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended onto the next step."

DeResha Jackson, who grew up in Minneapolis and is now raising her children there, said she wants to see progress in the wake of Clark's death.

"I don't want my children to be subject to this. It's difficult for me to have to explain or know how to explain all of this in a way that they can understand," she said about the killing. "I don't want my boys to go through what our black men go through."

"My history and my child's history shouldn't be the same," she added. "There should be some progress."

Protesters gather to sing and chant at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November

Protesters gather to sing and chant at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

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Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he viewed ambulance video from the night Jamar Clark was fatally shot by Minneapolis police but found the footage inconclusive.

"I've seen the tape," Dayton said of the Nov. 15 shooting of the 24-year-old black man. "It doesn't show anything that would provide any confirmation of one point or another. It is just a very brief fragment ... and there is no audio."

Authorities have said Clark was shot once in the head during a struggle with two officers after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist a woman whom Clark allegedly assaulted. But some people who said they saw the North Minneapolis shooting say Clark was handcuffed.

Police have disputed that. And an attorney for one of the officers involved in the shooting says Clark was not handcuffed, went for an officer's weapon and "had manual control" of that officer's gun.

On Monday, Dayton said he watched the ambulance recording on Friday after requesting a viewing. He said he briefed Clark's family about the footage, which is less than a minute long, during a weekend meeting.

"I gave them my oath and my word of honor, there's nothing in there that can provide any confirmation of this view that we had officers who acted as some allege they did," the governor said.

Dayton said the footage from inside the ambulance has no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight.

"The governor refused to say whether the video shows a struggle. He said one of the officers later comes back into view.

Authorities have said that investigators have video from several sources, including the ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. However, they say no video shows the early-morning incident in its entirety.

During protests that followed Clark's shooting, demonstrators have demanded the release of all investigative video. City, state and federal officials have denied those requests and similar requests from the news media. They have said that releasing the recordings would jeopardize the independent investigation into Clark's death.

Dayton said, however, that it was entirely appropriate for him to view the recording.

"I'm the governor of the state of Minnesota and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension reports to me. It's my responsibility to know the situation that I'm dealing with, which is a very, very volatile situation," Dayton said. "I'm ultimately responsible."

Asked about the legality of the governor viewing what has been deemed private, Matt Swenson, spokesman for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor governor, said: "The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is part of the executive branch, and the governor, as the chief executive of the state, has the responsibility to know as much as necessary about the investigation so he can make decisions regarding the public's safety."

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, said Dayton's comments about the video reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Levy-Pounds said in a statement posted on Facebook that the public should see the video, rather than rely on the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert.

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Meanwhile, protesters have continued camping outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station and are deciding their next move.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis leaders say they will continue to occupy the area around the station at least through Monday night and plan a march Tuesday.

Protesters have constantly occupied the area around the police station since shortly after the shooting. Tensions cooled during the weekend, following some intense confrontations last week.

A Clark family member asked that there be no protest on the day of the funeral because the family does not want the service to be political.

The service will be at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis at noon Wednesday, with visitation for two hours before the funeral begins.

Dayton said he did not know whether he would attend the funeral.

This report includes information from the Associated Press and Forum News Service.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972470.shtml>

(with video)

The demands of protesters, the priorities of the police, and the need for public safety— Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is trying to balance all of them at once, in the wake of the shooting death of Jamar Clark, and the ensuing protests.

Still, some of her most passionate supporters seem to be turning against her.

At times, it has looked like a city coming apart at the seams.

"It's been extremely painful," said Sondra Samuels, president and CEO of Northside Achievement Zone, a prominent nonprofit in North Minneapolis.

Samuels said she has protested with Black Lives Matter, and embraced the Minneapolis Police Department's commander of the 4th Precinct.

"I am very acquainted with police brutality, and I am also very acquainted with police being the partners that I have in the community," Samuels said.

She also served on Hodges' transition team, when she first took office.

Samuels' said her support has yet to waver.

"We all are saying how we would be if we were mayor, and we're not," Samuels said.

Some other previously passionate supporters have been less forgiving.

Last week, at the height of tensions between police and protesters, Black Lives Minneapolis tweeted, "Last night, Mayor Hodges' #OneMinneapolis died."

One protester tweeted, "Last night, Mayor Hodges declared war on her own constituents."

And one member of social justice group Neighborhoods Organizing for Change asked for his campaign donation back, tweeting at the mayor, "You have accomplished nothing, NOTHING at city hall."

"Mayor Hodges is in one of those very difficult positions that you don't want to be in," said Larry Jacobs, a political analyst with the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Jacobs said Hodges must be careful to maintain sympathy with the protesters while also maintaining public order.

"One of the big challenges facing Mayor Hodges and the City of Minneapolis could be a backlash from the silent majority who are sitting on the sidelines, watching, perhaps sympathetically, over the protests, but worried about it going too far," Jacobs said.

Samuels said some of the criticism of the mayor has been unfair, and that the mayor's response has been balanced.

"I'll go to my grave knowing that her greatest and highest desire has been for justice in north Minneapolis for the African-American community," Samuels said.

Mayor Hodges told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS, in a statement, "Politics is absolutely the last thing on my mind right now. Safety, for everyone in this city, continues to be my priority."

But as for the political fallout of the Jamar Clark protests, the situation at the Minneapolis City Council may prove to be even more intriguing. A few council members have attended those protests in person, while others have staunchly defended the actions of police officers throughout this situation.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972708.shtml>

The brother of the man whose fatal shooting by a police officer has prompted protests in Minneapolis is calling for the end of a sit-in at a police precinct that has lasted for more than a week.

In a statement issued early Tuesday morning by the office of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose district includes Minneapolis, Eddie Sutton says his family appreciates the support protesters have shown since the death of his brother, Jamar Clark.

But Sutton says that in light of the shooting of five people near the 4th Precinct sit-in, the family believes the demonstrations there should be ended "out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers."

Minneapolis police say five people had injuries that were not life-threatening after the shooting. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said in a statement earlier Monday that the group would announce the next steps it had planned at a news conference Tuesday.

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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/24/police-at-least-3-shot-near-fourth-precinct-protest/76298300/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis Police tell KARE 11 at least five people were shot near protests at the Fourth Precinct.

Reports of a shooting surfaced around 10:45 p.m. Monday in the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North, about a block north of the Fourth Precinct.

It is not clear on the exact number of people shot as some shooting victims found their own way to a hospital. Police tell KARE 11 five people are being treated for what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries, two people at Hennepin County Medical Center and three others at North Memorial Medical Center.

Police have released little information on a possible suspect or suspects and are asking anyone with information to come forward.

A photographer with Ruptly captured some of the first images following the shooting.

The protests at the police precinct are in their 10th day following the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was shot after a confrontation with police.

Early Tuesday morning, Eddie Sutton, Jamar Clark's brother, released a statement:

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

Still, some protesters who remained outside the Fourth Precinct say the shooting won't stop them from their demonstrations.

About 50 people were outside the building on Tuesday morning, with more trickling in, and some said they planned to stay despite a request from Clark's family to end the protests.

A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/53718902-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Tuesday, police arrested two men and two turned themselves in after a shooting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Monday night where three suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protestors, injuring 5 people.

A 23-year-old male in Bloomington, Minn. and a 32-year-old male in south Minneapolis were arrested early Tuesday -- later in the day, police released the south Minneapolis man after questioning.

Then, around 2:30 p.m., investigators took two additional men into custody after they voluntarily turned themselves in. The 26-year-old male and 21-year-old male are currently being interviewed by investigators. Three total are in custody.

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At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. No fatalities have been reported. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward and are interviewing witnesses.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left. The police department has additional uniformed officers in the area, spokesman John Elder said.

Tuesday march planned

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced on Facebook a #Justice4Jamar March will be held Tuesday afternoon to "march for justice for Jamar Clark and take our voices directly to those who must listen to the people."

Sen. Al Franken statement

"Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark's family and the injured."

Background

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/fourth-precinct>

The latest:

- Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of an investigation into the shooting of 5 Monday night.
- The fourth, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, has been released.
- Gov. Dayton urged an end to 4th Precinct protests over security concerns.
- A Black Lives Matter organizer said the "occupation" will continue.
- Marchers returned to north Minneapolis for a concert outside the precinct after rallying downtown in front of City Hall.
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Five people were shot late Monday night near the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis where crowds have gathered for more than a week to protest the police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24.

Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of the investigation into Monday night's shootings, Minneapolis police said Tuesday.

The 26- and 21-year-olds turned themselves in Tuesday, according to police. The third man was arrested in Bloomington earlier that day.

Another, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was arrested in south Minneapolis Tuesday, has been released. Minneapolis Police said they determined the man was not at the scene outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

Activists at the 4th Precinct shared videos of people they thought were the shooters early Tuesday morning. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Authorities said the suspects' names will be released upon charging.

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None of the five victims' injuries was life-threatening, said Minneapolis police spokesperson John Elder. Three of the victims were driven to North Memorial Medical Center after the shooting, Elder said, and two others were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, Gov. Mark Dayton called the shootings a "cowardly, criminal act" and said he believed the suspects will be "brought to justice."

At the same time, he said he hoped protesters would heed the pleas of Jamar Clark's family to end the protests outside the precinct amid safety concerns.

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"I think this underscores the treacherous nature of a significant number of people who are intermingling without any way of safeguarding people engaged in peaceful protests," Dayton told MPR News. "It underscores the vulnerability of peaceful citizens exercising their First Amendment rights."

However, protesters who gathered again Tuesday morning outside the 4th Precinct said they will not leave, despite the shooting.

"A planned hate crime"

Black Lives Matter spokesperson Miski Noor called Monday night's shootings "a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism." She told reporters this afternoon that the group was recommitting to "our occupation" outside the 4th Precinct "until we get justice."

She also slammed the police response to the shooting. "We have zero faith in this police department's desire to keep our community safe," she added.

A Minneapolis police officer investigates the site of Monday night's shooting. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

Witnesses said Monday night's demonstration was a peaceful gathering that turned into chaos at about 10:45 p.m.

Protesters said they had formed a group to walk people away from their 4th Precinct encampment who were causing problems. About a block away from the demonstrations, the shots were fired.

One of the lead protest groups, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, posted on its Facebook page that "5 unarmed protesters shot by white supremacists who were asked to leave & followed out. One block up they shot one in leg & 1 in stomach."

Jie Wronski-Riley was among the protesters following the people leaving the scene.

"Then it was like they just turned around and they just started shooting. At first I wasn't sure. I was like, are they shooting firecrackers? Because it was so loud, and there was all this, like, sulfur, or whatever," Wronski-Riley said. "Then it was like the person right next to me on my left went down and the person on my right went down, and I was like, they're actually shooting at us. They're shooting bullets at us."

Rumors about the nature of the shootings — and the shooters — spread quickly through the encampment. Twitter feeds, using the hashtags #Justice4Jamar and #FourthPrecinctShutdown that they'd been using all week, lit up the Internet with theories of the shooters' identities and police involvement.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, who has joined the group throughout the week-plus demonstration, said after the shootings.

"I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go," he added. "I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said, as he spoke with people at the precinct soon after Monday night's shooting, many people told him they were hurting. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Ellison met with some of the bundled-up demonstrators after the Monday night shootings. Temperatures in Minneapolis barely reached 30 degrees in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I am worried about people's safety, I really am," he said. "There was a shooting down the street tonight. But it's also the elements. People out here could get frostbitten."

Demonstrations continue

Eddie Sutton, a brother of Jamar Clark, issued a statement from Clark's family thanking protesters for peaceful demonstrations but pleading for the gathered crowd to end their demonstration: "Out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reiterated the group's commitment to the demonstrations early Tuesday morning in a Facebook post. The group has rallied, marched and prayed outside the police department's 4th Precinct for more than a week since Clark's shooting. It led a march through Minneapolis to City Hall Tuesday afternoon, then returned to the precinct for an evening concert.

Hundreds of demonstrators marched peacefully along 7th Street and into downtown Minneapolis where they held a short rally Tuesday afternoon. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

- Photos: Marchers head downtown and back to concert

Some University of Minnesota students walked out of classes to join the marchers. Students from Minneapolis Southwest High School also left class to protest in the Linden Hills neighborhood and staged a "die-in" at 50th Street and France Avenue in Edina.

Michael McDowell, a Black Lives Matter organizer, said the group's leaders have a possible date in mind when they will leave the precinct.

"We may not necessarily stay at the precinct until the tapes are released," he said, "but we will continue to escalate until the tapes are released."

Organizers aren't prepared to make the date public yet, McDowell said. "We do have a clear date but we're not going to put it out there yet. We like to keep folks guessing, I guess," he said, adding that

north Minneapolis neighbors might choose to remain after Black Lives Matter leaves. "Mostly, we also got community input and the community's not ready to leave."

Protesters are planning a Thanksgiving meal at the precinct Thursday.

Investigation: Where it stands

Authorities have said police shot Clark, 24, during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

- Monday: Dayton says ambulance video inconclusive in Jamar Clark shooting

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Federal authorities are coordinating with the city's police department to see if federal action is appropriate, said Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney for Minnesota Andy Luger.

A demonstrator carries a sign demanding the release of video footage from the time of Jamar Clark's shooting death. Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct police station for a candlelight vigil and rally Thursday. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

It's unclear whether authorities will choose to classify the Monday night shootings as a hate crime.

A recent case in Minnesota that authorities say was motivated by bias against foreigners did not result in hate-crime charges after prosecutors determined that doing so would have resulted in a lesser charge.

In that case, a Somali-American woman who was speaking Swahili at an Applebee's in Coon Rapids was assaulted with a beer mug by a woman who told her to speak English. Anoka County prosecutors charged Jodie Burchard-Risch with third-degree felony assault.

Authorities said as a hate crime, it would have been considered a gross misdemeanor.

Demonstrators undeterred by shootings

By late Tuesday afternoon, organizers had regrouped to lead the march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a stop at the site where Jamar Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station at around 5:15 p.m.

In that afternoon crowd stood Wesley Martin, 18, who said he was among the five shot Monday night.

He said he was following some suspicious-looking men out of the protest when words were exchanged and that people started charging after someone used a racial slur.

"I'm running. I get to the corner. I feel something go right through my leg," he recalled. "I thought I fell or something like that. But I went to pull up my pant leg, and all I see is blood. I sat down, and after that, I don't remember nothing."

"I feel like I can't walk on the street without looking around my back," Martin said.

But the violence, he added, would not keep him from demonstrating.

MPR News reporters Laura Yuen, Brandt Williams, Mukhtar Ibrahim, Jon Collins and Russell Barnes contributed to this report.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3972551.shtml>

(with video)

Five people were shot late Monday night near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct in the city's north side, according to Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder.

The incident occurred at 10:40 p.m. in the area of 14th Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. The incident took place one block north of the 4th Precinct station at 1925 Plymouth Ave., where protesters have been stationed since Nov. 15.

Two people were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center. Three others were driven by private vehicle to North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale. All victims have injuries that are not life threatening, police said.

The victims were all protesters, a source tells KSTP.

Police said they are looking for three white men. A source tells KSTP they were wearing bulletproof vests.

The incident occurred near the area of ongoing protests about the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Minneapolis police say dozens of officers responded immediately to attend to victims and secure the area.

After the shooting, Clark's brother Eddie Sutton released a statement asking the protests to stop for the safety of everyone.

Black Lives Matter, which has been organizing the protests near the 4th Precinct, has a march planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday. It starts at the 4th Precinct station.

The shootings Monday is the latest incident in the 10 days that protests have been happening since Sunday. Police say squads have been vandalized, rocks thrown and molotov cocktails tossed. Protesters say they have been sprayed with chemical irritant.

Clark's family and protesters want the video from the shooting released. Investigators say releasing it will jeopardize the investigation. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and FBI are looking into the matter.

The two officers have been on administrative leave since the shooting.

Some protesters who are gathered outside of the precinct say they don't intend to stop their demonstrations despite the overnight shooting that wounded five people.

About 50 people were outside the building on Tuesday morning, with more trickling in, and some said they planned to stay despite a request from Clark's family to end the protests.

A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Minneapolis Police Department.

Watch raw video from the shooting scene Monday night.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/shooting-at-4th-precinct-leaves-5-protesters-hospitalized/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Five protesters were hospitalized Monday night after a shooting near the 4th Precinct on Minneapolis' north side, and witnesses say the gunmen were white supremacists targeting those demonstrating in the aftermath of Jamar Clark's death.

Police responded to the shooting Monday at 10:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North, which is located one block north of the 4th Precinct.

Witnesses said the gunmen were white supremacists who were hanging around the rally before others asked them to leave. The witnesses said the men came back a short time later and fired six shots at protesters.

All five victims are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Two were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County MedicalCenter, while three others were driven to North Memorial Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, police said they arrested two men in connection to the shooting. One, a 23-year-old white man, was arrested in Bloomington; the other, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, was arrested in south Minneapolis.

Police say they are looking for other suspects.

Meanwhile, additional uniformed officers have been stationed near the 4th Precinct to protect people in the area.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a video statement on the shooting.

"I abhor last night's attacks. They have no place in our city," she said. "We are sparing no efforts to find the suspects and to bring them to justice."

After the shooting, a crowd gathered at the scene and emotions ran high.

"Everyone has been on high alert because in the last several days there have been lots of conversations of white supremacists' websites and chatrooms, where they talked about coming to the protests," Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds said. "They talked about having weapons and also doing things that would agitate the crowd and incite confrontation between police officers and protesters."

Levy-Pounds says grief counselors will be on hand Wednesday for Clark's funeral. A dinner is also planned for Thanksgiving Day.

Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, released a statement following Monday's shooting, calling for an end to the precinct protests.

"[I]n light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th Precinct ended and onto a next step," the statement said.

However, protesters say they will not be shutting down the protest as people continue to bring firewood, food and water to the protest area.

"I urge people out here to proceed with caution," Levy-Pounds said. "People have to decide if they are comfortable being here, but many of us are saying we will not turn around, we will not back up we will are not afraid. We are going to continue to stand up for what we believe in."

Protesters have been outside the 4th Precinct for nine days, ever since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot and killed by police after a scuffle last Sunday.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when an officer shot him in the head. Police dispute that claim, saying Clark was trying to grab an officer's firearm, and that they were justified in using deadly force.

The group Black Lives Matter has called on city leaders to release video footage captured of the incident, but authorities say it would harm their investigation into the incident. Protesters are camped outside the 4th Precinct, refusing to leave until the footage is made public.

Sen. Al Franken said Tuesday that he was “horrified” to learn about Monday’s shooting.

“I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice,” he said. “In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark’s family and the injured.”

A community concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday. The group Sounds of Blackness will be performing and the protesters hope the concert will promote healing and unity.

Before that, there’ll be a protest march at 2 p.m.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/23/dayton-sees-video-of-jamar-clark-incident-calls-it-inconclusive/>

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday he’s watched a short video clip of the Jamar Clark shooting incident in Minneapolis and said it doesn’t conclusively show what happened.

The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP immediately criticized Dayton’s comments, saying it reinforces the need for all the video to be released to the public.

Clark, who was unarmed, was fatally shot by Minneapolis police officers on Nov. 15 after police say he struggled with them. His death sparked several days of protests by activists who claim Clark was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

Police deny that was the case, and they maintain Clark was going after one of the officer’s guns. The protesters are demanding the release of all video footage which could shed light on the incident.

In that vein, the governor said he asked state investigators to let him see this video clip, which was recorded by a camera on an ambulance that had responded to the scene, according to MPR News.

At a news conference Monday, Dayton described what he saw on the footage, which was less than a minute long.

In it, Clark and one of the officers “encounter each other,” then disappear from view, Dayton said, according to the Star Tribune, continuing: “It doesn’t show anything that would be any confirmation of one point of view or another.”

Dayton said he watched the tape on Friday before he met with members of Clark’s family, and told them the same.

He said he has not seen any other video footage, the Star Tribune reports.

NAACP responds

The NAACP said in its statement that members of the public should be able to see the video for themselves and draw their own conclusions, “rather than relying upon the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert in this field.”

The organization went on to say that Dayton’s comments weaken the potential for “a fair, transparent and balanced investigation.”

“The Governor’s statement also disturbingly calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses who have already cooperated with state and federal authorities in presenting their versions of what happened, and may deter other witnesses from coming forward out of fear of not having their stories be believed.”

Investigators have said none of the video footage they have seen shows the entire incident, and have also said they won’t release any of the video until their probe is complete because they don’t want to taint the investigation, according to MPR News.

Also Monday, the Minnesota chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union called on the Minneapolis Police Department to exercise “more restraint” in their dealings with protesters outside the Fourth Precinct.

The group sent a letter to Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau saying the police use of pepper spray, marking rounds and rubber bullets during some protests has been inconsistent and arbitrary, and has made the situation more chaotic than necessary.

Clark’s funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, and Dayton said he’s not sure yet whether he will attend, the Star Tribune reports.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/23/dayton-says-police-shooting-video-is-inconclusive/76270632/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night a black man was shot by a Minneapolis police officer, but that the footage is inconclusive.

Dayton said Monday that he watched video recorded by an ambulance that was at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who says they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's relatives are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

Dayton says he watched less than a minute of footage Friday. He declined to describe it, but said it doesn't completely exonerate police or support claims that Clark was handcuffed.

Dayton says he described the "inconclusiveness" of the video to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

"I told them, 'I give you my oath on my word of honor, there's nothing in there that's going to provide any confirmation from this view that the officers acted as some allege they did,'" Dayton said.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Ben Petok said Monday that his office and the FBI are working with the U.S. Department of Justice to determine if there were any criminal civil rights violations during the Nov. 15 shooting of Jamar Clark.

The shooting has prompted ongoing protests and calls for the prosecution of two police officers involved in the shooting.

FBI spokesman Kyle Loven has said agents are gathering facts, interviewing witnesses and considering all available evidence to determine whether there was a federal criminal violation.

Such investigations involve looking into whether police intentionally violated a person's civil rights through excessive force. But it's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

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<http://www.fox9.com/news/53500509-story>

(with video)

ST. PAUL, Minn. (KMSP) - Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he's viewed video of Jamar Clark's shooting by Minneapolis police, but that the video has no audio and doesn't confirm either side's allegations. The video was taken from an ambulance at the scene.

Witnesses have said Clark was in handcuffs and unarmed at the time of the shooting, but the head of the police union says Clark was not handcuffed and had gained control of an officer's weapon.

"When police arrived, Mr. Clark refused to show his hands or otherwise comply with police orders. While he was being legally detained, he chose to resist, fight officers, and to seize control of an officer's firearm," Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis Police Federation said in a statement. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist; instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon. At no time was Mr. Clark handcuffed, contrary to press reports and social chatter.

Contrary to official statements, Mr. Clark was indeed armed, as he had manual control of an officer's firearm."

The release of video from Jamar Clark's shooting is a top priority for local Black Lives Matter organizers. Gov. Dayton met with Jamar Clark's family over the weekend, and commented on the release of any shooting video.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said.

Clark, 24, was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

Statement from NAACP Minneapolis

"In the wake of the shooting death of Jamar Clark, a 24 year old unarmed African American man, at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, the Minneapolis NAACP stands firm in demanding the release of the videotapes surrounding this incident. Earlier today, Governor Mark Dayton held a press conference in which he stated that he had viewed a portion of the videotape from the ambulance on the scene and called the evidence "inconclusive." The Governor's statement merely reinforces the public's need to see the videotape for themselves and to draw their own conclusions, rather than relying upon the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert in this field.

"The Governor's statement also disturbingly calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses who have already cooperated with state and federal authorities in presenting their versions of what happened and may deter other witnesses from coming forward out of fear of not having their stories be believed. This is unacceptable and weakens the potential for a fair, transparent, and balanced investigation. Thus, the Minneapolis NAACP stands in solidarity with those demanding immediate release of the videotapes surrounding this incident. #releasethetapes

"The Minneapolis NAACP also supports the decision of community members to maintain a peaceful occupation outside of the 4th Precinct Police Station in Minneapolis. We have been on the ground witnessing an outpouring of love, food and clothing donations, chanting, singing, and productive ways of channeling rage and grief in light of the shooting death of Jamar Clark by polic. We are committed to having representatives present and on the ground throughout the length of the occupation and we encourage continued food donations, support, and community presence in solidarity with a Northside community that is in pain and has suffered for far too long under the weight of oppression. The Minneapolis NAACP will not rest until justice is served.

"The only way that we can change things is if we come together as a community and continue to demand justice for the most vulnerable and oppressed in our society. Jamar Clark did not have to die.

He should be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family, just like everyone else. Thus, police practices in the city of Minneapolis must undergo urgent and radical reform. To give hope to the community, a Northside jobs program must be created to close the gaps in unemployment and income for black residents. And finally, we would urge city officials to close the 4th Precinct Police Station and to offer the building to the Northside community to be used as a community center, just as it was in previous decades when it was The Old Way, an important resource that is currently absent from the community.”

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/23/jamar-clark-video-dayton>

Gov. Mark Dayton told reporters Monday that he's seen video from the ambulance camera running during the Jamar Clark shooting and that it does not confirm either side's allegations of what happened.

Dayton said he viewed the tape lasting less than a minute and shared his opinion with Clark's family over the weekend that it was inconclusive.

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- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands

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The head of the Minneapolis police union says Clark was shot after going for an officer's gun and was not handcuffed during the confrontation. However, witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot.

When asked why he was able to view the tape, Dayton said he is the governor and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension reports to him.

- Jamar Clark's parents: 'He should still be here'

"In a situation like that, where we're teetering on the brink of a very, very volatile situation, then I want to know everything I possibly can and need to know to make the best informed decision I can to protect public safety. And that's what I did," Dayton said.

State investigators have said that none of the footage they've collected shows the entire incident. They've said they intend to release videos once the probe is completed and have warned that early release of the video could taint the investigation.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys are in the Twin Cities today as part of federal a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Clark, an African-American. The lawyers are expected to discuss the possible release of video.

Dayton said it is ultimately his decision whether to release the tape held by the BCA. He strongly defended his access to the tape and dismissed any suggestion that his viewing could taint the investigation.

But Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said she thinks Dayton went too far in discussing the video he viewed.

"If the whole reason that the tape is not being released to the public is because it would impede the investigation or cause people to draw conclusions one way or the other, the governor's statement could be perceived in a similar way, as potentially shaping public opinion surrounding this issue," said Levy-Pounds, who's called for the release of all tapes held by authorities.

The public is demanding justice and an explanation of what happened and Dayton's comments don't help address those concerns, she added.

Former U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger said releasing evidence in a piecemeal fashion does a disservice to any investigation.

"There are multiple, perhaps multiple sources for video evidence," he said. "Therefore, releasing an opinion about one or more of those pieces may be premature."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/gov-dayton-video-of-jamar-clark-shooting-is-inconclusive/>

(with video)

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3972043.shtml>

(raw video, didn't capture)

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that ambulance video recorded on the night a black man was fatally shot by Minneapolis police is inconclusive, and the footage neither exonerates the officers involved nor supports claims that the man was handcuffed.

Dayton said he watched video recorded by the ambulance at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities have said Clark, 24, was shot during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

The governor said he watched less than a minute of footage on Friday and described the "inconclusiveness of it" to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

"I gave them my oath and my word of honor, there's nothing in there that can provide any confirmation of this view that we had officers who acted as some allege they did," he said.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also under way, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

Dayton said the footage has no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight." The governor refused to say whether the video shows a struggle. He said one of the officers later comes back into view.

Dayton said he requested to view the video, and he defended his decision to see it while protesters and family members have not.

"I'm the governor of the state of Minnesota, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension reports to me. It's my responsibility to know the situation that I'm dealing with. It's a very, very volatile situation," he said.

Members of the NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other community members have been protesting at the local police precinct for more than a week. They say they will not leave until they see justice, and they are demanding that authorities release video of the shooting.

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Meanwhile, view footage captured by police inside 4th Precinct during recent protests here.

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<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3972377.shtml>

On Wednesday last week, protests continued outside of a northside Minneapolis precinct where protesters had been camped since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said during a press conference that day that protesters have the right to have their voices heard but that public safety is the "number one priority." She added that "violence will not be tolerated."

That night, the area surrounding the 4th Precinct was tense and took a violent turn. Police officers said Molotov cocktails were thrown at them.

Officers captured footage from inside the precinct of the situation that night. Flames are visible and gunshots can be heard. Police said no one was injured.

View the raw footage in the video box above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/continuous-occupation-at-4th-precinct-could-end-this-week/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Continuous protests at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct could end this week. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says many of their demands have been met, and it's time to re-evaluate their strategy.

It has been nine days since Jamar Clark was shot and killed by police in north Minneapolis.

The police union says Clark had grabbed for another officer's gun, but witnesses say Clark was handcuffed. Ever since then, protesters have camped outside the 4th precinct. At times there has been damage to police property, and officers responding with chemical irritant and arrests.

Now, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is now considering its next step. The group met with Gov. Mark Dayton over the weekend and had hoped he would call on law enforcement to release video from Clark's shooting. That didn't happen, but he listened to some demands from the group.

There was a community meeting on Sunday following the summit with Dayton. WCCO was not invited, but Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said discussions focused on the next course of action, if protestors should stay at the precinct or find different ways to create the changes they want to see.

They say getting the names of the officers involved in the shooting and an independent investigation by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are two big wins for the group, but they still want authorities to release video in the case.

The group will continue its push for a timeline to get the video in Clark's case released.

Leaders tell us they plan to occupy the 4th precinct at least through Tuesday. They have a march planned the same day and clothing drive scheduled for Wednesday. They won't say anything about future plans.

Attorneys with the U.S. Justice Department arrived in the Twin Cities on Sunday and will be here for a few days for meetings related to the investigation.

Over the weekend, Dayton encouraged them to meet with Clark's family and Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, but group leaders say they have yet to meet with them.

The funeral for Clark is scheduled for Wednesday at noon at Shiloh Temple in North Minneapolis.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/23/breaking-down-federal-vs-state-investigation-of-police/76283946/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Department of Justice attorneys are in Minneapolis this week to interview witnesses to the shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police.

The federal criminal civil rights investigation is being conducted at the same time as a state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation.

As an attorney who's represented people for decades suing police officers for civil rights violations -- Robert Bennett believes the feds are more likely to fairly investigate police officers than the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"You know, we have a joke around the office -- we call them the bureau of criminal absolution when they're investigating the police," Bennett said.

In 40 years practicing law, Bennett says he can't remember a BCA investigation of an officer shooting ever resulting in a conviction.

"You know, I can't opine whether the officers will be indicted in either court. Because I don't know the evidence. I just think the public and the constitution gets a fairer shake in federal court," Bennett said.

While state investigators look for evidence supporting murder or manslaughter charges -- Bennett says the feds look for whether officers deprived Jamar Clark of his civil rights -- his basic right to live.

"Based upon what I've read, this would be a very, very difficult case to prove," said Ryan Kaess, an attorney currently defending a different Minneapolis officer in a criminal federal civil rights case.

And Kaess insists a federal investigation is no more likely to end in an indictment.

"There's no different standard of proof that's needed. Same standard of proof and in fact, if the case is weaker, the feds aren't going to take it," Kaess said.

Governor Dayton said the BCA and DOJ are both working expeditiously, but in past cases Bennett said investigations like this can last up to a year.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/civil-rights-groups-says-its-gathered-70000-signatures-for-the-release-of-video/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – A national civil rights group says it's amassed nearly 70,000 signatures demanding that leaders in Minnesota release video of the Jamar Clark shooting.

The group ColorOfChange has a petition on its website, calling for Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety release to videos of the Nov. 15 shooting.

Community members say that 24-year-old Clark was shot in the head while handcuffed. Police have disputed that claim.

Since the shooting, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other protesters have called for the videos to be released.

On Monday, Gov. Mark Dayton said he watched some footage from an ambulance. He said that what he saw was inconclusive, neither exonerating the officers nor supporting the claim that Clark was handcuffed.

The U.S. Department of Justice is conducting an investigation of the shooting, as is the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

ColorOfChange, which claims to have more than 1 million members, said in a press release that the Justice Department investigation will likely take months, meaning that the video won't be released any time soon.

The group is demanding action now for the people of Minneapolis.

"The reality is, Jamar's killing has hit a nerve for thousands of Black youth in Minneapolis, where police are 5.8 times more likely to stop and arrest Black teens than white youth for low level issues," the group said in a release. "Mayor Hodges and Chief Harteau should be doing everything in their power to end the culture of secrecy and impunity that drives anti-Black policing, starting with release of these video."

Early last week, protesters demanded the names of the officers involved in Clark's shooting. The BCA identified them as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

Both are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure following a police shooting.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/report-white-supremacists-shoot-five-black-lives-matters-protesters-7855265>

UPDATE: Minneapolis police announced just before noon Tuesday that they had arrested one 23-year-old man in Bloomington related to Monday night's shooting. According to the statement, police worked "nonstop throughout the night to develop leads and suspects." No name was released, and the police said they are still searching for other suspects related to the shooting. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released her own statement following the news. Hodges, who called the incident "abhorrent," said the city is "sparing no efforts to bring any and all those responsible to justice."

SECOND UPDATE: A second arrest was made at noon. A 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested in his car in south Minneapolis. Police are still searching for additional suspects in Monday night's shooting at the Fourth Precinct police station.

Five Black Lives Matters protesters were shot and are being treated for injuries that were not life-threatening after a shooting incident Monday night, and those on the scene say the shooter or shooters were white supremacists who had come to disrupt the protest.

The Jamar Clark shooting death at the hands of Minneapolis police officers has exposed tension across racial lines, and between black residents and law enforcement. Police have claimed protesters threw rocks, and had prepared Molotov cocktails, while protesters say their peaceful gatherings have only been disrupted by police use of mace and "less lethal" weapons.

Monday's shooting, if witness accounts bear out, would introduce a newly violent element to the ongoing fallout from Clark's death.

On Thursday, a short video surfaced that seemed to depict a pair of men on their way to the north Minneapolis protest site, with one brandishing a pistol. Those men were soon labeled as white supremacists, and numerous postings on online message boards such as 4chan indicated a semi-organized movement in response to the Black Lives Matter protests. Protesters also claimed to have seen the men in the video at the scene, and police confirmed they were aware of a potential "disturbance" to protests that had, with few exceptions, remained peaceful.

Last night, witnesses noticed a group of white men who were standing off to the side and not interacting with other protesters, who had generally established a communal atmosphere. Two men later told of their exchange with the men; that clip was subsequently picked up by the Daily Stormer Youtube account, which has also uploaded racist and anti-Semitic videos.

According to the two witnesses, the white men appeared to be videotaping the scene, but not speaking with anyone. A number of protesters approached them, asking why they would not remove masks and show their faces. "Fuck no," the men replied. The two black witnesses then said someone in the crowd punched one of the men, and say others pursued the men as they went to leave the scene.

It was around a corner on Morgan Ave. North's 1400 block when three suspects and protesters clashed, gunfire erupting.

One says he told the crowd, "Don't follow them, they got a gun, don't chase 'em."

According to police scanner audio from the incident, officers reported seeing a Silver Chevy Trailblazer or Chevy Envoy "speed off from the area."

A statement from the Minneapolis Police Department says officers responded "almost immediately" after the call of shots fired came in around 10:40 p.m. Monday.

"Dozens of officers responded almost immediately attending to victims and secured the scene. Additional resources were called in and are actively investigating the shootings, interviewing a multitude of witnesses. The Police Department is working to identify suspects. The police are asking that anyone with information to please come forward."

Three victims were transported by civilian car to North Memorial Medical Center, and two were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

Monday was the eighth day since the police shooting of Clark, a 24-year-old black Minneapolis resident who was transported to a hospital, and put on life support, but later died. Protesters have encamped outside the Fourth Precinct since that morning, issuing a number of demands of the Minneapolis Police Department. Some of those demands have already been met, like the release of officers' names — Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenber were identified as the officers involved — and the opening of a federal investigation into Clark's death.

But demonstrators have continued to call for immediate release of surveillance camera video they say will verify eyewitness accounts that Clark was both unarmed and handcuffed when someone fired the fatal headshot. Authorities have repeatedly declined that demand, and reiterated their reasoning in a joint statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI on Friday:

"Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner."

Following the shooting, Eddie Sutton, Jamar Clark's brother, put out a statement through the office of DFL U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, asking that protesters end their demonstration at the Fourth Precinct for their own safety.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Calls for calm, or even for protesters to go home, are expected to fall on deaf ears after the shooting. Students are planning a walkout at Minneapolis high schools Tuesday morning, and a march in north Minneapolis is still set to take place Tuesday afternoon, with BLM leaders asserting they would not be intimidated by the shooters.

A funeral for Jamar Clark, the young man whose death sparked more than a week of protests, is scheduled for Wednesday.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/23/blm-protests-set-continue>

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972478.shtml>

(with video)

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS has obtained video, shot inside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, that shows Molotov cocktails thrown just outside the precinct.

According to law enforcement sources, it was recorded Wednesday night into early Thursday morning during a protest at the precinct that was in response to the shooting death of Jamar Clark. Clark was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer on Nov. 15.

View the raw footage here.

Along with the video, we obtained exclusive photographs of the damage done to police squad cars inside the locked gates of the precinct's back parking lot.

In the video, a Molotov cocktail can be seen burning on the ground with another flying over the fence, missing officers by only a few yards. Shortly after the second Molotov cocktail is thrown you can hear six gunshots fired.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS showed the video to University of Minnesota instructor Ezra Hyland, a longtime northside educator and activist. Hyland said the action against police hurts the overall message of justice for Clark.

"It actually works, I think, to make enemies of people who would normally be in support of non-violent, righteous indignation," Hyland said.

Hyland and Minneapolis police have both said the violence started with people throwing rocks at police. Officers responded with mace. Then, hours later, people threw Molotov cocktails at officers.

“It’s insane, if you say it out loud,” Hyland said. “We’re angry at police brutality so we’re going to throw Molotov cocktails at police. We’re angry at police violence, so we’re going to do vandalism to public property.”

No one was injured by the Molotov cocktails or the gunfire and no arrests have been made in either incident.

Minneapolis police have also warned about what they call "outside agitators." Police describe them as people with no connection to Minneapolis who create more tension and incite violence.

On Nov. 18, police removed people who were blocking the front door at the 4th precinct.

Police say rocks were thrown at them and police responded by using a chemical irritant to disperse some of the crowd. Police also used the chemical irritant to clear people from areas behind the precinct to removed tarps hanging on the fence.

Tuesday, November 24

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-funeral-planned-for-black-man-killed-by-police/353617321/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked more than a week of demonstrations (all times local):

10:15 p.m.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice have heard from activists camped outside a Minneapolis police station to protest the killing of a black man by city police.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, urged protesters to speak their minds Wednesday night.

Activist Emmanuel Kandolo says it makes him sick that it doesn't feel like police are protecting him.

The 18-year-old says he is "a black man, and they are shooting men exactly like me."

A member of the federal group identified his office as the department's Community Relations Service. He declined to comment to The Associated Press.

8:45 p.m.

Court documents indicate a suspect called an old high school friend who is a Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting five people at a protest against the killing of a black man by Minneapolis police.

The Star Tribune reported Wednesday night that the confession was described in an application for a search warrant filed in Hennepin County court.

The documents say the 23-year-old suspect, who is white, told the officer that he and some friends went to the protest to livestream it when the altercation broke out, leading to the shooting.

Authorities raided the man's Bloomington home and seized a dozen weapons. The man and three other men are in custody. Prosecutors have gotten more time to file charges.

The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not formally been charged.

8:15 p.m.

Activists camped outside of a police station to protest the killing of a black man by Minneapolis police have a quiet night planned out of respect for the man's family.

Mica Grimm of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says the family of Jamar Clark has asked for no large-scale demonstrations because of Clark's funeral Wednesday.

More than 150 people are gathered in front of the police station, talking and eating around campfires. About 35 activists gathered in a circle around a fire to talk about what keeps them going.

Grimm says organizers have a large Thanksgiving meal planned for Thursday.

Cameron Clark was hit in the leg and foot in a shooting that injured five protesters Monday night. Clark was using crutches and says he will keep pushing for justice for his cousin, Jamar.

3:50 p.m.

Law enforcement officials say Minneapolis police have a fourth person in custody in the shootings of five Black Lives Matter protesters but that a decision on whether to file charges won't come before Monday.

Police said Wednesday they had taken a 27-year-old man into custody. Police announced a day earlier that three men — ages 26, 23 and 21 — were in custody. Police say three of the men are white and one is Asian.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office says prosecutors were granted an extension to consider charges in the case, but that no decision would be made before Monday.

The protesters were shot after they confronted several people near the north side police precinct that has been the site of demonstrations since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark. None of the protesters suffered life-threatening injuries.

This story has been corrected to correct racial descriptions of the men in custody.

3:15 p.m.

The funeral procession for a black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police has gone past the police station where activists protesting his death have been camped out for days.

Vehicles in the procession from Jamar Clark's funeral service to a cemetery honked their horns as they went past the protesters, who shouted "Justice for Jamar" in return.

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

His funeral earlier Wednesday attracted hundreds of people.

2:15 p.m.

Several hundred people have turned out for the funeral of a Minneapolis man killed in a confrontation with police, cheering and applauding speakers who said Jamar Clark's death would not be in vain.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Howell told mourners during Wednesday's funeral that what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community. To a standing ovation, Howell said: "Jamar, your life did and does have purpose."

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

12:50 p.m.

Another rally is planned to mark the death of a Minneapolis man who was killed in a confrontation with police, despite pleas from some community members to avoid such actions on the day of his funeral.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church says protesters will hold what she called an "emergency rally" on Wednesday at the city's north side police precinct near where 24-year-old Jamar Clark died.

Ali spoke outside the church hosting Clark's funeral. She says protesters respect the family's wishes but aren't going anywhere "until we get justice for Jamar Clark."

Some community members also say it's time for a protesters' encampment to shut down.

Protesters have demanded that authorities release video of Clark's death. Ali noted that it took more than a year before Chicago officials on Tuesday released footage of the police shooting death of a black teenager. She says Minneapolis protesters will stay "even if it takes 400 days."

9:45 a.m.

Some community leaders are calling for peace on the day of the funeral for a black man killed by Minneapolis police.

Family members of 24-year-old Jamar Clark also asked for no protests on Wednesday as he is laid to rest. Some relatives called for an end to demonstrations altogether, after five protesters were shot Monday.

Steven Belton, Interim President of the Minneapolis Urban League, says demonstrators camping at the local police precinct have already achieved much of what they wanted, including the names of the officers involved and a federal investigation.

Belton says the vigil must end and that it's time to allow investigations to take their course.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 after a struggle with police. Some who say they saw the shooting insist Clark was handcuffed, but police dispute that.

6:55 a.m.

The family of a black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police are preparing to lay him to rest.

Funeral services for 24-year-old Jamar Clark will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis. A visitation will be held at the church for two hours before the funeral. Both are open to the public.

Clark was shot on Nov. 15 during what police said was a struggle. Some who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, but police have disputed that. Two investigations — one by the state and one by federal authorities — are underway.

Clark's funeral comes two days after shots were fired at protesters, leaving five with injuries that are not life-threatening.

<http://www.startribune.com/police-searching-for-suspects-who-fired-into-crowd-at-blm-protest-outside-4th-precinct/353154811/>

Nearly 1,000 people marched to City Hall on Tuesday, less than a day after five protesters were shot near a Black Lives Matter demonstration, an apparently racially motivated attack that pushed Minneapolis into the national spotlight.

Minneapolis police said Tuesday that they have arrested three men in connection with the shooting. Allen Lawrence “Lance” Scarsella III, 23, was arrested in Bloomington. Sources said Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown, and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City, were taken into custody after they turned themselves in. All three suspects are white. Earlier Tuesday, police arrested a 32-year-old Hispanic man in south Minneapolis, but he was later released because, police said, he was not at the scene of the shooting.

Authorities are weighing whether to treat Monday’s shooting as a hate crime, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

In a video message posted on Facebook, Mayor Betsy Hodges said she “abhors” Monday night’s violence and that “those attacks have no place in our city.”

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau on Twitter called the officers “true professionals” and noted that “MPD worked nonstop through the night to bring justice in last night’s shooting.” She did not comment further on the shooting Tuesday.

The gunfire erupted around 10:45 p.m. Monday on Morgan Avenue N. about a block north of the precinct station where protesters have staged demonstrations and camped out since Nov. 15, when police fatally shot Jamar Clark, an unarmed 24-year-old black man.

Black Lives Matter organizers react to shooting of protesters and lead march to Minneapolis City Hall.

Video (00:50): See Black Lives Matter protesters march from 4th Precinct HQ to City Hall

Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said “a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights.”

When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they “opened fire on about six protesters,” hitting five of them. The victims — all black men ages 19 through 43 — were taken to local hospitals. Their injuries were not life threatening.

Rallies continue

In Minneapolis, protesters gathered Tuesday afternoon outside the Fourth Precinct to reiterate demands for justice in Clark's death and commit to staying at their encampment.

One of the Monday shooting victims returned to the scene, leaning heavily on a cane. Wesley Martin said he was shot after he and a group of others chased the suspected gunmen toward an alley off Morgan Avenue.

"I've been out here every night since it started, and you know when people look suspicious," Martin said.

The bullet ripped through his right knee, Martin said. He said his 19-year-old friend Teven King was also shot, in the stomach.

As Martin spoke, his cousin Leroy Williams nodded in agreement. Williams said one of Clark's nephews, Cameron Clark, 24, was among the shooting victims.

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By 3 p.m., a crowd of about 1,000 marchers with banners headed to City Hall, pausing at Clark's makeshift memorial on Plymouth Avenue along the way.

The shooting appeared to draw new supporters to the cause.

Felicia Washington Sy, a psychotherapist, said she left work early Tuesday afternoon, telling her boss, "I need to be there."

It was the first time Sy had seen the encampment with her own eyes.

"[I came out] because of the overwhelming feeling of injustice, sadness and my responsibility to take part and say 'that's not OK,'" she said.

Two Minneapolis squad cars guided the group over interstate overpasses and through downtown streets.

When protesters reached City Hall, they continued to N. 4th St., blocking the road in front of the federal courthouse.

A few protesters attempted to enter the courthouse, but doors were locked.

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City officials did not come out to meet the crowd, and protesters were told that City Hall was on lockdown.

After rallying in the street for about an hour, the group turned to walk back to the Fourth Precinct station via Washington Avenue.

Meanwhile, protesters in Chicago also took to the streets after a white police officer was indicted on murder charges in the 2014 shooting death of a 17-year-old black teen. A graphic video released Tuesday shows the officer shooting the teen repeatedly.

Debate over encampment

The FBI, one of the outside agencies investigating Clark's death, is "aware of the incident and is coordinating with the Minneapolis Police Department to assess the facts and determine if further federal action" is warranted, spokesman Kyle Loven said.

Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's office, said the attorney's office and the Department of Justice civil rights division are also taking a look.

Protesters have raised questions about Minneapolis police officers' knowledge of and response to the Monday shooting. Asked about those questions Tuesday, Scott Seroka, a police department spokesman, said, "At this point in the investigation, we know that the people that have been arrested have no connection to the MPD."

Council President Barb Johnson said the shooting Monday evening was a "continuation of a stressful time for the neighbors that live in the area surrounding the Fourth Precinct," adding that "they deserve some peace and some rest."

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Johnson disputed comments that police had taken too long to react to the shooting, and said officers responded in three minutes. She said she believes it's time for the demonstrations to end, in part because they are attracting attention from outside groups.

After the shooting, Jamar Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, urged an end to the encampment, expressing concern for the safety of the protesters. Clark's funeral is scheduled for Wednesday.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, said he is frustrated that the chief allowed protesters to pitch any tents at the North Side precinct building. Instead of patrolling the streets, officers from the precinct

have to guard and manually open the gate to a parking lot where the squads and their vehicles are stored.

They monitor the encampment from the precinct's windows and security cameras while several SWAT units are on standby, he said.

To backfill, officers from other precincts have to patrol the North Side communities. This takes them away from their own areas and potentially leads to longer response times to 911 calls, he said.

"This can only get worse," he said. "Our officers feel helpless, like they are sitting ducks."

Additional security is in place for City Hall on Wednesday, including additional security guards at entrances and staff being asked to show identification to enter, said Casper Hill, a spokesman for the city. They were also advised that the federal building across the street imposed additional security measures.

Staff writers Liz Sawyer, Karen Zamora, Natalie Daher and Erin Golden contributed to this report.

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MINNEAPOLIS — Hundreds of people filled a Minneapolis church on Wednesday for the funeral of a black man whose death in a confrontation with police has sparked days of ongoing protests, while charges were pending against four men suspected in a shooting that wounded several of the protesters.

Impassioned speeches from pastors and Jamar Clark's relatives were occasionally interrupted by shouts and applause inside the cavernous Shiloh Temple International Ministries. Several relatives wore white T-shirts that read, "I matter," with Clark's picture on the back.

Programs also adorned with a photo of Clark described the 24-year-old as a man who "liked to swim, fish, listen to music, play basketball, be with family and take trips to Charlotte, North Carolina."

"I'm still hurt," his sister, Sharice Burns, told the packed church on the city's north side. "I'm still suffering. We need justice sooner rather than later."

Clark was shot on Nov. 15 in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault of a woman in which he was a suspect. Some community members who say they saw the incident allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. State and federal investigations are underway.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal criminal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. Howell said what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community.

"Jamar, your life did and does have purpose," he said to a standing ovation. "Your death is not in vain."

The funeral procession went past the 4th Precinct police station, where Black Lives Matters activists and others have been camped out for days. Vehicles in the procession honked their horns, and protesters shouted "Justice for Jamar."

Police have arrested four men — ages 27, 26, 23 and 21 — on suspicion of shooting five protesters after some protesters told the men to leave the site Monday night. Police said three of the men are white and the fourth is Asian.

Court documents indicate the 23-year-old suspect called an old high school friend who is a Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting the protesters. The confession was described in an application for a search warrant filed in Hennepin County court, the Star Tribune reported Wednesday night.

According to the documents, the suspect, who is white, told the officer that he and some friends went to the protest to livestream it when the altercation broke out, leading to the shooting. Authorities raided the man's Bloomington home and seized a dozen weapons. The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not formally been charged.

Prosecutors are considering charges but won't announce a decision before Monday, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office said.

The shootings spurred a massive march Tuesday evening, with a racially mixed crowd marching more than 2 miles to City Hall and back. Hundreds of demonstrators milled quietly around portable fire pits to share coffee, pizza and doughnuts as music played.

In the wake of the shootings, Clark's family asked for protesters to end the encampment out of safety concerns, and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said it would be wise to "start thinking about an exit strategy" and what to do next.

Steven Belton, interim president of the Minneapolis Urban League, echoed those sentiments, saying protesters had achieved most of what they wanted. Belton said the vigil should end to "restore order" to the community, which he said has endured open gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires and hours of helicopter noise.

That likely won't happen, said Jayme Ali, a pastor at God of All Truth Church. Outside the funeral, as mourners streamed past, Ali said another rally was planned. Protesters have demanded investigators release video of the Clark shooting, and Ali noted it took more than a year before Chicago on Tuesday released video of the fatal police shooting of a black teenager.

"We are not going nowhere. We are there until we get justice for Jamar Clark," she said. "Fourth Precinct, start taking donations for a new building, because we are not going anywhere."

A crowd of more than 100 people gathered at the site again Wednesday night, along with representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Police haven't released a possible motive for the shootings of the protesters, but the shootings came after several racially disparaging comments about the protests were posted on social media. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police had issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report suspicious behavior to authorities.

<http://www.startribune.com/social-media-offer-clues-into-shooting-suspects-motives/353411111/>

In the glow of a vehicle's interior light, the YouTube video shows two masked men as they cruise down Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis one night last week. The driver, who identifies himself as "SaigaMarine," doesn't hesitate to make his agenda clear.

"We are locked and loaded," he says, holding up a black 1911-style pistol. As he flashes the gun, he explains amid racial slurs that the men are headed to the Black Lives Matter protest outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct police headquarters. Their mission, he says, is "a little reverse cultural enriching."

"We're gonna see if we can have ourselves a little look-see," adds his passenger, who identifies himself as "Black Powder Ranger."

SaigaMarine tells viewers to stay tuned. "Stay white," he says as he signs off.

On Tuesday, days after that video went public, three men were in custody in connection with Monday night's shooting of five protesters a block from the Fourth Precinct headquarters in an act that drew condemnation coast to coast.

Police arrested Allen Lawrence "Lance" Scarsella III, 23, of Lakeville, and a 32-year-old man from Minneapolis, who was later released from custody after police determined he wasn't at the shooting scene.

Later Tuesday, two more men — Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City — turned themselves in to police and were booked on probable cause assault in connection with the case.

Monday's shootings caused an uproar among protesters encamped at the Fourth Precinct headquarters since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot during a struggle with two Minneapolis police officers early Nov. 15. Many said they believe police did not move quickly enough to assist the wounded or apprehend the shooters, some of whom were believed to have visited the protest site more than once. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau, however, lauded police for working through the night to make the arrests.

Still, the shootings galvanized protesters, who said Tuesday that the shots rang out after they attempted to drive the men, who they described as "white supremacists," from the area.

Witnesses to the shootings said they confronted the men before they fired and forced them from the protest area. According to a video interview with two men immediately afterward, the group demanded that the assailants remove their masks. When they refused, a scuffle ensued. As the crowd began to push the men out, shots were fired.

While police didn't publicly connect Scarsella to the YouTube video from last week, social media offered a glimpse into his political leanings.

A Facebook page for him displays a "Bonnie Blue Flag," an unofficial banner of the Confederacy.

"This isn't the Somalian flag, (by the way)," he wrote beneath the post.

Meanwhile, the Facebook page of the Minneapolis man released from custody shows a profile photo that features him armed and donning full military gear. He describes his occupation simply as "Saving the Constitution."

The man, who bears a striking resemblance to the masked "SaigaMarine," also displays an affinity for firearms. On a cache of a now-deleted Instagram page, he describes himself as a former Marine infantryman and Iraq war veteran, as well as a firearms model and supporter of the Second Amendment.

He also appeared to be well-known on /k/, a popular weapons message board on the website 4chan where racist comments are sometimes posted. There, he was known as SaigaMarine, among other monikers, and news of his arrest reverberated among the anonymous users.

"What an idiot," one wrote. "Play stupid games, win stupid prizes. Never should've trolled that protest so hard."

'It's boiling'

Several days before Monday's shootings, the masked men from the YouTube video made an appearance at the Fourth Precinct protests under the guise of being in support of Clark, according to video captured by alternative media website Unicorn Riot.

"Things are getting heated," SaigaMarine told a Unicorn Riot reporter. "They always expect one of us to do something. They expect one of us to be in the wreckage of all this. It's boiling. It's going to be happening soon."

On his camouflage coat was a patch bearing the logo for /k/.

The second man in the YouTube video turned to the camera, while another masked man snickered.

"All these folks here should get the justice and peace that they deserve. And what we really need to do here is reach out to our communities, especially our melanin-enriched communities," the second man said.

Protesters soon grew suspicious and confronted the men, who said they were simply there to watch and film. The protesters, doubtful, let them move on.

On Tuesday, as the shooting victims recovered, a soundless video appeared online. The six-minute footage, believed to have been filmed by the shooting suspects, shows them approaching the encampment only to be confronted by a group of men and women, some of whom would later be shot.

After what appears to be a heated exchange, the camera shakes and cuts to black.

Staff writer David Chanen contributed to this report.

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NAACP youth director Stephen Green, right, sang “We Shall Overcome” last week at a makeshift memorial set up for Jamar Clark along Plymouth Avenue in north Minneapolis. Clark’s family has asked supporters to end their protest outside the Minneapolis Police Department’s Fourth Precinct station.

When gunmen fired at a group of demonstrators Monday night, 10 days of mostly peaceful protests in north Minneapolis took a terrible turn.

Several men who had behaved suspiciously reportedly were being chased by Black Lives Matter supporters when they turned, shot and wounded five protesters about a block from the protest site next to the Minneapolis Police Department’s Fourth Precinct. The shooting occurred at 10:45 p.m., making it easier for the gunmen to open fire before escaping into darkness. The protest encampment had been set up to protest the Nov. 15 officer-involved shooting death of Jamar Clark.

Since the vigil began 11 days ago, harsh words have been exchanged and some property damage has occurred, but for the most part the protests have been peaceful. That all changed Monday, making it sensible for protesters to heed the request of the grieving Clark family that they disband the tent camp for the safety of the demonstrators and the public.

The victims, all black men, were taken to hospitals with noncritical injuries, according to police. Authorities are reportedly discussing whether the incident should be treated as a hate crime.

There’s no reason peaceful protests shouldn’t continue, but they should occur under the safest possible circumstances. Holding rallies and marches during daylight hours, with appropriate security and communication with police, would make it less likely that protesters and the public would be at risk. Previous Black Lives Matter events in Minneapolis and St. Paul — as well as Tuesday’s march and rally downtown — have been peaceful, in part because they most often have been announced in advance and leaders have collaborated with city and law enforcement officials.

Demonstrators should also take note of how many of their concerns already have been addressed. They demanded an independent investigation of Clark’s death, and that effort is underway. They wanted the names of the officers involved in the shooting, and they have been identified. Meanwhile, Minneapolis

Mayor Betsy Hodges, Police Chief Janeé Harteau and Gov. Mark Dayton have kept the lines of communication open with the Clark family and the protesters.

The last remaining demand is for the release of relevant video. Though this page favors as much transparency as possible during high-profile cases, investigators need to have time to interview witnesses who have not been influenced by evidence being prematurely released. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger assured an editorial writer this week that the investigation will be thorough and remain independent of the efforts of Minneapolis police.

As the fact-finding continues in the Clark case, authorities must also seek justice for those shot Monday night. In the meantime, hopefully Black Lives Matter organizers and their supporters will take the advice of Clark's brother Eddie Sutton.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

<http://www.startribune.com/quotes-from-key-figures-on-the-jamar-clark-shooting-and-black-lives-matter-protests/353324721/>

Here is a snapshot of some quotes locally and nationally related to the Jamar Clark shooting and ongoing protests.

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

– Eddie Sutton, brother of Jamar Clark

"We are sparing no efforts to bring any and all those responsible to justice."

– Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges

"MPD worked nonstop through the night to bring justice in last night's shooting."

– Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau

"As a City Council, we come from diverse backgrounds and bring a range of perspectives to our work which reflects the various views of the communities we each represent. We are united in addressing the racial inequities that hold back our city. ... We are committed to making Minneapolis a city that is strong, safe, and prosperous for all residents.

– Minneapolis City Council

“[Monday’s shooting was a] continuation of a stressful time for the neighbors that live in the area surrounding the Fourth Precinct. ... They deserve some peace and some rest.”

– Minneapolis City Council President Barb Johnson

“We all were terrorized last night. ... I’ve never seen racism like that.”

– Carrie Brown, who lives down the street from the Fourth Precinct station

“Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. ... I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark’s family and the injured.”

– U.S. Sen. Al Franken

“I am obviously appalled that white supremacists would open fire on nonviolent, peaceful protesters.”

– Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP

“From the labor movement, to the women’s movement, and the civil rights movement, peaceful demonstrations have always driven change in this country. The women and men behind Black Lives Matter are part of this proud tradition. That tradition was attacked Monday. ... To those who use violence to change minds, the history teachers among us remind you of one thing: It won’t work.”

– Education Minnesota President Denise Specht

“The shooting last night of protesters in Minneapolis at an ongoing demonstration for Jamar Clark is both horrific and tragic. ... This is another reminder that racism remains ever-present in communities across our country, and that minority communities feel threatened physically and by the structural obstacles that a legacy of slavery and racism have left behind.”

– Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee chair

“[The protester was] so obnoxious and so loud” ... “maybe he should have been roughed up.”

– GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, on activist who was removed from a Trump rally in Birmingham, Ala.

“[Black Lives Matter activists are] literally suggesting and embracing and celebrating the murder of police officers.”

– GOP presidential candidate Ted Cruz

“The Black Lives Matter movement, where it’s foisting yourself on people – rather than engaging in dialogue – and bullying people ... I never liked the idea of bullying on behalf of anybody.”

– GOP presidential candidate Ben Carson in Ferguson, Mo.

“It is essential that we all stand up and say loudly and clearly, ‘Yes, black lives matter.’ ”

– Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

“I don’t believe that movement [Black Lives Matter] should be justified when they are calling for the murder of police officers.”

– GOP presidential candidate Chris Christie

<http://www.startribune.com/what-we-know-about-the-monday-shooting-at-the-black-lives-matter-protest/353225511/>

Information continues to emerge about the shooting at the Black Lives Matter protest Monday night. Here’s a summary of the events and what has happened since.

1. The shooting

Gunfire erupted on Morgan Avenue N., about a block away from the Fourth Precinct police station around 10:45 p.m. Monday during a Black Lives Matter protest. Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said “a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights.” When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they “opened fire on about six protesters.” Five people who had been participating the protest were shot. The victims — all black men ages 19 through 34 — were taken to hospitals with injuries that were not life threatening, according to police.

2. The suspects

After the shooting, Minneapolis police said they were seeking three white men as suspects in the shooting. Police arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday in connection with the shooting. They also arrested a 32-year-old Hispanic man in south Minneapolis at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, but he was released later in the afternoon. The search for other suspects continued. Two more men turned themselves in about 2:30 p.m. and investigators were questioning them, police said, identifying them as white and ages 26 and 21.

3. Events continue

Black Lives Matter is leading a #Justice4Jamar march from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall Tuesday afternoon. The Minneapolis NAACP is hosting a #Justice4Jamar memorial concert at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Fourth Precinct.

4. Ongoing investigation

State and federal officials are still investigating the death of Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man who was shot by Minneapolis police Nov 15. Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed and on the ground at the time of the shooting. An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head. Police have said he was not handcuffed and was interfering with paramedics helping his girlfriend, the victim of an assault. The police union president has said Clark was reaching for an officer's gun and had "manual control" of the weapon when he was shot. The officers involved in the shooting, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, are on paid administrative leave.

<http://www.startribune.com/readers-write-nov-25-shooting-at-black-lives-matter-protest-video-from-scene-of-jamar-clark-shooting-the-ethics-of-assisted-suicide/353303681/>

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The scene Tuesday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct station. On Monday night, five people protesting near the station were shot. On Tuesday, authorities were weighing whether to treat the attack as a hate crime.

Merriam-Webster defines terrorism to be "the use of violent acts to frighten the people in an area as a way of trying to achieve a political goal." The people who shot five protesters on Monday night in Minneapolis did so to threaten those protesting at the Fourth Precinct, to make them fearful of continuing the protest. Call the attackers what they really are — terrorists — rather than understating their actions by referring to them as "counter-demonstrators," as was done in some news coverage.

Jackson Melius, St. Paul

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I was not in Minneapolis last week. I was in Syracuse, N.Y., looking into law schools. As I was returning, I saw a notification on my phone that there had been a shooting and that Black Lives Matter was now involved. Those in the local BLM movement had been waiting for an event like this. They knew that it was a matter of time. It came sooner rather than later. The community is now watching and knows that this is a real movement.

I grew up in Minneapolis. I am a graduate of North High School. I am aware, as a mixed woman, what both sides are saying. My white colleagues and friends whisper their thoughts to me as if I am a safe person to express the frustration that they feel with BLM. I don't need to tell you what is being said, as I am sure many readers are thinking and saying the same things. What I want to ask is: "Who would make a better victim?"

One major point of the movement is to address aggressive policing. The police would not have been at the scene of the Jamar Clark shooting on Nov. 15 had there not been a disturbance. While I do not condone what the perpetrator was said to have done, those actions are not the point. One action does

not deserve another. When the police are called, under the assumption to stop an already violent or tense situation, it should not be met with the possibility of more violence or death.

Reading news boards and hearing reactions to the protest have been disappointing, but the reactions highlight the misunderstandings or the willingness to remain ignorant to the larger issues at play. I have heard things such as that blacks are uneducated, poor and violent. We are none of those things, and we are not deaf to the things that are being said and implied. Those negative thoughts lead to negative actions that result in bias in the workplace, housing and, yes, policing.

I could give the facts; however, facts don't matter. We should not have to prove that we are worthy of better jobs, to have safe communities, to have equal educational opportunities and to not live in fear of the police.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Just do what you're told, and there will be no problem." Too often these interactions start with aggression. Policing needs to begin with humanity. We need to see that our communities exist because of one another. You want the North Side community contained and under guard so it does not affect you. What can this community really do that would be agreeable? Wait? Play by what rules of acceptability and respectability? Or just go away?

Gina Iliev, St. Paul

JAMAR CLARK SHOOTING

Video should be released. That it hasn't is shameful all around.

It's been a week since the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the city is still impassioned by supporters of the Minneapolis Police Department and by those who believe witnesses who claim that Clark was shot "execution-style" in the head. There is video that is being examined from multiple sources by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, in a typical investigation of a shooting of this nature, but in the meantime there is a substantial rift occurring in police-community relations.

Frankly, city and law enforcement management have been severely mishandling the situation. The video will reveal whether the shooting was justified or if it was an abuse of police power and, therefore, a murder. Whether the judgment is revealed when it should have been five days ago, or in another week or longer, the findings will be the same. But each day of the delay creates distrust of law enforcement and justified dissension.

It is not the mayor's call, but shame on her for not exercising management authority and skills to expedite the findings. Shame on Gov. Mark Dayton for not using his influence to get the videos made available to the public. Shame on the BCA for the callous disregard of community relations by its foot-dragging in the matter. Shame on those in the community who react in violent ways of protest. Shame on Clark for his undisputed assault and for interfering with paramedics doing their jobs. And finally, shame on the Police Department, which does not require personal body cameras to be a required part of the uniform so that issues like this never have to occur.

Police officers should deserve the public's respect, but the way this situation has been handled, is it any wonder why that respect can be challenged?

David Berger, Minneapolis

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Gov. Dayton is at it again ("Dayton: Clark video inconclusive," Nov. 24). When everyone in authority says to wait for the conclusions of the video, he tells all. What part of "wait" does he not understand?

Ellen Jacobson, Savage

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The NAACP is a valuable organization and deserves all the respect it gets. At the same time, I question the logic of statements made by its Minneapolis president, Nekima Levy-Pounds. In response to the governor's observation that the ambulance tape shows nothing that would confirm any point of view about the Clark killing, she wrote on Facebook that his observation "reinforces the public's need to see the videotape for themselves and to draw their own conclusions." She explained that he is "not a trained expert in this field." Logic says that if his inexpert opinion is not valuable, neither would be inexpert opinions from the public.

Levy-Pounds added that the governor's observation "calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses." No, it doesn't. Dayton has basically stated that the video itself is neutral. He made no comment at all about witnesses. And I can't agree with her assumption that his statement might deter other witnesses from coming forward. On the contrary, it might encourage new witnesses to step up, because now they can be confident that at least this video would not make their testimony superfluous.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29160186/

The day after five Black Lives Matter demonstrators were shot near the Minneapolis police precinct where they were protesting -- sparking a national uproar -- police had three men in custody in connection with the case.

In brief statements Tuesday, police said they had arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington about 11:20 a.m., and, less than an hour later, a 32-year-old Hispanic man in his vehicle in South Minneapolis.

Police later released the Hispanic man, saying he was not at the scene of the shooting.

But later Tuesday, two more men, described as white and ages 26 and 21, turned themselves in and were being held, police said.

Police refused to release the names of those arrested, saying they would do so if the men were charged.

However, Minnesota law requires law enforcement agencies to release the names of suspects if they are arrested, not when they are charged.

While it was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, several racially disparaging comments had been posted on social media in recent days. And organizers of the Black Lives Matter protest said they had previously kicked out counterprotesters they believed to be white supremacists.

Protesters have been demonstrating in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, on the city's North Side, since the Nov. 15 fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark during an attempted arrest by two police officers. The case is the latest in a national controversy over police shootings of black men.

None of the Minneapolis protesters suffered life-threatening injuries in the Monday night shooting, which happened at 10:40 p.m. in the area of 1400 Morgan Avenue North, just down the street from the 4th Precinct.

THE SHOOTING

Henry Habu, who said he has been providing security for protesters, said he and others approached four white people who were standing under a "Justice4Jamar" sign to ask what they were doing there. The group was composed of three men and one woman, with three of them wearing masks that left their eyes exposed.

"We're here for Jamar," one said, according to Habu.

Habu said they tried to escort the four from the scene and they took off running. Habu said he did not see the shooting that followed, but heard it.

"It happened so fast," he said.

Oluchi Omeoga witnessed the shooting and said a handful of protesters followed three men in masks to a street corner, where the men pulled out weapons and began firing.

Alexander Dewan Apprentice Clark, who said he chased the attackers, said one of the men fell and when Clark helped him up, he felt what he believed to be a bulletproof vest under the man's clothing.

Two people were shot in the leg, another in the arm and a fourth in the stomach, said Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter who said she arrived on the scene soon after the shooting.

PROTESTERS' RESOLVE

In a statement released early Tuesday through U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's office, Clark's family thanked protesters for their "incredible support" but asked, in light of the shootings, that the demonstration outside the precinct offices end and protesters move "onto the next step."

Clark's family has also called for an end to the demonstrations.

Protesters, who have been camped outside the precinct for more than a week, insisted they will not leave. They called a news conference to announce that they would "not bow to fear" or "intimidation" after the shootings.

"We ain't going nowhere," said Pastor Danny Givens Jr. of St. Paul, a clergy liaison to the Black Lives Matter movement.

One of the wounded protesters returned to the scene. Wesley Martin was walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg. He said he remembers chasing the masked men, then getting shot and being put in an ambulance. But he recalls little else.

He said his 19-year-old brother, Tevin, was wounded in the stomach and was in intensive care but was expected to recover.

Some protesters criticized the police response time and said officers arrived in full riot gear. Officers aggressively pushed back on the crowd, some said, at one point using a chemical irritant to keep people back.

INVESTIGATION

Authorities have said Clark was shot once in the head during a struggle with two officers after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist a woman whom Clark allegedly assaulted. But some people who said they saw the police shooting say Clark was handcuffed.

Police have disputed that. And an attorney for one of the officers involved in the shooting says Clark was not handcuffed, went for an officer's weapon and "had manual control" of that officer's gun.

Protesters and Clark's family have called for investigators to release video of the shooting. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from an ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of the footage shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would compromise its investigation.

Gov. Mark Dayton said he has seen video taken by the ambulance's camera and on Monday said he thought it was inconclusive.

The FBI is also conducting an investigation into Clark's death after Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for a federal review of the matter.

Meanwhile, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said it will be up to a grand jury to decide whether to bring charges against officers in Clark's death.

Freeman issued a statement Tuesday after repeated requests by black activist groups to make the decision himself rather than go to a grand jury. Protesters have complained that grand juries are unlikely to indict police officers.

Clark's funeral will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

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As the firewood was piled high outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Tuesday afternoon, protesters holding boxes of pizza walked through the crowd, offering up slices to those they passed by.

Others worked to organize the boxes of food and clothing donated to the North Minneapolis encampment -- a group of protesters who say they will not stop after five were shot and injured late Monday night. The shooting followed a confrontation with counterprotesters near the encampment, which sprang up after police fatally shot a 24-year-old black man on Nov. 15.

"If we can get through this, we can get through anything," Jie Wronski-Riley said, reflecting the sentiment of participants in a Tuesday afternoon march to Minneapolis City Hall. "Black Lives Matter will not be standing down. We will not be silenced."

A member of the Black Lives Matter safety team who was at Monday night's protest, Wronski-Riley spoke of being a witness to the shooting and watching two victims fall to the ground.

"At first, I thought it was firecrackers," Wronski-Riley said of the shooting near the police station. "My mind couldn't understand that people would be shooting at us."

Like Wronski-Riley, who said the shooting was a "concrete representation of why we're out here," King Demetrus Pendleton has been coming to the protest every day. He said the shooting wouldn't stop him and others from attending the protests but added that people are now more cautious and aware of who is in the crowd.

Pendleton, who wasn't at the 4th Precinct encampment when the shooting occurred, was in disbelief to hear of what he called "a vicious attack."

"I couldn't sleep," said Pendleton, who lives and works in North Minneapolis. "I was praying for the families. I was in tears because that could have been me and my children out there."

But he said the shooting, which he called "terrorism of a community that is trying to heal and grieve," would serve to further unite those who have been protesting the death of Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by police as they attempted to arrest him nine days ago.

The protesters' grievances are about much more than Clark, too. They are about injustices that have gone on for decades -- and not only in North Minneapolis, Pendleton said.

"This is a nation problem, not just a black person problem," he said.

The smoke from several campfires along Plymouth Avenue North wafted through the crowd as more people arrived Tuesday afternoon. Some took to bullhorns to rally the crowd and lead them in chants like "No justice, no peace -- prosecute the police" and "Black Lives Matter."

In a series of speeches that followed, protesters made direct counterpoints to what they believe is a straw man argument that suggests the slogan "Black Lives Matter" means that only black lives matter, when in fact it means the opposite.

"We are all part of this community. You will always be a part of Black Lives Matter," one speaker noted, directing his comments to the non-blacks in the crowd.

"Somebody tried to break the spirit of this gathering and look at it, it just grew," said speaker Irna Landrum. "They couldn't tear this down, no matter how hard they tried."

Even though Clark's family called for the demonstrations to end, citing concerns about safety after the Monday night shooting, activists said they would not be deterred, and they made a distinct effort to thank and reach out to non-black protesters who were there to show support.

The speeches preceded an afternoon march on City Hall.

At 2 p.m., Black Lives Matter held a rally in front of the Fourth Precinct station, as some 1,000 protesters amassed and marched 2 1/2 miles to City Hall in downtown Minneapolis.

The crowd headed east on Plymouth Avenue, stopping in front of a memorial where Clark was killed.

Protesters held off traffic as the march entered downtown on Seventh Street, crossing over Interstate 94.

The doors of City Hall were either locked or blocked as protesters arrived.

Paul Slack, a North Minneapolis resident who participated in the march, said it was one of the largest marches he had ever seen.

"I think it says a lot about what people want," Slack said. "People want healing and peace."

The march closed down traffic on Seventh Street for 10 minutes before continuing to Third Avenue and City Hall.

"It was crazy," Louis Tillman, a pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, said of being at the 4th Precinct at the time of Monday night's shooting.

Tillman said he heard screaming and saw people running in different directions after he heard gunfire.

Kendrick Hall, a 24-year-old North Side resident who was also nearby, said he wasn't afraid to continue protesting in front of the police station.

"I'm going to stand out here until I can't stand anymore," he said. "We have to stay out here."

Youssef Rddad and Tad Vezner contributed to this report.

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Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Five people were shot near a Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest late Monday night, according to police, and reports say more shots were fired late Tuesday night.

None of the five shot Monday suffered life-threatening injuries. No injuries were reported from the reported shooting Tuesday.

The shootings Monday occurred about a block from the police department's 4th Precinct, which remains the focal point of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reconvened at the 4th Precinct on Tuesday and marched to City Hall in downtown. Wednesday, Clark's funeral filled a North Minneapolis church.

Here's what the national media is reporting:

The Washington Post says police officers were scouring the ground for evidence late Tuesday night after more shots were allegedly fired on protesters.

From The Guardian: "The men who shot at the Minneapolis protesters want to scare all black people."

Slate asks, will investigators release the video of Jamar Clark's death now?

Protesters won't back down in face of violence, The New York Times reports.

A group raised suspicions before five were shot at police protest, according to the Chicago Tribune.

From Salon: White men are the face of terror: Race, Donald Trump, Fox News and the real story of the Minneapolis shooting.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/25/fourth-precinct-demonstrators?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Protests at the 4th Precinct took on a peaceful and festive tone Tuesday night, a day after gunfire near the north Minneapolis police station sent five people to the hospital.

- Monday: 3 arrested, 1 released in shooting near 4th Precinct

A benefit concert that lasted for several hours ended with a rap by the president of the Minneapolis NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds.

Levy-Pounds wished demonstrators a safe journey home, but few left immediately, energized by the music and dance.

Here are just a few of the hundreds of people who braved late November temperatures for another night of demonstrations:

Epoch Williams of north Minneapolis said Tuesday that he has been out at the 4th Precinct for five nights. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Tuesday was the fifth day at the 4th Precinct for Epoch Williams of north Minneapolis.

"You know I live in a world that doesn't want me, I live in a society that doesn't care about me, and it's been that way forever," he said.

Williams said he comes to the 4th Precinct to confront his fears.

"You're afraid to get pulled over by the police, you're afraid to go to jail, you might not come home," he said. "You might get pulled over, and you might end up dead. That's why we're here."

Selena, Jazmine and Jalyn McKnight

Selena McKnight and her daughters, Jazmine and Jalyn, were at the 4th Precinct Tuesday night. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Selena McKnight brought her daughters Jazmine and Jalyn to the protest.

"We want to represent the boy who died," said 8-year-old Jazmine.

Jazmine's mom said they live just down the road from where Jamar Clark was fatally shot by police Nov. 15.

"We pass by here all the time," McKnight said. "On both sides of the road, you know somebody lost their life, regardless of their story, or their side, somebody lost their life."

She didn't know Clark or his family, but she plans to take her daughters to his funeral.

Greg McRoy is a north-sider, doing security outside the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis Tuesday. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

North Minneapolis resident Greg McRoy said the evening was beautiful, despite the shootings the night before.

"We've had some idiots that come out here, but it goes with all the struggles," he said. "Got some foolishness that goes one when you're trying to prevail and be successful and take over something that needs to be taken over, like this community."

McRoy says he's out here to spread the message that all lives matter.

"It's not just for Jamar Clark, it's for Trayvon Martin, all that had injustice done to them ... that all lives matter."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/prosecutor-jamar-clark-case-will-go-to-grand-jury/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A county prosecutor in Minneapolis says it will be up to a grand jury whether to bring criminal charges against police officers in the fatal shooting of a black man.

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Jamar Clark, 24, was killed in a confrontation with police on Nov. 15. Some community members say he was handcuffed, which police dispute. His death has sparked days of protests.

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<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3972956.shtml>

The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted more than a week of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal investigators piece together what happened. Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Nov. 15 during what authorities said was a struggle with two police officers. Here's a look at where the investigation stands:

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Authorities have said their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's looking into

whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene, but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had fallen.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, has said that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found.

A federal civil rights investigation is also underway.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he viewed video captured by an ambulance at the scene and it's inconclusive.

Dayton said the footage he saw contains no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight."

The ambulance video isn't the only video out there. The BCA has said it also has video from a mobile police camera, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones, but that none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

PROTESTS LINGER

Community members have said they won't leave the police precinct that's near the shooting site on Minneapolis' north side until authorities meet their demands, which include the release of video.

Protests had been largely peaceful before Monday night, when five people were shot and wounded about a block from the precinct. It wasn't immediately clear what prompted the shooting. Police said Tuesday they are searching for three white male suspects. One protester described seeing three masked individuals who weren't part of the protest and were escorted away before the shots.

Clark's family issued a statement early Tuesday thanking protesters for their support but urging an end to the demonstration at the precinct. Black Lives Matter plans to announce its "next steps" Tuesday following a weekend strategy meeting with community members.

WHAT'S AHEAD

The BCA said it's giving the Clark investigation top priority, even as it warned that such inquiries can take as long as two to four months.

Protesters have several events planned through Sunday outside the 4th Precinct. And Clark's funeral - open to the public - is scheduled for Wednesday at a north Minneapolis church.

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http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/4th-precinct-shooting-questions?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

As events in north Minneapolis progressed in the week since the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, a 24-year-old black man, individual voices warned of a danger.

- The latest: Live coverage from the 4th Precinct
- Related: 3 arrested, 1 released in Jamar Clark protest shootings

People allied with the Black Lives Matter movement alleged that white supremacists had been lurking around the encampment of protesters outside the 4th Precinct station of the Minneapolis Police Department.

But as events unfolded Tuesday, there was no way to know what was going on when a confrontation near the 4th Precinct erupted in gunfire Monday night.

Macalester Professor Emeritus Mahmoud El-Kati had addressed the crowd of protesters Thursday evening. "White supremacy is on the run," he said, and added a warning:

"Let me say this: There's a principle in physics, you know, called action and reaction. There's an action and a reaction and a reaction to the reaction. They are going to react to this, and it's not going to be pretty. So bear up."

A video of unknown origin and authenticity circulated online Friday, purporting to show two white men in a car, displaying a pistol they said was "locked and loaded," claiming they were en route to the Minneapolis protest. They signed off with the words "Stay white."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said after the shootings that "for the last several days, white supremacist groups have been threatening to come here and threatening to try to rile up protesters by throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails, and some said that they would be armed. And so we've tried to take precautions by looking for people who look suspicious."

But for all of those warnings, there was no way of knowing whether the shootings Monday night were indeed the work of white supremacists. Witnesses described the alleged shooters as white, but there was no hard information to support a conclusion that seemed obvious to the protesters and their allies.

"Tonight they actually acted upon their threats," Levy-Pounds said after the shootings.

The incident came nine days after Jamar Clark's shooting. Police said Clark had been shot while trying to wrest control of an officer's gun; members of Black Lives Matter insisted that he had been handcuffed and unarmed at the time he was shot.

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In the days since then, protesters occupied and then were ejected from the foyer of the 4th Precinct. Surveillance cameras and police cars sustained damage reckoned in the tens of thousands of dollars. A camp grew up outside the precinct, and scores of protesters were arrested for blocking traffic on Interstate Hwy. 94.

All the while, leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NAACP pressed their demand for the release of video being held by federal and state investigators. They also called for a federal investigation, which is underway, and for placing the Minneapolis police under federal control.

Authorities have refused to release the video, taken from the rear of an ambulance, on the grounds that it might taint the investigation. Gov. Mark Dayton announced Monday that he had watched the video, and that it provided no evidence to support either version of events.

At the same time, Dayton recognized that tensions were growing, calling the dispute over Clark's death "a very, very volatile situation."

"I want to know everything I possibly can ... to make the best informed decision I possibly can to protect public safety," he said.

Monday's shootings left the public's safety a decidedly open question.

Police moved quickly to investigate the shootings, although people in the crowd outside the station said they had been slow in responding to the incident. By Tuesday evening, police said they had three men in custody and released a fourth, after they'd determined he was not near the precinct at the time of the shooting.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/news/thousands-march-from-4th-precinct-to-city-hall>

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973551.shtml>

(with video)

From the sky, it was a huge crowd making its way from the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis downtown to city hall.

Ten days after Jamar Clark was shot and killed, protests are still going strong.

About a thousand demonstrators marched against traffic down 7th Street into Minneapolis around 5 p.m. Tuesday night.

They chanted and sang as they walked, peacefully.

But the sheer number of people forced police to shut down streets and halt the light rail for a time.

"The world is watching Minneapolis right now," shouted one demonstrator.

On the street outside city hall, that march came to a halt.

"We're asking the state for direct prosecution of the officers involved in murdering Jamar Clark," said one woman.

As the march wrapped up downtown, a concert was just beginning in front of the fourth police precinct.

The NAACP said it's doing its part to promote community healing.

"Serve and protect, I don't think so. Black lives matter," yelled one protester as he stood at the barricade shouting at police.

Minneapolis police stood guard, but clearly tensions remain quite high.

"Yeah, shake your head, shake your head. You know you shouldn't be standing over there," the man continued, directing his frustration at officers.

Demonstrators said they don't plan to leave this precinct until they get justice, and they continue to call for video tape of the shooting to be released.

The NAACP has more events planned through the week and into the weekend.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/photos-marchers-head-downtown-and-back-to-concert>

Hundreds of people walked from the 4th Precinct to downtown Minneapolis and back, as college students and others joined the protest.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation in north Minneapolis Nov. 15. The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Crowds have gathered for more than a week at the 4th Precinct police station to protest the shooting.

Tuesday evening, protesters ended the march with a solidarity concert outside the police station in north Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/blm-protesters-march-from-4th-precinct-to-city-hall/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — After a night of violence that left five people shot near the 4th Precinct occupation, protesters are marching to Minneapolis City Hall in a show of solidarity.

Hundreds of protesters are making their way down Plymouth Avenue North Tuesday afternoon, all the way across I-94 and into downtown Minneapolis to City Hall — a total distance of about three miles.

Earlier in the day, students at several Minneapolis high schools staged a walkout, joining the protests at the 4th Precinct, and the ensuing march.

PHOTOS: Black Lives Matter Marches To City Hall — Nov. 24, 2015

By the time protesters reached City Hall, the building was on lockdown. Protesters continued the rally outside the building for several hours before marching over to the federal office building a block away.

By around 5:30 p.m., protesters began the march back to the 4th Precinct.

Police say five people were shot late Monday night, less than a block away from the protests by three masked men. Witnesses say the men were white supremacists, who had been posting threats on social media and had been to the protests at the 4th Precinct before.

By Tuesday afternoon, two of the alleged shooters are in police custody.

The demonstration is affecting traffic downtown, and Metro Transit says light rail trains will be running late Tuesday evening.

Activists from the group Black Lives Matter organized a protest around the precinct after the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis in the early morning of Nov. 15. Police responded to a domestic violence call that night, and said they found Clark interfering with paramedics attempts to help a victim.

Law enforcement authorities said there was a scuffle between Clark and the officers, and that Clark reached for an officer's gun before he was shot in the head. Protesters and witnesses dispute that claim, saying Clark was handcuffed when officers shot him.

Protesters have vowed to stay camped outside of the Minneapolis Police's 4th Precinct until video footage from the night of the shooting is released. Law enforcement authorities and city leaders have said doing so would harm the integrity of the investigation into the incident, and could taint witness testimony.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973295.shtml>

(with video)

People living on the north side of Minneapolis have watched a real-life drama unfolding right in their backyard.

Protesters have been outside of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct since 24-year-old Jamar Clark died in a confrontation with police on Nov. 15. Some community members said Clark was handcuffed, which police have disputed.

On Tuesday, KSTP spoke with people living in the community about the protest and violence happening near the 4th Precinct. We found support for the cause is strong in the neighborhood, but patience for the protest is wearing thin.

Greg Smith lives a block from the protest and wants it moved to Minneapolis City Hall.

"There's unsavory people in my alleyway, unsavory people up and down the street. I mean, it seems like it's worse than positive," Smith said. "When it says Black Lives Matter, it makes it seem like it only matters when people are dead. But what about the black lives and the rest of the lives that live in this community?"

Many people we spoke with in the neighborhood say they're waiting for answers and hoping for justice.

Protesters say they will not leave. A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says the demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/24/shooting-victim-back-at-the-fourth-precinct-protest/76352994/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - A day after gunfire erupted near the Fourth Precinct, the largest crowd formed Tuesday since the Jamar Clark protests started more than a week ago.

The violence did not stop the crowds from turning out for a march in downtown Minneapolis or a concert outside the police station.

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron Clark, who was one of the five shooting victims, from coming back to the Fourth Precinct.

Cameron, who is Jamar Clark's cousin, told KARE 11 he came right from the hospital on crutches with his gown and hospital bracelet still on to attend Tuesday demonstrations.

"I'm hurting, my community needs me. I need them, and I'm not going to lay down," he said.

He recalls three suspicious men in the crowd Monday night. He said he and others asked them to leave after they wouldn't take off their masks. While police have not commented on motivation, Clark and others present believe the men had racist intentions.

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron Clark, who was one of the five shooting victims, from coming back to the Fourth Precinct. (Photo: KARE 11)

"The guy who was in all black just opened up fire on us. Where were you hit? I was hit in my right leg and my left toe," he said. "They had ski masks on, hats on, and gloves and he was in all black and one of them had a tool box."

Police worked through the night and on Tuesday announced the arrests of three men in connection with the shooting. Investigators released another man who they believe was not present during the shooting.

"I told myself to calm down and put pressure on my leg," he said when describing the chaotic aftermath. "The first shot I took off running, and the fourth or fifth shot that's when I got hit, and then like on the 6th or 7th that's when I got hit in my toe."

Late Tuesday, the Minneapolis Urban League released a statement calling for the end of the demonstrations outside the Fourth Precinct.

The statement read, in part, "The vigil must now end. It is time to restore order to the Northside community along Plymouth Avenue and James, which has endured open gun fire, traffic and service interruptions, smog from open wood fires, hours of helicopter noise and negative media narrative due to the protest vigil."

Funeral services for Jamar Clark are set for Wednesday afternoon.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/it-just-went-through-muscle-shooting-victim-returns-to-4th-precinct-protest/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — It's happened nearly each night of the occupation at Minneapolis' 4th Precinct. Black Lives Matter protesters say white supremacists cruise by, shoot video and scope out the crowds.

Reporter Lorena Delacuesta sensed trouble Monday night, just before a shooting sent five protesters to the hospital.

"These three guys come, three white men, covering their faces and they started arguing with the protesters," Delacuesta said.

At 10:41 p.m., three masked men began shouting. Wesley Martin was among those who escorted them away.

Suddenly, shots rang out.

"I heard the N word and that's when everybody started charging," he said. "And we get to 14th and Morgan [avenues], and all I heard was pow...pow, pow, pow, pow, pow."

Martin was shot in the leg, and his brother was also hit.

On Tuesday, a Black Lives Matter spokesperson said the violence directed at protesters only strengthens the occupation.

"What happened last night was a planned hate crime, an act of terrorism," the spokesperson said.

By early afternoon, police had arrested two men they believe are responsible.

Minneapolis police arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington around noon. A half-hour later, a 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested in south Minneapolis.

Despite his injury, Martin returned to the protest at the 4th Precinct. It was his way of saying the cause won't buckle to fear.

"It just went through muscle...I don't care if I be in a wheelchair," he said. "I'll still be out here."

At Tuesday's protest, Black Lives Matter organizers asked that no one wear masks, for safety reasons. It helped set the tone for what organizers are calling a joyful, yet sorrow-filled night.

Cameron Clark was one of the victims of the shooting. He was at the precinct protesting the shooting of his cousin, Jamar Clark

"We were just asking them what's going on," Clark said. "They didn't say anything. The guy in all black just opened fire on us."

Clark was shot in the leg and foot after escorting several masked men away from the precinct.

"I'm hurting. My community needs me," he said. "I need them and I'm not going to lay down."

Clark left the hospital Tuesday and joined hundreds of others for a memorial concert. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the NAACP said they "have come together to host a day of celebration, a day of mourning and a day of community after we face this horrific tragedy last night."

The names of the men arrested will be released when they are charged, possibly on Wednesday.

The protesters have been camping out at the 4th Precinct since the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Protesters say Clark was in handcuffs when Minneapolis police officers shot him in the head. Police dispute that claim.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/24/blm-recommits-to-occupation-of-4th-precinct/76321988/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Saying they "will not bow to fear or intimidation," leaders of Black Lives Matter (BLM) announced Tuesday that demonstrators are recommitting to the so-called occupation of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct following the fatal shooting of a young black man.

The announcement follows an explosion of violence late Monday during which five demonstrators were shot by men they were escorting from the encampment on Plymouth Avenue. BLM spokesperson Miski Noor says the four men were masked, and were videotaping demonstrators who were at the encampment. Noor says when the men were asked to de-mask and state their purpose for being there, they refused, so a number of protesters began escorting them from the encampment. About half a block from the police station, the men opened fire, wounding at least five people.

"What happened last night was a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism against activists who have been occupying the Fourth Precinct," asserted Noor.

She also alleges that officers on scene at the precinct maced citizen journalists and peaceful protesters, and didn't take the potential for violence seriously despite warning of threats from white supremacists earlier in the week.

"We reiterate that we have zero faith in the police department's desire to keep our community safe," she said.

Black Lives Matter protesters marched from the Fourth Precinct to downtown Minneapolis, with the target of stopping at City Hall. A number of Minneapolis schools also walked out of class Tuesday, joining the movement with separate marches that included a die-in at 50th and France in Edina.

There had been talk of ending the occupation of the precinct and exploring other avenues for change, but Monday night's shooting has apparently changed those plans.

Late Tuesday morning Minneapolis Police did announce the arrests of two men they say are among the shooters, one a 23-year-old male who was taken into custody in Bloomington, the other a 32-year-old man who was arrested in south Minneapolis. Chief Janee' Harteau tweeted a strong statement supporting her officers.

"MPD worked non-stop thru the night to bring justice in last nights shooting of 5 protestors...2 arrests!," Harteau posted. "True professionals!"

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3973516.shtml>

(with video)

Ten days after 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in North Minneapolis, protests continued outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct.

Students at several nearby schools have witnessed the protests daily. Chief of Schools Michael Thomas said administrators and teachers are watching closely.

Thomas told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS the biggest challenges are to not let the protests become a distraction and to make sure students know they are safe.

“We have not had any immediate concerns or threats to our school communities,” he said. “When we have situations—such as what's happening at the 4th Precinct—that we know are impacting our students, we want to first and foremost just honor the fact that's existing in our student's worlds. Many live within blocks and are hearing helicopters and seeing lights and masses of people around. Our role as educators is to help bring a construct around that so that they feel safe, they feel supported, that they really understand what's happening. It's a learning opportunity.”

Minneapolis school counselors and social workers will be at the Davis Center Wednesday afternoon to talk with students and community members. The Davis Center is right across the street from the church where Clark's funeral is being held. The funeral starts at noon at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in North Minneapolis.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/campus/2015/11/24/u-students-protest-shooting>

Following the shooting of five protesters at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, around 150 University of Minnesota students called for a fundamental change to law enforcement in front of Northrop Auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

The shooting occurred Monday, about a week since protests over the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer started. Police have apprehended a suspect in connection with the shooting, but have yet to release any other information, according to a statement.

Many news sources have reported the police have apprehended a second suspect.

Black Student Union President Javaris Bradford called for the end of terrorism from white supremacists and police abuse.

“We are a nation of terrorism and the truth has to come out,” he said.

The Minnesota Student Association's Vice President Abeer Syedah said in a speech every student should stand in solidarity with BSU because everyone is affected by police violence.

"I don't believe I can do my job as a community advisor without spreading awareness about the violence and injustice going on in the U.S.," said math education senior Erik Thibault.

Zaire Ishmael, a global studies senior who attended the protest at Northrop and the protests in front of the 4th Precinct, said protests are just a way to begin a conversation, but they will not fix longstanding issues.

"We need to start asking the right but tough questions about our world and facing the uncomfortable truths in order to start making positive changes," he said.

Protesters have called for the release of tapes related to Clark's death. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger said releasing the footage would be "extremely detrimental to the investigation," in a statement in association with the FBI and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/schools/students-walk-out-in-support-of-black-lives-matter>

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(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Tuesday, police arrested two men and two turned themselves in after a shooting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Monday night where three suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protestors, injuring 5 people.

A 23-year-old male in Bloomington, Minn. and a 32-year-old male in south Minneapolis were arrested early Tuesday -- later in the day, police released the south Minneapolis man after questioning.

Then, around 2:30 p.m., investigators took two additional men into custody after they voluntarily turned themselves in. The 26-year-old male and 21-year-old male are currently being interviewed by investigators. Three total are in custody.

At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. No fatalities have been reported. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward and are interviewing witnesses.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left. The police department has additional uniformed officers in the area, spokesman John Elder said.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced on Facebook a #Justice4Jamar March will be held Tuesday afternoon to "march for justice for Jamar Clark and take our voices directly to those who must listen to the people."

Sen. Al Franken statement

"Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark's family and the injured."

Background

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.laraza.com/2015/11/24/balean-a-5-miembros-de-black-lives-matters-en-manifestacion/>

Dos hombres, uno blanco y otro hispano, fueron arrestados este martes y dos más están siendo buscados como sospechosos de haber disparado y herido a cinco personas que participaban en una protesta en Minneapolis del grupo Black Lives Matters por la muerte a tiros de un joven afroamericano, que se encontraba desarmado, a manos de un policía anglosajón.

Un hombre blanco de 23 años de edad, fue arrestado en Bloomington, Minnesota y el hispano de 32 años en South Minneapolis. Sus nombres no fueron revelados.

Cinco personas resultaron heridas de bala -aunque ninguna de gravedad- cuando varios hombres abrieron fuego el lunes de noche contra la manifestación de Minneapolis, anunció este martes la Policía.

Inicialmente la Policía indicó en Twitter que “cinco personas fueron blanco de las balas” y que estaba detrás de “tres hombres blancos”.

El ataque contra de los miembros de Black Lives Matters volvió a elevar la tensión racial este martes en dos ciudades de Estados Unidos, justo cuando un policía de Chicago fue acusado de asesinato por disparar contra James Clark, de 24 años, quien según testigos estaba esposado cuando recibió un tiro en la cabeza el 15 de noviembre.

La organización ‘Black Lives Matter Minneapolis’ prometió seguir sus manifestaciones diarias para protestar por la muerte de Clark.

“Supremacistas blancos atacaron” la marcha “en un acto de terrorismo doméstico”, escribió el grupo en su página de Facebook. “No nos intimidarán”.

Los heridos “fueron hospitalizados con heridas que no ponen en riesgo sus vidas”, precisó la Policía.

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Last week, after eight days of protests in response to the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, several suspects opened fire on demonstrators a block away from the Fourth Precinct police station.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office announced charges against four men at a press conference this morning. Allen L. Scarsella III, 23, faces the most severe charges: five counts of second-degree assault

with a dangerous weapon one count of second-degree riot while armed. The other three were charged with the same riot count, but not the assault.

Noticeably absent from the charges was a "hate crime" count, legally known as a "bias crime," which some protesters have demanded in the aftermath of the shooting.

The significance of this charge would have been mostly symbolic. Minnesota law dictates that a bias influence can increase punishments in low-level assaults. The racial bias could be taken into consideration as an aggravating factor by a jury or judge, which could mean a longer prison sentence. But in the case of this shooting, a bias crime count would have actually been a lower-level charge than the felonies filed today.

In Minnesota, reports of bias crimes have been on the decline for the past 20 years, according to federal statistics. In 1995, bias played a role in a reported 307 cases; last year there were 103 reports — a 66 percent decline. Crimes specifically involving a racial bias — as opposed to religious, gender or sexual orientation — are even more rare, dropping from a reported 233 to 56 over the past two decades statewide.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/black-lives-matter-march-brings-hundreds-to-downtown-minneapolis-7858109>

The heavy scent of campfire hung in the air as smoke drifted down Plymouth Avenue North. For the tenth consecutive day, protesters gathered outside the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct police station Tuesday after Jamar Clark was killed by police. The night before violence struck their makeshift encampment when gunmen shot five protesters who suffered non-critical injuries.

But as the crowd slowly swelled ahead of a 2 p.m. march toward City Hall, so too did the resolve in organizers' increasingly hoarse voices.

"We ain't going nowhere until we get justice!" one of them barked through a bullhorn.

Minutes earlier organizers reiterated their commitment to occupying the police station, despite Clark's brother Eddie Sutton calling for its end out of concerns for protesters' safety following the shooting.

Students at several Minneapolis high schools staged sit-ins and walkouts throughout the day, with many students joining the hundreds in the march. Kevin Dorsey, a North High School student, was among those at the Fourth Precinct.

"It's good to see all the people, the community together," the 16-year-old said. "You don't really see this nowadays."

Black Lives Matter march brings hundreds to downtown Minneapolis

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As the 2 o'clock march time approached, the crowd — speckled with local politicians and prominent Minneapolis musicians — grew eager. Organizers ushered them through something of a warm-up lap around the station as officers watched through their fenced-in parking lot.

Meanwhile, Matt Sciple sat away from the crowd prepping his sign. Oops. He misspelled "supremacist." Nothing a little more Sharpie can't fix. The Minneapolis man has been a regular at the protests, bringing firewood, extra placards, or cookies — whatever he can to be supportive, he says.

[slideshow -1] As a white guy, Sciple says he doesn't need to worry about police brutality. But the Louisiana expat's here to show that people of all colors should be upset. Monday night's shooting didn't make him think twice about coming out.

“It took away one more excuse,” he said as drumbeats thumped behind him. “It made sure that I definitely came and showed solidarity and support.”

Three of the suspects were taken into Tuesday, while a fourth was questioned and released, the Star Tribune reports.

Before departing the station organizers asked a hundred or so people to stay behind to preside over their North Side camp. Aided by police escorts, organizers led the peaceful procession from the bed of a red pickup truck rigged with a PA used for leading chants and bumping music.

“No justice, no peace! Prosecute the police!” hollered the crowd in unison.

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As the crowd streamed into downtown via Seventh Street North, one protester questioned why Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, the cops involved in Clark’s shooting, didn’t use non-lethal force to subdue him the night he was killed in north Minneapolis.

“Mace him. Taze him,” said Earl, who declined to give his last name. “Now look what you got going on. I got one word — justice.”

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Protesters snaked their way through the city’s core, marching and dancing along Hennepin Avenue and again eastbound on Seventh Street en route to City Hall. As downtown offices began emptying, onlookers watched from the skyways, bus stops, and bars.

City Hall and the Public Safety building were reportedly both under lock down as the march drew near. The sun was slowly fading behind the buildings when protesters settled outside the federal courthouse across the street from City Hall, before eventually returning to the Fourth Precinct.

"The world is watching us right now," an organizer told them.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973772.shtml>

(With video)

A steady stream of mourners entered a north Minneapolis church on Wednesday to pay their respects to a man whose death in a confrontation with police sparked more than a week of protests. Meanwhile, charges were pending against three men suspected in a melee that left five protesters with gunshot wounds.

A picture of a smiling Jamar Clark adorned the program for his funeral at Shiloh Temple International Ministries. Inside, his obituary said the 24-year-old man "liked to swim, fish, listen to music, play basketball, be with family and take trips to Charlotte, North Carolina."

Clark, who was black, died Nov. 15 in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault of a woman in which he was a suspect. Some community members who say they saw the incident allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. A state criminal investigation and a federal civil rights probe are underway.

Several hundred people filled the cavernous Shiloh Temple, with impassioned speeches from family members and pastors occasionally interrupted by shouts and applause, and a slideshow of pictures of Clark as he grew up. Several members of Clark's family wore white T-shirts that read, "I matter," on the front with Clark's picture on the back.

"I'm still hurt," said his sister, Sharice Burns. "I'm still suffering. We need justice sooner rather than later."

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. Howell said what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community.

"Jamar, your life did and does have purpose," he said to a standing ovation. "Your death is not in vain."

Protesters have rallied nightly outside the 4th Precinct police station near the scene of his death. On Tuesday, police arrested three white men - ages 26, 23 and 21 - on suspicion of shooting five Black Lives Matters protesters after some of them tried to get the men to leave the site late Monday night.

The shootings spurred a massive march Tuesday evening, with a racially mixed crowd marching more than 2 miles to City Hall and back. Hundreds of demonstrators milled quietly around portable fire pits to share coffee, pizza and doughnuts as music played.

But the shootings have prompted safety concerns. Clark's family has asked for protesters to end the 4th Precinct encampment, out of concern for their safety, and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said it would be wise to "start thinking about an exit strategy" and what to do next.

Steven Belton, interim president of the Minneapolis Urban League, echoed those sentiments on Wednesday, saying protesters had achieved most of what they wanted, including the federal investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Belton said the vigil should end to "restore order" to the community, which he said has endured open gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires and hours of helicopter noise.

That likely won't happen, said Jayme Ali, a pastor at God of All Truth Church.

In brief remarks outside the church where Clark's funeral was being held, as mourners streamed past, she said another rally was planned for Wednesday afternoon. Protesters have demanded investigators release video of the Clark shooting, and Ali noted it took more than a year before the city of Chicago on Tuesday released video of the fatal police shooting of a black teenager.

"We are not going nowhere. We are there until we get justice for Jamar Clark," she said. "Fourth Precinct, start taking donations for a new building, because we are not going anywhere."

Police haven't given a suspected motive for the shootings of the protesters. But they followed several racially disparaging comments about the protests that had been posted on social media in recent days. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police had issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to authorities.

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The latest:

- Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of an investigation into the shooting of 5 Monday night.
- The fourth, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, has been released.
- Gov. Dayton urged an end to 4th Precinct protests over security concerns.
- A Black Lives Matter organizer said the "occupation" will continue.
- Marchers returned to north Minneapolis for a concert outside the precinct after rallying downtown in front of City Hall.
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Five people were shot late Monday night near the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis where crowds have gathered for more than a week to protest the police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24.

Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of the investigation into Monday night's shootings, Minneapolis police said Tuesday.

The 26- and 21-year-olds turned themselves in Tuesday, according to police. The third man was arrested in Bloomington earlier that day.

Another, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was arrested in south Minneapolis Tuesday, has been released. Minneapolis Police said they determined the man was not at the scene outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

Activists at the 4th Precinct shared videos of people they thought were the shooters early Tuesday morning. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Authorities said the suspects' names will be released upon charging.

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None of the five victims' injuries was life-threatening, said Minneapolis police spokesperson John Elder. Three of the victims were driven to North Memorial Medical Center after the shooting, Elder said, and two others were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, Gov. Mark Dayton called the shootings a "cowardly, criminal act" and said he believed the suspects will be "brought to justice."

At the same time, he said he hoped protesters would heed the pleas of Jamar Clark's family to end the protests outside the precinct amid safety concerns.

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"I think this underscores the treacherous nature of a significant number of people who are intermingling without any way of safeguarding people engaged in peaceful protests," Dayton told MPR News. "It underscores the vulnerability of peaceful citizens exercising their First Amendment rights."

However, protesters who gathered again Tuesday morning outside the 4th Precinct said they will not leave, despite the shooting.

"A planned hate crime"

Black Lives Matter spokesperson Miski Noor called Monday night's shootings "a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism." She told reporters this afternoon that the group was recommitting to "our occupation" outside the 4th Precinct "until we get justice."

She also slammed the police response to the shooting. "We have zero faith in this police department's desire to keep our community safe," she added.

A Minneapolis police officer investigates the site of Monday night's shooting. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

Witnesses said Monday night's demonstration was a peaceful gathering that turned into chaos at about 10:45 p.m.

Protesters said they had formed a group to walk people away from their 4th Precinct encampment who were causing problems. About a block away from the demonstrations, the shots were fired.

One of the lead protest groups, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, posted on its Facebook page that "5 unarmed protesters shot by white supremacists who were asked to leave & followed out. One block up they shot one in leg & 1 in stomach."

Jie Wronski-Riley was among the protesters following the people leaving the scene.

"Then it was like they just turned around and they just started shooting. At first I wasn't sure. I was like, are they shooting firecrackers? Because it was so loud, and there was all this, like, sulfur, or whatever," Wronski-Riley said. "Then it was like the person right next to me on my left went down and the person on my right went down, and I was like, they're actually shooting at us. They're shooting bullets at us."

Rumors about the nature of the shootings — and the shooters — spread quickly through the encampment. Twitter feeds, using the hashtags #Justice4Jamar and #FourthPrecinctShutdown that they'd been using all week, lit up the Internet with theories of the shooters' identities and police involvement.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, who has joined the group throughout the week-plus demonstration, said after the shootings.

"I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go," he added. "I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said, as he spoke with people at the precinct soon after Monday night's shooting, many people told him they were hurting. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Ellison met with some of the bundled-up demonstrators after the Monday night shootings. Temperatures in Minneapolis barely reached 30 degrees in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I am worried about people's safety, I really am," he said. "There was a shooting down the street tonight. But it's also the elements. People out here could get frostbitten."

Demonstrations continue

Eddie Sutton, a brother of Jamar Clark, issued a statement from Clark's family thanking protesters for peaceful demonstrations but pleading for the gathered crowd to end their demonstration: "Out of

imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reiterated the group's commitment to the demonstrations early Tuesday morning in a Facebook post. The group has rallied, marched and prayed outside the police department's 4th Precinct for more than a week since Clark's shooting. It led a march through Minneapolis to City Hall Tuesday afternoon, then returned to the precinct for an evening concert.

Hundreds of demonstrators marched peacefully along 7th Street and into downtown Minneapolis where they held a short rally Tuesday afternoon. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

- Photos: Marchers head downtown and back to concert

Some University of Minnesota students walked out of classes to join the marchers. Students from Minneapolis Southwest High School also left class to protest in the Linden Hills neighborhood and staged a "die-in" at 50th Street and France Avenue in Edina.

Michael McDowell, a Black Lives Matter organizer, said the group's leaders have a possible date in mind when they will leave the precinct.

"We may not necessarily stay at the precinct until the tapes are released," he said, "but we will continue to escalate until the tapes are released."

Organizers aren't prepared to make the date public yet, McDowell said. "We do have a clear date but we're not going to put it out there yet. We like to keep folks guessing, I guess," he said, adding that north Minneapolis neighbors might choose to remain after Black Lives Matter leaves. "Mostly, we also got community input and the community's not ready to leave."

Protesters are planning a Thanksgiving meal at the precinct Thursday.

Investigation: Where it stands

Authorities have said police shot Clark, 24, during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

- Monday: Dayton says ambulance video inconclusive in Jamar Clark shooting

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Federal authorities are coordinating with the city's police department to see if federal action is appropriate, said Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney for Minnesota Andy Luger.

A demonstrator carries a sign demanding the release of video footage from the time of Jamar Clark's shooting death. Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct police station for a candlelight vigil and rally Thursday. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

It's unclear whether authorities will choose to classify the Monday night shootings as a hate crime.

A recent case in Minnesota that authorities say was motivated by bias against foreigners did not result in hate-crime charges after prosecutors determined that doing so would have resulted in a lesser charge.

In that case, a Somali-American woman who was speaking Swahili at an Applebee's in Coon Rapids was assaulted with a beer mug by a woman who told her to speak English. Anoka County prosecutors charged Jodie Burchard-Risch with third-degree felony assault.

Authorities said as a hate crime, it would have been considered a gross misdemeanor.

Demonstrators undeterred by shootings

By late Tuesday afternoon, organizers had regrouped to lead the march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a stop at the site where Jamar Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station at around 5:15 p.m.

In that afternoon crowd stood Wesley Martin, 18, who said he was among the five shot Monday night.

He said he was following some suspicious-looking men out of the protest when words were exchanged and that people started charging after someone used a racial slur.

"I'm running. I get to the corner. I feel something go right through my leg," he recalled. "I thought I fell or something like that. But I went to pull up my pant leg, and all I see is blood. I sat down, and after that, I don't remember nothing."

"I feel like I can't walk on the street without looking around my back," Martin said.

But the violence, he added, would not keep him from demonstrating.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/24/man-arrested-after-5-shot-near-fourth-precinct/76316896/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis Police now have three men in custody connected to the shooting at the Fourth Precinct Monday night where five people were hit by gunfire.

Police say a 23-year-old white man was taken into custody in Bloomington, around 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday.

Then, around noon, a second person -- a 32-year-old Hispanic man -- was taken into custody in south Minneapolis. Police have since released him after they discovered he was not at the shooting scene.

Finally, around 2:30 p.m., two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. They are currently being interviewed by investigators.

The names of all three men will be released after they are charged.

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Police say they continue to look for additional suspects -- anyone with information is urged to contact the Minneapolis Police at 612-692-8477.

Five people suffered non-life threatening injuries in the shooting that occurred just before 10:45 p.m. on Monday on the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North.

Protesters have remained at the Fourth Precinct for more than a week, calling for justice in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was shot by police after an altercation.

The Hennepin County Attorney released a statement Tuesday, clarifying their role in the investigation. They say once the BCA and the FBI's investigation is complete, they will review the case file and present the case to a grand jury for possible criminal charges against the officers involved.

Until that time, they will not be making any comments about the case.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/52130>

With helicopters flying overhead, this past Friday evening people gathered at Minneapolis' 4th Police Precinct to mourn and remember Jamar Clark with a candlelight vigil and march. The week-long police station shutdown waged in response to Clark's death while in police custody includes incidents of guns being leveled by the police at the protesters. One of the protesters lined up in gun sight was Jeremiah, son to Minneapolis School Board member, Kim Ellison. KFai's Brenda Bell Brown spoke with Kim on the night of Jamar Clark's vigil.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/good-question-why-dont-police-just-try-to-hurt-suspects/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Over the past week, WCCO has devoted significant coverage to officer-involved shootings — from the death of Jamar Clark a week and half ago to a Columbia Heights man early Tuesday morning.

That had Sherri from Buffalo Lake and Fitz from Excelsior wanting to know: Why don't police just try to hurt suspects? Good Question.

"They're not really trained to shoot to kill, they're trained to stop the threat, which often results in death," says Dale Burns, a Hennepin Technical College teacher of police training programs for the state of Minnesota.

Burns says officers are trained to shoot at the chest, or center mass of a person's body, because it is the biggest target and will stop someone if he or she gets hit.

"They could've shot him in his arm or leg, tased him, but kill him?" asked Jamie Castilla on Tuesday after her brother was killed by police. "That's a shot to kill."

Shooting at a hand or arm is very hard to do, says Burns. Research from the Force Science Institute shows hands and arms can be the fastest moving body parts. Shooting at a person's legs can also leave their hands free.

“If I could see their hand perfectly and they were holding still and I had lots of time to aim, sure — but it doesn’t work that way. It’s very fluid. It happens extremely fast,” Burns said. “If you miss, you’re probably going to get killed, or shot yourself, or stabbed, or clubbed — whatever the case may be.”

Minnesota law allows officers to use deadly force to protect themselves or someone else from death or great bodily harm. Defense attorney Joe Tamburino says police are legally able to use more force than the average person.

“The reviewing party has to decide from the perspective of a reasonable police officer on the scene if there was a threat,” he says.

In 2012, lawmakers in New York proposed legislation that would require officers to shoot at limbs, but that bill was quickly tabled. Over the past three decades, the Supreme Court has ruled police can use deadly force if they believe there’s a threat of death or serious physical injury.

“They got tasers, other things around them, why are guns the first option?” asked Deondre Lowe of Minneapolis.

Burns says tasers don’t always work, especially in Minnesota where people wear lots of layers of clothes. He also points out a taser takes a relatively long time to reload if it doesn’t work the first time.

“They do use tasers quite a bit, but if you use a taser in a deadly force situation, you’re asking an officers to take on a lot of risk that they shouldn’t be expected to do,” he said.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/minnesota-republicans-criticized-for-negroproblem-post-7855556>

On Sunday, the Minnesota Seventh Congressional District Republican Party tried to make a partisan slam. Instead it got slammed for what one DFLer labeled “hate speech.”

A day after Gov. Mark Dayton met with Jamar Clark’s family and renewed his call for a special session to discuss racial inequity, the GOP faction from western Minnesota mocked the DFL on Facebook for supposedly creating a “#Negroproblem.”

“MN DFL now propose a ‘special session’ to deal with their self-created ‘#Negroproblem,’” the post began.

The language was borrowed from a blog post the party shared from the website Our Black News. Written by the blog’s founder Don Allen, a self-described “political activist from the right,” the post ripped the DFL for ignoring the Council on Black Minnesotans’ priorities during the 2015 legislative session.

Naturally, DFL Chairman Ken Martin — the party’s point man for throwing political grenades — didn’t hesitate to fire away at the GOP’s “racist messaging.”

“You don’t have to look far to find ignorant hate speech masquerading as acceptable party messaging,” Martin said in a statement. “However, this is not the first time the Minnesota Republican Party and their affiliates have posted racially insensitive material.”

Indeed it wasn’t the first racially incendiary post to come from the GOP’s Seventh Congressional District’s Twitter account.

Martin went on to call on Republican Party of Minnesota Chairman Ken Downey to apologize for the post.

“While our community is still struggling with the death of a young man and trying to find answers for his family, the Republican Party of Minnesota decided to chime in with racist and bigoted comments,” he said.

By Tuesday morning the social media post had been scrubbed from the party’s district accounts. Craig Bishop, the district’s party chairman, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. However, Downey quickly apologized and announced a “Twitter moratorium” for the GOP’s district handle and that its social media person has been “relieved of duties.”

The racially charged post came a day ahead of a shooting at the Minneapolis police department’s Fourth Precinct station, where protesters have rallied for more than a week. Five protesters were shot Monday night by white men described by those on the scene as white supremacists who were disrupting the rally.

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<http://www.startribune.com/east-african-immigrant-community-holds-support-rally-at-minneapolis-protest-site/357351591/>

Before Minneapolis’ Fourth Precinct became the site of a movement, several female protesters flooded the police station’s vestibule and refused to move, demanding justice for Jamar Clark.

Days later, the occupation would grow to include hundreds of people and thrust Black Lives Matter Minneapolis into the national spotlight for its protests over the death of Clark, an unarmed 24-year-old black man shot by police Nov. 15.

What many did not know was that several of the women who slept in the vestibule were immigrants of East African descent, activists said. On Saturday, the 14th straight day of protests, those women held a

rally at the protest site to express unity between their East African immigrant communities and African-American protesters.

“We’re not a separate entity,” said organizer Ilhan Omar. “We’re black. Our kids are black. And this is our struggle.”

About 75 people turned up for Saturday’s event on Plymouth Avenue N., where donated crates of food remained from protesters’ recent Thanksgiving dinner, held one day after Clark’s funeral. He was shot by officers during a domestic abuse call; police have said he was trying to wrestle away an officer’s gun.

Supporters gathered in a large circle and heard speeches from about a dozen community members, who said they want to dismantle false narratives about African-Americans.

Wintana Melekin, of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, said anti-black rhetoric is often used to divide East African immigrants from African-Americans. This can cause people to see themselves as Somali, for example, instead of black, she said.

“There is no way to separate the two,” she said. “We are one people.”

Activists echoed that in order to be successful in getting their demands met, all black residents — regardless of their background — need to join the cause.

Omar, who is running for state representative, used Friday’s shooting at a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood clinic, where a white gunman is thought to have killed three people, as an example of how police interactions with black suspects tend to have different results.

“He killed cops and he killed other people, and he walked away alive, unharmed,” she said. “I stand up because I know things need to change, and we can’t see change unless we see it in the State Capitol. Unless we have people who look like us and share our pain.”

Several events were planned Saturday night, including a “Midnight at the Precinct” celebration with food, music and movies. Protesters pledged to hold twice-daily meetings to update the crowd on future plans.

<http://www.startribune.com/smoke-looming-snow-prompt-fire-chief-to-head-to-police-protest-site/358165061/>

Small wood fires at the protest encampment outside the police station in north Minneapolis drew the attention Sunday of the city's fire chief, who has concerns about emergency vehicles being able to get through as a substantial snowstorm looms Monday and Tuesday.

Fire Chief John Fruetel met briefly with protesters, who have been outside the Fourth Precinct police headquarters for two weeks since an officer fatally shot Jamar Clark. Their presence blocks all lanes of traffic on Plymouth Avenue, a key east-west thoroughfare on the North Side.

The chief alerted the news media to the meeting, but Black Lives Matter activists blocked reporters and photographers from covering it.

Fruetel issued a statement explaining that "we want to make sure the community is safe, and they are safe. We have a storm coming, so we talked about that a little bit."

Fire officials are not acting yet to address their concerns. "We had a conversation about [removing the firewood and fire pits], and we'll see how that goes," the chief added.

Fruetel said he was received "very well" by the activists and came away believing "they will make some room for us, and we will continue the conversation and come up with some resolution. We are observing from afar. ... We are concerned about the snow coming and getting the emergency vehicles through the street."

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As of midafternoon Sunday, 50 or so protesters were maintaining at least five small fires, and stacks of firewood were blocking Plymouth Avenue.

Last week, Minneapolis Urban League President Steve Belton urged an end to the vigil to "restore order" to the area, which he said has endured gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires, and hours of helicopter noise.

The Black Lives Matter protesters have been dug in outside the police station since Clark, a 24-year-old black man, was shot in a struggle with police late at night a few blocks to the east on Nov. 15.

Two police officers are on administrative leave as the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and federal authorities investigate the shooting.

Some activists contend that Clark was handcuffed at the time he was shot. The head of the police union said that Clark was not cuffed.

<http://www.startribune.com/jon-tevlin-no-easy-solutions-in-north-minneapolis/357347951/>

As hundreds of protesters streamed into downtown Minneapolis on Tuesday night, a defiant show of disgust after a white man allegedly shot five black protesters outside the Fourth Precinct station, one of the demonstration's leaders reminded the crowd of the obvious: "The world is watching us."

The shooting by police of Jamar Clark, and the demonstrators, have indeed brought the state the kind of recognition that we don't want, the kind that visited Chicago last week and Ferguson, Mo., almost exactly a year before.

Until the protests that shut down the neighborhood, and at times parts of downtown, the rest of the world has known Minnesota as the place so frequently listed on those "best of" indexes and magazine stories.

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What they likely learned over the past week, however, is that Minnesota is also a place where some white racists feel confident enough to come "locked and loaded" to a demonstration about race for "a little reverse cultural enriching."

The New York Times' John Eligon, who has written about the political impact of Black Lives Matter, had a Minneapolis dateline, as did the Washington Post's Wesley Lowery, a national reporter who covers justice, race and politics.

In short, the world was learning, perhaps for the first time, that progressive Minnesota is a great place to be white, but not such a great place to be black.

We've known it for a while, as local leaders have struggled with how to combat some of our state's more shocking statistics for black residents. The education achievement gap, for example, is considered one of the worst in America. The disparity between the median household incomes of white and black residents is drastic, and even though Minnesota has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, blacks are nearly four times more likely to be unemployed.

One index, 24/7 Wall St., called the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area "one of the worst cities for black Americans." WalletHub analyzed census indicators such as household income, homeownership and educational attainment and ranked Minnesota as "the worst state for financial inequality."

It was against this backdrop that the death of Jamar Clark and the historic tensions between police and residents in north Minneapolis played out on the international stage.

The fragility of that relationship for me was encapsulated in the 12 hours surrounding Clark's shooting. On the warm Saturday afternoon before the incident, Fourth Precinct Inspector Mike Friestleben stood in the bleachers at TCF Bank Stadium among hundreds of people there to support North High School's bid for a state championship. Friestleben, who is white and grew up in the neighborhood, cheered and high-fived people around him. North High's school resource officer and member of the MPD, Charles Adams, was on the field coaching the team.

By the next morning, Friestleben was the target of angry protesters yelling at police through bullhorns. Overnight, the trust the precinct's officers had worked to develop had exploded. Friestleben spent the next day walking through the crowd, hugging friends and pleading for calm.

Ron Edwards, an activist who has lived on the North Side since 1947, said he was “saddened” to see Friestleben get attacked. “He’s worked very hard to develop a relationship with the community,” Edwards said. “This is a guy who works, he’s out there every day and has relationships at the upper end and the lower end of the neighborhood.”

Part of the problem, Edwards said, is that many who became involved in the protests, particularly in the vandalism and bottle and rock throwing, were not people who know Friestleben or any of the officers personally.

“There are some people who feed on turmoil and have no solutions,” said Edwards. “There is fragmentation of the black community, and there is no central strategy” to the protests. There are also many competing agendas among the demonstrators, Edwards said.

Add to that a long history of abuse or neglect of residents by police that has created a notion of the police precinct as a garrison, and of the area as a garrison state, Edwards said. “I’ve seen the struggle over the years to develop a culture where people can level with each other and trust each other,” he said. “But now we are in 2015 and nothing has changed.”

Almost from the start, the family of Clark has asked protesters to stop the encampment outside the north Minneapolis police station. But many protesters have ignored those requests, giving a clear indication that this is bigger than any one person. Those protesters, the vast majority of them appearing to be under 30 years old, also exposed a generational gap. They ignored advice to disband by the Urban League’s Steve Belton, considered one of the old guard of the black community, and by U.S. Rep Keith Ellison.

Scott Dahlquist was an officer in the precinct from 1988 to 2013 and said the history is hard to bury.

“The tension ebbed and flowed over the years that I worked there, but it was always there in the background; those of us who worked there just came to see it as part of the landscape,” Dahlquist said. “I like to think I tried my best to be a decent and honorable officer, but dealing with the impact of so much history felt like swimming upstream against an overwhelming current. I saw programs come and go, but two constants were the unrelenting demand of 911 calls for service, and constantly [being] caught between a community which wanted to be safe, and yet not be ‘hassled’ by the police.”

“People want heroes and villains,” Dahlquist said. “But real life is just too messy and violent.”

<http://www.startribune.com/u-s-rep-ellison-emerges-as-key-political-leader-in-jamar-clark-unrest/357302041/>

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison abruptly left Washington earlier this month to fly back to Minneapolis and emerged at the center of explosive confrontations between black activists and police outside the Fourth Precinct station.

In those first, uncertain days after a fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in north Minneapolis, Ellison displayed credibility among different factions of the black community, and also had stature in the mayor's office and could help broker a sit-down meeting between Gov. Mark Dayton and the family of the shooting victim, Jamar Clark.

The unrest has elevated Ellison's profile, but it has also become his biggest test yet as a political leader trying to negotiate a truce in the latest flare-up of long-running tensions between police and the local black community.

"People have successfully gotten the attention of political leadership," Ellison said from the protest site, less than a mile from his home. "We just have to make sure we do not waste it, and we make sure we gather it up and turn it into some tangible benefits for the people here."

Striking a tone that was conciliatory but also challenging, he added: "There's absolutely no doubt that we have to get established, responsive government."

The unrest hit uncomfortably close to home for the fifth-term Democrat just a few days after the shooting. During a particularly fraught night, his son, Jeremiah, was photographed with his hands up as police in riot gear pointed a gun toward him and other protesters. Ellison later shared the photo on his Twitter account, calling it "agonizing." It was retweeted nearly 4,000 times.

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Behind the scenes, Ellison, 52, has been navigating several constituencies, including the governor's office, city officials, progressive allies and black activists who themselves are split over how to best accomplish their goals. Some black community members say they hope the shooting will finally get the attention of state leaders, whom they say have allowed Minnesota's racial disparities to fester for decades.

Those connected to Ellison say his latest role is one that he has honed after years of deep involvement in divisive racial issues around Minneapolis. They say he radiates a cool confidence in person, and is enormously skilled at connecting with people in the midst of conflicts.

“People who don’t know him, especially from outside of Minneapolis, see a firebrand out in the streets, playing that one really important role he plays, rallying the community to be empowered,” former Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak said. “The other role that most people don’t see, that I have the benefit of, is a very savvy adviser who would never moderate his views but would bring a sophisticated understanding of how government worked.”

Matt Entenza, a DFL activist who has known Ellison since law school and from their time as state legislators, said Ellison has “been a bridge between Minneapolis northsiders and the Capitol. He’s able to do that because he’s got the credibility of someone who’s lived there for years, and has worked there. He also has credibility with the governor, as someone who is not a bomb-thrower but a bridge-builder.”

Activism stretches decades

Ellison, a Detroit native who first moved to Minnesota for law school, has been a civil rights activist in the state since the late 1980s, when he studied law at the University of Minnesota. He stayed in Minneapolis and for nearly a decade hosted a public-affairs show on KMOJ-FM, a radio station popular with the Twin Cities black community. The role, Ellison wrote in his 2014 autobiography, “helped forge my place within the community.” It was also a platform for residents to have a voice when racial incidents would spark outcry.

“Whenever a police shooting occurred, certain people in the community would speak out against the brutality,” Ellison wrote. “We would speak out whenever an incident of racial injustice occurred — from police brutality, to unfairness in government contracting, to the low graduation rate among black kids.”

As a young lawyer, Ellison first worked in private practice, handling commercial litigation. “Eventually I lost interest in representing corporations fighting other corporations over a king’s ransom,” he said.

His activism led him to run for, and win, a seat in the Legislature. He was partly motivated by the lack of black state legislators after testifying before a state legislative committee. “What struck me at the time was the absence of ethnic or gender diversity,” he wrote. “They were all white men. And I wondered if they could truly relate to the kids I was talking about.”

Ellison went on to become the first black Minnesotan elected to Congress.

State Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, said that Ellison’s record on civil rights and racial equality matters have earned him respect among black activists.

“What Keith has been able to do, frankly, is establish himself as a real leader, ever since he started in law school, and also his work in the Legislature, pushing things like environmental justice,” Hayden said.

Smoothing over differences

Ellison also has had to navigate increasingly raw tensions among black activist groups — divisions that are falling largely along generational lines. The older black leaders have called for an end to the protest

encampment outside the police station, but younger activists don't want to lose the chance to draw attention to their cause and their demands for justice.

Ron Edwards, 76, a longtime local civil rights leader, and others have criticized young activists from the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter, disapproving of some of their more aggressive tactics.

"I have been out here for well in excess of 55 years," Edwards said. "I know how difficult it is to do battle with the system."

Edwards credited Ellison with balancing the demands of competing factions. "In the case of the congressman, he has done the best that he is able to under the circumstances he is confronted with," Edwards said.

Dora Jones, founder of a St. Paul nonprofit, Mentoring Young Adults, said younger leaders are filling an important void.

"The younger generation of leaders who are emerging are absolutely frustrated. They're angry. They're upset," Jones, 50, said. "The older leaders — somebody dropped the ball, and the young leadership, they're not having it. They're working hard, getting a lot of the work done that older leaders should have done."

She expressed wider disillusionment with state political leaders, including Ellison, who she said have taken their votes for granted. She points to the decades of stubborn racial disparities that have persisted in Minnesota, and elsewhere.

"Election after election after election and we're still getting the same," Jones said. "They come around election time, they get our vote, and then we don't see them anymore."

Ellison has struck a cautious tone at times, particularly in dealing with activists. He has urged protest organizers to focus more on safety after five protesters were shot and injured last week.

Nonetheless, he has championed the demands by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, who want any video of the Clark shooting released, as well as calls for an independent investigation. He also supported the release of the officers' names in the shooting.

"I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity," Ellison said in a recent statement.

As for the divisions within the black community, Ellison said they shouldn't stand in the way of their larger aims for racial equality.

"It's OK for a little tension," he said. "We're all going the same direction."

<http://www.startribune.com/police-union-criticizes-afscme-for-support-of-jamar-clark-protesters/356158961/>

St. Paul police union officials this week criticized the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3800 for its support of protesters condemning the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police, calling it "so biased and ignorant - it is useless to even debate."

In a news release, St. Paul Police Federation president David Titus said he was "highly disappointed" with a Nov. 15 resolution of support put out by Local 3800, as well as the presence of the union's members at protests outside the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

The labor union, which represents University of Minnesota clerical workers, called the shooting an outgrowth of "deep-seated, systemic racism that persists in our country where young people of color are profiled, criminalized, brutalized by police all across America." Local 3800 members also held a rally in solidarity with Black Lives Matter last weekend near where Clark was shot.

Clark was shot in the early morning of Nov. 16 after a physical confrontation with police officers responding to a disturbance call at his sister's North Side apartment building. His death prompted days of public protests demanding an end to police brutality and the firing of the officers involved.

Last week, state and federal authorities opened separate investigations into the incident.

The police union response read, in part:

"If you truly are 'in solidarity with workers worldwide' as your website displays - why were you not protesting the unsafe working conditions that rank and file officers (and possibly some AFSCME employees) endured this last week at the 4th Precinct? Bricks, rocks, mace and Molotov Cocktails were used against brother and sister union members. Where's the outrage? Where's the solidarity you speak of?"

Local 3800 leaders noted the union has a "longstanding belief in the need for solidarity between working people and an injury to one worker is an injury to all workers," and joined protesters in demanding the release of any bystander and surveillance video of the incident. But Federation officials encouraged to "remember that there are men and women who gave an oath and work under very dangerous conditions every day protecting your rights to do so."

Titus further urged the labor union to "replace" its statement "with language that is more reflective of your practices."

The Minneapolis police union, which has defended the officers, has yet to release a statement of its own, but reposted the St. Paul release on its Facebook page.

<http://www.startribune.com/police-shooting-disparities-spur-talk-of-special-session/357040211/>

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota's lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session, though some acknowledge the issues may prove too weighty to take on in a one-day legislative blitz.

This month's death of a black man shot by Minneapolis police only amplified calls to address longstanding — and widening — economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

Though Gov. Mark Dayton and other prominent Democrats have publicly backed tackling such issues, any agenda is murky. It could include some measures the Legislature considered earlier this year, such as workforce development grants to train chronically unemployed minorities and a small business incubator program for minority entrepreneurs. Others have suggested providing financial incentives to businesses to hire minority employees like the state currently does for veterans.

But with Jamar Clark's death leading to high tension between police and protesters outside of a Minneapolis police precinct, Rep. Raymond Dehn said criminal justice matters may need to wait for a full airing in 2016.

"Emotions are raw. The community is in a lot of pain. A lot of people have said a lot of things but we also have to be thoughtful and engage the community on the way they see improving the community and police relationship," said Dehn, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the north Minneapolis area where Clark was killed.

The Legislature isn't set to return until early March. Dayton's initial request for a special session was meant to extend unemployment benefits for laid-off steelworkers on the state's Iron Range. But top Democrats spurred talk of addressing the longstanding racial disparities as well.

A recent U.S. Census Bureau report shows median incomes for black Minnesota residents plunged by 14 percent from 2013 to 2014, while poverty rates increased from 33 percent to 38 percent. The statewide poverty rate for all races remained stable at 11 percent.

State demographer Susan Brower said there's reason to question whether the one-year swing was as severe as suggested, but that it's indisputable that black residents in Minnesota aren't faring as well as the rest of the state.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden, one of three black lawmakers in the 201-member state Legislature, wants to start a possible special session with proposals that got a thorough airing last session but didn't make it across the finish line.

"It by no means would solve the issue but it would send a strong signal to these communities that the Legislature is concerned about it and wants to start working on it," the Minneapolis Democrat said. "You're seeing people very isolated in terms of their ability to participate in society — get a job, take care of their families, buy a home."

Hayden and Dehn both acknowledged that broader proposals may have to wait, such as lowering drug sentencing guidelines, altering policing standards and restoring voting rights to felons more quickly after they're released from prison.

House Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the economic disparities in a special session, with House Speaker Kurt Daudt saying the Legislature shouldn't single out Iron Range miners or a minority community but instead pass policies that help all residents.

House Majority Leader Joyce Peppin said she's worried about overloading an agenda.

"Every week there's a new topic," she said. "And it's getting to the point where maybe we should just handle this in 2016," she said.

Regardless of whether a special session takes shape, Hayden said he's preparing bring a full slate of proposals to the 2016 session that are designed to tackle systemic problems.

"We have kicked the can down the road on disparities for a long time," Hayden said.

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One of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark has been accused in a federal lawsuit of excessive force during an arrest four years ago in Richfield.

Dustin Schwarze, then serving as a Richfield police officer, is alleged to have deployed a Taser on the passenger of a vehicle pulled over by officers early on the morning of Dec. 11, 2011.

He also is accused of threatening to beat the alleged victim, Nataniel Hanson, and a second passenger if they exited the vehicle.

According to U.S. District Court documents, action on the lawsuit began in Hennepin County on or about Nov. 5 — 10 days before Clark was shot to death in north Minneapolis. Also named as defendants are officers Nate Kinsey and Aric Gallatin and the city of Richfield.

The case was moved from Hennepin County District Court to U.S. District Court last Tuesday, court records show.

Schwarze joined the Minneapolis force in September 2014 after serving almost six years with the Richfield Police Department. In 2009, a federal lawsuit was dismissed alleging he forced a man to become a police informant through false arrests and threats.

Hanson's complaint states that he was riding in the rear of the vehicle that was stopped by police at 2:27 a.m. on Dec. 11, 2011. Schwarze put the driver through one or more field sobriety tests, and also

warned the two passengers that he would “beat the [expletive]” out of them if they got out of the vehicle.

He pointed a Taser at Hanson as he spoke, the suit alleges.

A short time later, a police sergeant approached the back seat with Schwarze, and the sergeant ordered Hanson to exit the vehicle. Thinking that the seemingly contradictory order might give Schwarze an excuse to beat him or deploy the Taser, Hanson remained inside the vehicle, and then was struck in the face by Kinsey with a closed fist, the suit alleges.

Hanson also claims that Kinsey punched him about nine more times while Hanson was prone on the ground with his hands above his head.

Schwarze deployed the Taser three times, the suit states.

In addition to the excessive force claim, the suit alleges Hanson was subject to false arrest, and it seeks damages of more than \$50,000.

According to Hennepin County District Court records, Hanson, now 33, was convicted of a petty misdemeanor of failing to wear a seat belt in connection with a Dec. 11, 2011, incident, and was required to pay fees and a fine totaling \$103.

An attorney representing the officers and the city of Richfield could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

<http://www.startribune.com/some-questions-answers-about-minneapolis-police-shooting/356156671/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted nearly two weeks of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal authorities continue to investigate.

Jamar Clark was shot in the head Nov. 15 and was taken off life support a day later. Police initially said the 24-year-old was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police said Clark struggled and was shot by an officer. Some who claim they saw the shooting said Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Here's a look at the case and what lies ahead:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?

There are still many unanswered questions and different versions of events. While some say Clark was handcuffed, an attorney for one of the officers has said Clark wasn't handcuffed and had his hands on an officer's gun when he was shot. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has said handcuffs were at the scene and investigators were trying to determine whether they were on Clark or had simply fallen. Few other details have been released.

WHO'S INVESTIGATING?

There are two criminal investigations underway. The state BCA is determining whether the two officers — Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze — violated state laws. The results of their investigation will go to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who will present the case to a grand jury for possible charges.

The FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are conducting a federal investigation to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

WHICH OFFICER SHOT CLARK?

Authorities and attorneys for the officers haven't said. Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze are on paid administrative leave while the investigations continue. Each of the officers has about seven years of experience, including roughly 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department.

WHAT DOES THE VIDEO SHOW?

That's unclear. At least some portions of the incident were captured by various video sources — including an ambulance camera, a mobile police camera and the cellphones of some bystanders — but authorities have said that none show the event in full. Gov. Mark Dayton said he viewed the ambulance video and it was inconclusive. Protesters have demanded that video be released, but authorities have said doing so at this time would taint the investigation.

HAS THERE BEEN VIOLENCE?

Five protesters suffered gunshot wounds that weren't life-threatening after some men who didn't appear to belong at the protest started shooting when told to leave. The shooting happened after days of racially disparaging comments had been posted online.

Four men were arrested and a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether to charge them. The men are all in their 20s. Three are white, and the race of the fourth is Asian.

There have also been occasional clashes with police and ongoing tension between officers and protesters. But overall, the protests have been peaceful.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Clark's death has also amplified calls to address economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

At Clark's funeral Wednesday, several speakers gave impassioned calls for justice. Bishop Richard Howell told mourners it's time to take their demands to the next level. "Now we have the opportunity and the

need to move forward from the 4th Precinct to the Capitol of Minnesota," he said. He added that it's time for a special session to address the community's needs, an idea Dayton has backed.

As far as rallies go, members of the East African community plan to stand in solidarity with protesters at the precinct Saturday, and an outdoor church service is planned at the site Sunday.

<http://www.startribune.com/black-lives-matter-protesters-prepare-for-thanksgiving-day-feast/354949271/>

About 100 people gathered outside the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis on Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family brought together in a time of turmoil.

They huddled around fires, prayed and gave thanks while sharing overflowing plates of donated food beneath the falling snow. It marked the 12th day of protests outside the precinct headquarters since Jamar Clark died after being shot by police Nov. 15.

The gathering, which protesters called "BlacksGiving," came a day after Clark's family laid him to rest. At the Wednesday funeral, more than 300 people paid their respects and said goodbye to the man whose death has drawn attention from around the nation.

Clark was removed from life support Nov. 16, less than 24 hours after he was shot in a struggle with officers. Witnesses have said Clark, who was unarmed, was handcuffed when he was shot. Police deny that claim, saying Clark was interfering with paramedics tending to his girlfriend, the victim of an assault. A police union leader has said Clark was reaching for an officer's gun.

On Thursday, protesters bowed their heads and prayed for Clark and his family.

"It's really powerful to see community solidarity on Thanksgiving," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, Minneapolis NAACP president. "We are going to persevere until we see change."

Ray Lockman ate her Thanksgiving dinner by the fire during BlackGiving event in front of the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct station.

More

Police watched from behind barricades as protesters dug into their mashed potatoes and gravy, turkey and pumpkin pie.

Zion Baptist Church Pastor Brian C. Herron led the protesters in a prayer. Herron said the church must be present when the community is trying to heal after a tragedy.

"The church cannot be silent on the issue of justice," he said.

Volunteers erected an insulated food tent outside the Fourth Precinct, and the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church donated meals for the gathering.

Rochelle Garcia, 39, came to the precinct with a group from Zion Baptist Church. She said she hopes to bring her children along with her next time.

“You have to do something about it even if it’s to come and pray,” she said.

Community donations

Dozens of North Side residents donated heaters, tents and traditional Thanksgiving fare for the event. A steady stream of homemade pies were delivered to the food tent in the hours before the dinner.

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Ten restaurant-style heat lamps lined the block in front of the precinct station on Plymouth Avenue N., and demonstrators also gathered around campfires that have been glowing all week. Tarps, collecting snow, were covering large stockpiles of firewood on either end of the street.

Kristine Hamer, 27, kept warm by the fire with her 7-year-old daughter, Alejandra. Hamer has spent eight days at the protests with her daughter. Each day after school, she said, they head over to the precinct.

Hamer said her daughter understands the situation.

“I don’t want someone hunting her down,” she said. “I want change for everyone.”

The Tatanka Truck — a food truck — parked outside the encampment offering smoked turkey, hominy soup and hot cedar-maple tea to protesters.

A couple of protesters began to boo when two police officers stepped outside to walk around the encampment, but they were quickly quieted by fellow demonstrators.

Wesley Martin and Clark’s cousin, Cameron, limped around the encampment on crutches. Both Martin and Cameron Clark were shot Monday in an apparently racially motivated attack near the precinct. Four men are in jail in connection with the attack.

Members of the community came up to Martin and Cameron Clark to thank them for their courage.

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“It’s tough in the morning but then I get up and get walking, and it’s all good,” Martin said.

Several men have stepped in since Monday to provide security to protesters at the precinct, Levy-Pounds said.

At the Thanksgiving feast, Levy-Pounds said a prayer for the five protesters shot Monday. She encouraged protesters to thank Martin and Cameron Clark, as well as offer support to the mother of a man who is still in the hospital after he was shot in the stomach.

She reminded the crowd that Jamar Clark's family could not celebrate the holiday with him.

"We care about Jamar and what happened to him," she said. "We are going to continue standing strong and persevering."

Community leaders, including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, have asked protesters to end their encampment. But demonstrator Jeremy Little said that within the unrest, the community found a place to heal in front of the police station.

"Right outside our oppressor, we found peace," he said.

A church service will be held in front of the station on Sunday, Levy-Pounds said.

<http://www.startribune.com/thanksgiving-meal-at-planned-at-minneapolis-protest-site/354815331/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Protesters and community groups are planning a community Thanksgiving dinner outside of a Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have been camped out for more than a week.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds says everyone is welcome to attend the Thanksgiving meal at 3 p.m. Thursday.

She said the meal is being hosted by the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church and designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 by Minneapolis police after authorities said he struggled. Some who say they saw the shooting alleged he was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds says it has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

http://www.twincities.com/minneapolis/ci_29178391/minneapolis-fire-chief-visit-black-lives-matter-encampment

The Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel met with Black Lives Matter protesters at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct on Sunday to discuss the department's safety concerns about the numerous bonfires in the area and winter storms approaching this week.

The department had safety concerns "in regards to the growing (number of) fires and emergency access to the area particularly in relation to the weather forecasts which are calling for significant winter storms over the next few days," according to statement by

Bryan D. Tyner, assistant chief of administration for the fire department.

Protesters have been camped out at the precinct since Nov. 15, when police fatally shot Jamar Clark, a young, unarmed black man. The area outside the precinct has turned into a small camping village with tents, fire pits, cartons of donated food and even a medics station.

Earlier, Tyner had said fire officials wouldn't make demands on the protesters. "We will be having conversations only," he said.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29176458/minneapolis-police-shooting-disparities-spur-talk-special-session

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota's lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session, though some acknowledge the issues may prove too weighty to take on in a one-day legislative blitz.

This month's death of a black man shot by Minneapolis police only amplified calls to address longstanding — and widening — economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

Though Gov. Mark Dayton and other prominent Democrats have publicly backed tackling such issues, any agenda is murky. It could include some measures the Legislature considered earlier this year, such as workforce development grants to train chronically unemployed minorities and a small business incubator program for minority entrepreneurs. Others have suggested providing financial incentives to businesses to hire minority employees like the state currently does for veterans.

But with Jamar Clark's death leading to high tension between police and protesters outside of a Minneapolis police precinct, Rep. Raymond Dehn said criminal justice matters may need to wait for a full airing in 2016.

"Emotions are raw. The community is in a lot of pain. A lot of people have said a lot of things but we also have to be thoughtful and engage the community on the way they see improving the community and police relationship," said Dehn, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the north Minneapolis area where Clark was killed.

The Legislature isn't set to return until early March. Dayton's initial request for a special session was meant to extend unemployment benefits for laid-off steelworkers on the state's Iron Range. But top Democrats spurred talk of addressing the longstanding racial disparities as well.

A recent U.S. Census Bureau report shows median incomes for black Minnesota residents plunged by 14 percent from 2013 to 2014, while poverty rates increased from 33 percent to 38 percent. The statewide poverty rate for all races remained stable at 11 percent.

State demographer Susan Brower said there's reason to question whether the one-year swing was as severe as suggested, but that it's indisputable that black residents in Minnesota aren't faring as well as the rest of the state.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden, one of three black lawmakers in the 201-member state Legislature, wants to start a possible special session with proposals that got a thorough airing last session but didn't make it across the finish line.

"It by no means would solve the issue but it would send a strong signal to these communities that the Legislature is concerned about it and wants to start working on it," the Minneapolis Democrat said. "You're seeing people very isolated in terms of their ability to participate in society — get a job, take care of their families, buy a home."

Hayden and Dehn both acknowledged that broader proposals may have to wait, such as lowering drug sentencing guidelines, altering policing standards and restoring voting rights to felons more quickly after they're released from prison.

House Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the economic disparities in a special session, with House Speaker Kurt Daudt saying the Legislature shouldn't single out Iron Range miners or a minority community but instead pass policies that help all residents.

House Majority Leader Joyce Peppin said she's worried about overloading an agenda.

"Every week there's a new topic," she said. "And it's getting to the point where maybe we should just handle this in 2016," she said.

Regardless of whether a special session takes shape, Hayden said he's preparing bring a full slate of proposals to the 2016 session that are designed to tackle systemic problems.

"We have kicked the can down the road on disparities for a long time," Hayden said.

http://www.twincities.com/minneapolis/ci_29172004/minneapolis-police-suggested-protesters-wanted-shootings-report-says

The Minneapolis Police Department reportedly didn't respond to a request from The Guardian for comment on a story that suggests police told Jamar Clark protesters the activists "wanted shootings" that wounded five late Monday night.

A group of three or four masked men opened fire on protesters, according to multiple reports. None of the victims suffered life-threatening injuries.

The shooting elevated tensions and brought the Minneapolis protests renewed national attention.

After Jamar Clark's funeral Wednesday, protesters celebrated Thanksgiving and contemplated the future of their movement.

Here's a rundown of what's being said about the tumultuous protests and rhetoric surrounding the Jamar Clark killing:

Jamar Clark protesters "wanted the shootings," according to a Guardian report.

Jamar Clark protesters celebrated Thanksgiving as best they could, a Reuters report in the New York Times says.

Minneapolis was one bullet away from Ferguson, the Boston Globe editorial board wrote.

A protest in New York City is planned to show solidarity for Minneapolis protesters, according to a report from Newsweek.

The release of video showing a Chicago police officer killing a black teenager put Minneapolis protesters' demands into sharper focus, BuzzFeed reports.

The Star Tribune editorial board says be thankful Minneapolis officials called for an independent investigation into Jamar Clark's death.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29158086

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Five people were shot near a Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest late Monday night, according to police, and reports say more shots were fired late Tuesday night.

None of the five shot Monday suffered life-threatening injuries. No injuries were reported from the reported shooting Tuesday.

The shootings Monday occurred about a block from the police department's 4th Precinct, which remains the focal point of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reconvened at the 4th Precinct on Tuesday and marched to City Hall in downtown. Wednesday, Clark's funeral filled a North Minneapolis church.

Here's what the national media is reporting:

The Washington Post says police officers were scouring the ground for evidence late Tuesday night after more shots were allegedly fired on protesters.

From The Guardian: "The men who shot at the Minneapolis protesters want to scare all black people."

Slate asks, will investigators release the video of Jamar Clark's death now?

Protesters won't back down in face of violence , The New York Times reports.

A group raised suspicions before five were shot at police protest, according to the Chicago Tribune.

From Salon: White men are the face of terror: Race, Donald Trump, Fox News and the real story of the Minneapolis shooting.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54695760-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Charges are expected to be filed Monday against 4 suspects in the shooting of 5 people who were protesting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct a week ago.

Lance Scarsella, 23, admitted to an old high school friend that he shot the protesters Monday night in Minneapolis. That friend -- now a Mankato police officer -- told Minneapolis police, which led to a raid of Scarsella's Bloomington, Minn. home Tuesday morning. Officers recovered several guns, ammunition and tactical gear from the home.

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/54787087-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Ten days before a Minneapolis police officer was involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark, the officer was sued for excessive force. The lawsuit concerns the use of a Taser in the arrest of a man in 2011, when Officer Dustin Schwarze still worked for the Richfield Police Department.

Schwarze is one of two officers involved in Clark's shooting, according to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The other officer is Mark Ringgenberg.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/29/minneapolis-fire-chief-to-visit-protest-encampment/76536318/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Fire Chief John Fruetel met with protesters camped out at a north Minneapolis police station to discuss concerns about the growing campfires there and emergency access to the site.

Since the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15, Plymouth Avenue has been blocked outside the 4th Precinct. Barricades of wood pallets and firewood seal in the one-block urban campground between Morgan and Logan Avenues.

“This is really a main thoroughfare for fire and EMS, it's a main thoroughfare,” said Fruetel to protestors. “So if we can come to some kind of understanding on how we can make this work that would be awesome.”

Three to seven inches of snow is expected to fall Monday and Tuesday. This kind of snow storm comes with inherent emergencies firefighters and EMTs need to get to.

“We would not keep emergency personnel from getting through the street,” said Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis.

Grimm says the barricades were put up after several cars nearly hit protesters. She says the group has and will continue to move the barricades for emergency vehicles.

“Anytime a fire truck or an ambulance has needed to come up Plymouth, we have been able to move things out of the way within a minute and they can get through,” said Grimm.

Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Tyner tells KARE11 the department is still concerned the barricades won't be moved quickly enough in an emergency. He says the department does not have a full agreement with BLM yet to remedy the situation.

“We will continue our conversations with them and hopefully come to some resolution,” said Fruetel.

Tyner says the purpose of the conversation with protesters was also about fire safety, ensuring the campfires aren't too close to structures and propane heaters aren't placed inside tents.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3976668.shtml>

(with video)

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Fruetel and Assistant Chief Bryan Tyner said they would not be making any demands at the 4th Precinct on Sunday - they only planned to have conversations.

But they said their safety concerns have been raised by the winter storm expected to hit Minneapolis Monday and Tuesday.

The protesters have used portable fire pits to keep warm and have barricaded the street with firewood.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/30/officer-involved-in-clark-shooting-accused-of-excessive-force-in-2011/>

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http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/29/waiting-for-charges-protesters-hold-worship-service?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Hennepin County prosecutors have until noon today to charge four men connected with last week's shootings near a protest camp outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands
- The 4th Precinct protest shooting: The photos you haven't seen

The gunfire injured five black men who were protesting the police shooting death of Jamar Clark. Activists allege the four men in police custody are "white supremacists" who came to cause trouble.

At a faith service Sunday at the camp, people of all races stood together against racial hatred.

Using an upside-down trashcan as a podium, a minister led the crowd in song. Protesters of all races clasped one another's mittens and sang, "I pray for you. You pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive. I won't harm you."

Ruth Mhanga of Apple Valley, who is white, joined in the singing with her husband, who is black. With their 1-year-old son Musa in a stroller, Mhanga said she believes it's important for her toddler to be part of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Protesters show solidarity at a worship service. Laura Yuen | MPR News

"When there's important moments in history — and I feel like this is one of them — when he grows up, I want him to know we were a part of it," she said. "We didn't just sit at home and watch from afar, but we were active in our community and what's happening, and he was, too."

Mhanga said there's comfort in praying with others, and finding healing in the wake of so much hate.

New details of last Monday's shootings emerged last week in court. An application for a search warrant, filed Wednesday and published by the Star Tribune, revealed that one of the men in custody, Allen "Lance" Scarsella, 23, confessed to the shooting. According to the document, Scarsella, who is white, called a Mankato police officer he knew from high school and told the officer he had gone to the 4th Precinct to live-stream the protests.

MPR News doesn't typically name suspects before they are charged, but the search warrant names Scarsella.

- Saturday: Police shooting, disparities spur talk of special session

Nekima Levy-Pounds, a University of St. Thomas law professor who has helped lead the protests, said there's a double standard at play. "Can you imagine a situation where white Minnesotans were nonviolently, peacefully protesting and several armed black men showed up and white people got shot?" Levy-Pounds asked. "Don't think for a second the charges wouldn't have already been filed by now."

Minneapolis police said Nathan Wayne Gustavsson and Daniel Thomas Macey turned themselves in. Officers also arrested Joseph Martin Backman. All of the men are white, except Macey, who is of Asian descent.

A video obtained and posted by Black Lives Matter days before the shooting shows two masked men using racial slurs and flashing a gun while talking about their plans to visit the protest. The driver, who bears a resemblance to a fifth man arrested but who was later released, closes by pointing at the camera and saying, "Stay white."

Chris Hill, a cousin of Jamar Clark, said he approached a group of masked men right before the shooting broke out. "And I just asked them — 'Who are you? Are you here for Jamar Clark?'" Hill said. "And they immediately got upset, like 'We don't have to tell you who we are. We're not taking our masks off.' They got aggressive with us."

Hill said the men got into a confrontation with other demonstrators. A group started running after the men, but Hill said the group had stopped chasing them by the time the gunman opened fire.

"Everybody's still standing here at the back of the alley," Hill said. "And they just start shooting. It was like, 'Pow, pow, pow, pow, pow!' Like he was aiming."

Shvonne Johnson and Rev. Danny Givens, Jr. Laura Yuen | MPR News

Henry Habu, another protester, said he saw one of the masked men fall to the ground during the scuffle, get up and start shooting. Minnesota's self-defense law has a provision that requires someone facing threat to retreat, if possible, before responding with reasonable force.

The Rev. Danny Givens, Jr., an organizer with Black Lives Matter, said the men were looking to provoke and harm peaceful demonstrators. That's not self-defense, he said.

"You come up here, armored up. Why do they wear bulletproof vests? Why do they have firearms in their vehicle? That suggests they came down here with the intent to destroy, to destruct," Givens said.

But a friend of one of the suspects can't reconcile that image with the man he grew up with.

Kyle Weber said he's the best friend of Nathan Gustavsson, one of the four men in custody.

Weber was asked by a reporter to watch a six-minute video that appears to have been recorded by the shooting suspects before the altercation. In that group is a man sporting a red flannel jacket and scraggly facial hair. Weber said he has no doubt that is Gustavsson.

"I'm pretty upset," he said. "It's hard to accept; it's not like him. It's not who I grew up calling 'brother.'"

Regardless of whether the four men are charged today, protesters said they will continue to camp out at the 4th Precinct, even as a winter storm approaches.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/26/justice4jamar-protesters-gather-for-thanksgiving-outside-fourth-precinct/>

(mostly tweets)

<http://www.journalmpls.com/news/news/on-the-edge-of-journalism>

Questions for Jamar Clark protest live-streamers Unicorn Riot

When protestors blocked traffic on Interstate 94 for two hours on Nov. 16, the day after 24-year-old Jamar Clark died in a confrontation with police, Unicorn Riot was there, broadcasting live online to an audience of thousands.

Two days later, Minneapolis police and demonstrators clashed outside of the Fourth Precinct, and a growing online audience once again turned to the not-for-profit media collective's live-streaming video for scenes from the front lines of the protest.

The night before Thanksgiving the Southwest Journal sat down with Niko Georgiades and Lorenzo Serna, cohosts of the online news show "Deprogram" and Unicorn Riot's most visible journalists on the Jamar Clark story. It's Georgiades and Serna who provide the first-person narration for the live video and conduct interviews on camera, at times literally rubbing elbows with journalists from the mainstream media.

(Disclosure: I've known Georgiades since we were introduced through mutual friends about eight years ago.)

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Southwest Journal: What is Unicorn Riot?

Niko Georgiades: Unicorn Riot is essentially a media collective providing a platform for the voices of community struggle and for the voices that aren't normally heard within mainstream society. Unicorn Riot is giving that platform, is giving that push to have their voices heard and then to understand the social struggles that they're going through.

Lorenzo Serna: It's a learning process and everything we're doing is basically an experiment in real time. ... In order to be effective media people right now, we have to be able to move very quickly and change what we're doing very quickly and acknowledge that, you know, every situation is going to be a little bit different.

SWJ: How long have you two been doing this?

LS: I started doing media about four years ago. Before that, I was doing copy and I was in school for being a writer and stuff like that. And then I met different media activists from all over the world in New York City during Occupy Wall Street, and they shared all these ideas of how to, basically, look at the world and give it further — I don't know how you say it. Like, there's a narrative that's always happening, but how do we get that narrative to be accessible to as many people as possible?

NG: The media, for me, essentially the (Republican National Convention) in 2008 opened my eyes to the realm of media and how media was getting targeted while trying to document the police state that we were encroaching upon. ...

We started speaking about having Unicorn Riot as a creation in November of 2014. A lot of meetings, a lot of talks, endless hours. We got incorporated in March of 2015, late March, and we started filming in April of 2015.

LS: Unicorn Riot was a conversation between a lot of people. ... It's a horizontal organization, and so what you see as Unicorn Riot is really a discussion that happened between, now, up to 17 people.

SWJ: Do you see yourselves as objective journalists, as activists or somewhere in between?

LS: I look at myself as a journalist. I explained this the other day: I think objectivity kind of gets thrown away as soon as you choose a word. You chose one word, you didn't chose the other one, you're officially biased. So, I'm not that worried about it, I guess.

What I do when I'm out there is I'm constantly listening and letting people (watching online) hear what's happening, right? So, while I'm very close to what's happening, I still think there is that separation that's almost, in my eyes, necessary. ... This is what I do to give voice for people, is to kind of make that space for myself to be able just to observe and share what's happening.

And so, I view myself as very much a journalist.

NG: As far as it comes to biases, sometimes when we're live-streaming it's hard to not sound biased if the police are shooting at you or macing you, especially when you're seeing what you're seeing, when you're seeing nonviolent, peaceful protesters just sort of, maybe, standing there or blocking the way of the police, but it's a civil disobedience, nonviolent movement and they're getting beat and truncheoned and sprayed. And then when we're getting beat and sprayed, it's tough to not sound biased. ...

It's always (important to include) the context. It's always the: "This is where we were two hours ago, and this is how it started, and now all of a sudden this is happening."

LS: For me, I think that's part of what we're trying to all the time and something that we talked about when we were creating this, was just trying to provide context to social struggles, trying to provide context to the things that are happening. Because a lot of times we're experiencing things in 15-, 20-second clips of what's the most candy to that media organization. Usually it's going to be whatever's the most traumatic or just awful. ...

Even last night I was just streaming the camp. I was standing on the corner and I'm like, "This is what the camp looks like." And stuff like that is important, because no one can see that, that really this is just a bunch of people hanging out and being together. And just being able to provide that context for people I think is very important.

SWJ: Does your position outside of mainstream media give you better access when, for instance, you're covering something like the response to Jamar Clark's death?

NG: Yes. Mainstream media is frowned upon because of the corporate structure ... and I believe that people respect alternative media, first of all. And, second of all, in our case, it's a little different because (the Jamar Clark protest) is here and it's local and I'm friends with a lot of the people who are actually doing a lot of this stuff, so it was just an extension of circles.

So, it's like we're very welcomed in all spaces. We're invited to a lot of the spaces where anything is happening. We're invited to come along.

But I think the main thing is not only that comfortability, but we're invited because the world is watching, and they know if the world is watching they feel safer — "they" being the demonstrators, the community itself.

LS: I think my experience was a little different from his, because I'm not as familiar with folks. So, when I was first there, a lot of the neighborhood people would come up to me and be like, "What are you doing here?" and they would get angry with me. And I was like, hey, you're absolutely right, you're absolutely right. I'm not from here. I'm just holding a camera. I'm just trying to document what's happening, you know?

And I did a lot of that, just really listening to people and their issues with media, and I didn't try to explain ... that I was any different. I just acknowledged that they're right, these other experiences.

I did a lot of that work. It was to let people become at ease with me, and I don't think mainstream media does that really at all.

SWJ: So, what's been the response to your coverage?

NG: It's been very overwhelmingly humbling. A lot of people have been saying just a huge variety of things. People are watching it, making sure their friends are safe. People are watching it because they can't come. People are watching it to see what they can donate. People are watching it to take part in the movement from their house or from their phone, wherever they are because they're so busy living life.

Also, on some other levels, it seems that, OK, the police are watching it, so that's one strange thing. But, obviously, we would know that happened ... and from what we understand the state uses and utilizes some of the (Unicorn Riot live) streams to try to find violations from their forces.

To me, that's one of the most overwhelming things that we're hearing about the stream, personally, is that we're actually impacting the peaceful protestors' rights. We're protecting their rights to a certain level.

LS: I would say it's been overall very, very positive. People from the neighborhood will walk up to me and thank me. ...

I think that it's really that we've provided so much uncut footage of their neighborhood and what's going on really, to the point where they feel it's actually honest. And their experience, from what I've understood, has been that the media usually comes through and just portrays North Minneapolis as ... this kind of horrific situation that there's no light in. And I think that a lot of the people in that neighborhood think that's been unfair, and there's a lot of people who are trying to right societal problems that exist and are trying to create the world they want, really. And they're not really given that voice to be able to say that, and I think maybe that's why we get so much kind words thrown our way.

SWJ: What has been the response from other members of the media, the reporters and photographers who you're working alongside out in the field or who are sometimes using your clips in their reports?

LS: I think people are curious, it seems like. A lot of local affiliate groups have come up to us and want to do interviews and are saying people are watching what we're doing because we're kind of doing media in a completely different way they've never even thought of, and we can go into places they could never even get into. So, I think it's mostly that response, from what I've seen.

NG: The other realm is the news agencies that are taking our clips, and that — we're (copywriting our content) creative commons non-commercial share alike, and because of that it creates problems with us, personally, as a team, because we are not OK with commercial entities taking our footage. ... So, when we see KSTP or other such news organizations, or CNN, just taking our clips, it's like a stab in the foot. ...

But, within that, it's just a lot of respect that I've seen from other journalists. A lot of curiosity, more so. Murmurs. It's sort of a murmur here and murmur there: "It's Unicorn Riot." ...

KARE 11 comes up to us and talks to us like, Hey, hey, hey, how you doin'? And some others are just like murmuring and talking about us when we're right here.

WCCO, I'll go back to that real quick. Reg Chapman, he, during (events outside the Fourth Precinct Nov. 18), goes up to protestors who just got pepper-sprayed. He's there, and I was really surprised that a mainstream news source was almost embedded into the protest, and I got him on live stream.

“Hey, oh my goodness, we have WCCO right here, what’s happening?” And then when (Chapman) got pepper-sprayed, that was incredible. But, to me, he’s actually giving us a lot of respect, too. He’s been very respectful. “Hey guys, how you doing? Thank you for catching that.”

Overall, it’s been a very interesting scene to have The Guardian and Ruptly and all these other major news sources curious about how we’re doing it, what we’re doing.

LS: We’ve watched journalism change a lot and media production change a lot. Content production is all journalism really is right now, at least in all these sort of mainstream mags where they’re all just recycling each other’s stories and everything is flying around. The churn, churn, the churnalism. And I think that a lot of what we talked about was just trying to figure out how to make an organization that could send someone to go do journalism and stay somewhere for a while and learn and be able to follow a story as far as possible, to be able to share that. And that’s real work.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/29/ellison-protests-a-response-to-an-outrageous-situation/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Rep. Keith Ellison was a guest on WCCO Sunday Morning this week, and he spoke with Esme Murphy about the encampment at the 4th Precinct, where protesters are demanding justice following the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark.

While Ellison said there are several safety concerns regarding the encampment, the congressman said he understands what is driving the protests. He said it’s not just about Clark or the Minneapolis Police Department, but a part of something bigger.

“I could never lose sight on what’s propelling this whole thing, which is the fact that many people of color, low-income people and even a lot of white people feel that police mistreat them a lot,” he said.

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He added that even if some protesters are taking desperate measures, they are doing so in response to an “outrageous situation.”

“This is a serious problem,” Ellison said. “We cannot take away from it.”

Protesters have been camping out in front of the precinct on Minneapolis’ north side since the shooting of Clark on Nov. 15. They are demanding the release of any video that investigators possess.

“Here’s my take on this whole situation,” Ellison said on Sunday. “When Mayor [Betsy] Hodges and I asked for the Justice Department to investigate this case, and they agreed immediately, that was a good thing.”

The congressman expressed confidence in Vanita Gupta, the head of the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department.

“She believes that releasing the tape immediately would impede the investigation,” Ellison said, adding that the video should be released as soon as it’s safe to do so.

He said what happened in Chicago, in regards to the release of video in the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald, was unacceptable.

“We shouldn’t do what happened in Chicago – 400 days after the shooting incident and then the tape gets released,” Ellison said. “That’s outrageous.”

In the course of the 7-minute interview, Ellison also spoke about tactics used by protesters and police, guns and the Planned Parenthood shooting in Colorado.

Watch the full interview above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/25/rep-ellison-calls-for-protests-to-evolve-beyond-encampment/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Rep. Keith Ellison is calling for the protest at the 4th Precinct on Minneapolis’ north side to “evolve beyond encampment” following a shooting Monday night where five protesters were injured.

In a statement released to the media, the congressman said conditions at the encampment are not safe and that protesters have already seen many of their demands met.

“[T]he safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority,” Ellison said. “Monday night’s shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there’s no denying that conditions are unsafe.”

On Monday, a shooting happened just north of the encampment as protesters were ushering three alleged white supremacists away. Five protesters suffered injuries, all of which were non-life-threatening.

In his statement, Ellison said the shooting should be investigated as a hate crime. On Tuesday, police arrested three white men in connection to the shooting.

While the congressman has called for the protesters to re-strategize, protesters have recently said they’re not going anywhere.

Black Lives Matter protesters have been camping outside the 4th Precinct since Minneapolis police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15. Protesters say officers shot Clark in the head while he was in handcuffs. Police dispute that claim.

The protesters are demanding that video of the shooting be released from the investigating agency, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. That has not happened.

Previously, the protesters had asked for an independent investigation into the shooting and the release of the names of the officers involved. Both of those demands were met.

On Wednesday, Ellison attended Clark's funeral in north Minneapolis.

"I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark," he said in a statement, "and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protesters to demand meaningful change."

The congressman said changing racial inequality in Minneapolis will likely take years, not weeks. He urged the community to come together to ensure the future of an "equitable, just, peaceful society."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54134852-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Hundreds of people gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police on Nov. 15. Demonstrators continue to camp out at the Fourth Precinct, despite Clark's family asking for a day free of protests so they could mourn his death.

Others, including Rep. Keith Ellison, have said it's time for the protestors to move on from the Fourth Precinct.

After several men fired into a crowd of protestors on Monday night, Ellison said there is no denying the conditions at the Fourth Precinct have become unsafe.

"Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to move beyond the encampment," Ellison said in a statement.

Rep. Keith Ellison statement

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Photo Rep. Keith Ellison, others call for Jamar Clark protests to move beyond 4th Precinct

Monday night's shooting at the peaceful protest in front of the Fourth Precinct was appalling. I pray for the victims, and hope their recovery is quick. I demand the shooters be brought to justice, and I am relieved that three suspects have been arrested. The shooting of five black men at a protest focused on racial equity should be investigated as a hate crime.

I attended Jamar Clark's funeral today, and I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protestors to demand meaningful change.

Since the occupation of the Fourth Precinct, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has achieved a great deal. They asked for and received an independent investigation by the state and federal governments. They asked for and received the release of the officers' names. They met with Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, Governor Mark Dayton, and lawyers from the Department of Justice. They also received a commitment that the tapes of Mr. Clark's shooting will be shared with the family and made public as soon as it will not impede the investigation.

I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity.

They also held an impactful community march yesterday to raise awareness and show solidarity for justice.

I understand the power of exercising First Amendment rights. This activism has sparked a long overdue conversation about issues facing Black Minnesotans, which I know intimately as a North Minneapolis resident. As we continue our work on these critical issues, the safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority. Monday night's shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there's no denying that conditions are unsafe. Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to evolve beyond the encampment.

The changes we seek will likely take years, not weeks or months. But together, as a community, we can move forward to ensure that we all have an opportunity to live in an equitable, just, peaceful society.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3976147.shtml>

Minnesota lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session.

There's been no decision on whether such a session will take place. Gov. Mark Dayton has requested one to help laid-off steelworkers and also suggested addressing longstanding economic disparities among black residents.

This month's death of Jamar Clark, who was shot by Minneapolis police, has amplified calls for the Legislature to step in.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden is one of three black state lawmakers. He says the Legislature could provide job training grants for minority workers or start-up money for black entrepreneurs, but that broader issues involving community-police relations may have to wait until 2016.

Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the issue in a special session.

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<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/opinion/other-view/3892017-other-view-protecting-protesters-wake-minneapolis-shootings>

When gunmen fired at a group of demonstrators Monday night, 10 days of mostly peaceful protests in north Minneapolis took a terrible turn.

Several men who had behaved suspiciously reportedly were being chased by Black Lives Matter supporters when they turned, shot and wounded five protesters about a block from the protest site next to the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct. The shooting occurred at 10:45 p.m., making it easier for the gunmen to open fire before escaping into darkness. The protest encampment had been set up to protest the Nov. 15 officer-involved shooting death of Jamar Clark.

Since the vigil began, harsh words have been exchanged and some property damage has occurred, but for the most part the protests have been peaceful. That all changed Monday, making it sensible for protesters to heed the request of the grieving Clark family that they disband the tent camp for the safety of the demonstrators and the public.

The victims, all black men, were taken to hospitals with noncritical injuries, according to police. Authorities are reportedly discussing whether the incident should be treated as a hate crime.

There's no reason peaceful protests shouldn't continue, but they should occur under the safest possible circumstances. Holding rallies and marches during daylight hours, with appropriate security and communication with police, would make it less likely that protesters and the public would be at risk. Previous Black Lives Matter events in Minneapolis and St. Paul — as well as Tuesday's march and rally downtown — have been peaceful, in part because they most often have been announced in advance and leaders have collaborated with city and law enforcement officials.

Demonstrators should also take note of how many of their concerns already have been addressed. They demanded an independent investigation of Clark's death, and that effort is underway. They wanted the names of the officers involved in the shooting, and they have been identified. Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Police Chief Janee' Harteau and Gov. Mark Dayton have kept the lines of communication open with the Clark family and the protesters.

The last remaining demand is for the release of relevant video. Though this page favors as much transparency as possible during high-profile cases, investigators need to have time to interview

witnesses who have not been influenced by evidence being prematurely released. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger assured an editorial writer this week that the investigation will be thorough and remain independent of the efforts of Minneapolis police.

As the fact-finding continues in the Clark case, authorities must also seek justice for those shot Monday night. In the meantime, hopefully Black Lives Matter organizers and their supporters will take the advice of Clark's brother Eddie Sutton.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3975720.shtml>

The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted nearly two weeks of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal authorities continue to investigate.

Jamar Clark was shot in the head Nov. 15 and was taken off life support a day later. Police initially said the 24-year-old was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police said Clark struggled and was shot by an officer. Some who claim they saw the shooting said Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Here's a look at the case and what lies ahead:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?

There are still many unanswered questions and different versions of events. While some say Clark was handcuffed, an attorney for one of the officers has said Clark wasn't handcuffed and had his hands on an officer's gun when he was shot. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has said handcuffs were at the scene and investigators were trying to determine whether they were on Clark or had simply fallen. Few other details have been released.

WHO'S INVESTIGATING?

There are two criminal investigations underway. The state BCA is determining whether the two officers - Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze - violated state laws. The results of their investigation will go to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who will present the case to a grand jury for possible charges.

The FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are conducting a federal investigation to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

WHICH OFFICER SHOT CLARK?

Authorities and attorneys for the officers haven't said. Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze are on paid administrative leave while the investigations continue. Each of the officers has about seven years of experience, including roughly 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department.

WHAT DOES THE VIDEO SHOW?

That's unclear. At least some portions of the incident were captured by various video sources - including an ambulance camera, a mobile police camera and the cellphones of some bystanders - but authorities have said that none show the event in full. Gov. Mark Dayton said he viewed the ambulance video and it was inconclusive. Protesters have demanded that video be released, but authorities have said doing so at this time would taint the investigation.

HAS THERE BEEN VIOLENCE?

Five protesters suffered gunshot wounds that weren't life-threatening after some men who didn't appear to belong at the protest started shooting when told to leave. The shooting happened after days of racially disparaging comments had been posted online.

Four men were arrested and a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether to charge them. The men are all in their 20s. Three are white, and the race of the fourth is Asian.

There have also been occasional clashes with police and ongoing tension between officers and protesters. But overall, the protests have been peaceful.

Clark's death has also amplified calls to address economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

At Clark's funeral Wednesday, several speakers gave impassioned calls for justice. Bishop Richard Howell told mourners it's time to take their demands to the next level. "Now we have the opportunity and the need to move forward from the 4th Precinct to the Capitol of Minnesota," he said. He added that it's time for a special session to address the community's needs, an idea Dayton has backed.

As far as rallies go, members of the East African community plan to stand in solidarity with protesters at the precinct Saturday, and an outdoor church service is planned at the site Sunday.

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(with video)

The Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct was home to a Thanksgiving feast this year, where protesters have been camping out after the officer-involved shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The NAACP and Zion Baptist Church hosted the meal at 3 p.m. for the community to gather and heal, according to Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds.

Hundreds attended Clark's funeral on Wednesday at Shiloh Temple. Hours later, Minneapolis police released the names of four men currently in custody after a shooting near the 4th Precinct Monday night where suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, injuring five people.

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Photo Demonstrators share Thanksgiving meal at 4th Precinct

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3974919.shtml>

Protesters and community members dined on donated pies, macaroni and cheese and traditional Thanksgiving fare Thursday outside a Minneapolis police station that has been the site of ongoing demonstrations since an officer fatally shot a black man earlier this month.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds said the meal was co-hosted by her organization, Zion Baptist Church and Black Lives Matter. The event was designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Police say they were responding to an assault call on Nov. 15 in which Clark was a suspect and arrived to find Clark interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat the victim. Police say a scuffle followed and Clark was shot. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. State and federal investigations are underway.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds said it has become a place where the community can gather and heal. The Star Tribune reported that dozens of area residents donated heaters, tents and food for the event.

Video posted on Twitter by Black Lives Matter showed a group of people singing in thanks near a Black Lives Matter banner while dozens of others gathered around bonfires and tents pitched in the street.

The protesters have said they will not leave the encampment until authorities meet their demands, which include the release of video of Clark's shooting. State investigators have said they have video, but none of it showed the incident in its entirety, and they would not release it until their investigation is complete.

Another event is planned for Sunday. Levy-Pounds said an outdoor church service will be held at the police precinct at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether charges will be filed against four men who were arrested earlier this week after shots were fired at protesters, leaving five with injuries that were not life-threatening.

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http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/27/thanksgiving-demonstration?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

The protest outside the 4th Precinct police station lasted through the Thanksgiving holiday and the season's first snowfall.

"We're trying to keep everyone as warm as possible," said Shvonne Johnson, a demonstration organizer who was among hundreds at the open-air Thanksgiving dinner on Plymouth Avenue North. "But each person has their own choice to make. And I think people are bunding up in preparation for the weather and it looks like people are warm."

Demonstrators are heading into the 13th day of protests following the death of Jamar Clark, who was shot and killed by a police officer in north Minneapolis earlier this month.

"I came up on this place today, not knowing that they were actually occupying it on Thanksgiving," said demonstrator Leshoin Kimbro. "And I feel real happy right now. And thankful."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/26/community-thanksgiving-meal-planned-at-4th-precinct-protest-site/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Protesters and community groups are planning a community Thanksgiving dinner outside of a Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have been camped out for more than a week.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds says everyone is welcome to attend the Thanksgiving meal at 3 p.m. Thursday.

She said the meal is being hosted by the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church and designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 by Minneapolis police after authorities said he struggled. Some who say they saw the shooting alleged he was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds says it has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3974451.shtml>

(with video)

Steven Belton says Wednesday is a day of mourning for the Clark family, and really the entire north side.

Belton was at Jamar's funeral and said there were at least 70 family members there.

He says Thursday, order needs to be restored.

After 10 days of protests, marches and a community concert, some Minneapolis city leaders are calling for calm.

"I want them to press on, but press on in a different way," interim Urban League President Steven Belton said.

Belton says people have been trying to mourn, but he said many just don't know how.

"There's been a lot of loss in our community, a lot of violence, a lot of violence at hands of police, there's been lot of violence at each other.... we have become desensitized to violence, so sometime the first reaction is not to mourn but to become angry," he said.

Some protestors have said they plan to stay at the 4th Precinct as long as it takes. They want video tapes of the shooting released, but Belton says there are other ways to proceed.

"We've got different tactics, different strategies... this is more than an inconvenience. This is now a hazard to this community for them to be occupying here... we need to give much need relief to this community," he added. "What would you want people to know? I would hope your viewers take a step

back and imagine their 24-year-old son, nephew, friend was unarmed and was shot and killed by police.. just imagine those facts alone, what questions would you have to ask about that?"

Belton feels there is a clear and defined next stage in all this moving away from the 4th Precinct.

First, he said state and federal investigators need to be transparent and held accountable in their investigations.

Second, he says state lawmakers need to take note of North Minneapolis and try to help heal the major disparities that have been there for a long time.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/28/east-african-community-joins-protesters/76507940/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Twin Cities' local East African community says they're standing together for Jamar Clark.

On Saturday, community members joined the demonstrators outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect.

Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/opinion/national-view/3892014-red-blue-america-black-lives-matter-movement-inspiring-new-crime-wave>

FBI Director James Comey made waves last month when he suggested that the Black Lives Matter movement is leading to a national rise in crime rates, in part because police officers have pulled back from doing their jobs, wary of the scrutiny that might come with a viral video.

"I don't know whether that explains it entirely," Comey said, "but I do have a strong sense that some part of the

explanation is a chill wind that has blown through American law enforcement over the last year."

Considering what's happening in Minneapolis and elsewhere, is Comey right? Is crime actually on the rise?

Or are law enforcement officials merely warding off scrutiny?

Movement only wants police to obey the same laws they're sworn to uphold

Everybody wants to be safe. Nobody wants to be abused.

Are the two concepts in tension? It doesn't seem like they should be. It seems, in fact, like they're two sides of the same coin: If you're being abused, how can you feel safe? Too often in our history, the weight of law has been abusive and oppressive to black people in order to make white people feel safe. The Black Lives Matter movement, at its heart, simply expects that law-abiding people of color get to feel as safe as white folks traditionally do.

That's not anti-police. But it does demand police be the best they can be. It demands, at the very least, that officers not be bullies.

It is aggravating, then, to hear law enforcement officials suggest that such scrutiny could lead to more crime. As if the demand that officers not be abusive — that they obey the same laws they're sworn to uphold — is somehow burdensome. The reaction of Comey and his ilk feels menacing: "That's a nice town you have there," such officers seem to say. "Be a shame if something happened to it."

Here's the truth about crime rates: They're up in some cities. They're not up in others. In St. Louis, where there is a murder spike, the rise began before the death of Michael Brown, which is what set off protests in the first place. What we do know is that even with an increase in crime this year, crime rates will still remain relatively low compared to their modern highs in the early 1990s. There's no reason to push the panic button just yet.

I believe that most police officers honorably want to serve and protect their communities. I believe that most Black Lives Matter activists want to see laws enforced and their neighborhoods kept safe and peaceful. I believe that safe, peaceful neighborhoods can be created even when police eschew racial profiling and abuse.

The question is: Do our law enforcement leaders believe that, too? Right now, they're acting as if they don't.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/25/protesters-march-city-hall-after-precinct-shooting>

Protesters march to City Hall after precinct shooting

Protesters and students gathered on Tuesday in response to Monday night's shooting.

After a violent night left five injured, demonstrations over the Nov. 15 police shooting of Jamar Clark continued Tuesday.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis organized a march from the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct after the shooting of five protesters late Monday. Demonstrators called for less police violence and the release of videos taken when officers shot Clark.

Among those who trekked from North Minneapolis was a sizeable group of University of Minnesota students, who joined the marchers after student-led rallies on campus Tuesday.

Minneapolis police arrested four suspects Tuesday in relation to the shooting, two of whom turned themselves in. Police later released one suspect.

Michael McDowell, organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said police should have responded to Monday's shooting faster.

"We ran up on the scene and saw all those folks on the ground, and then probably like five minutes later the police came," he said.

Wesley Martin, a friend of Clark, was one of five injured in the late-night shooting. He was shot in the leg.

He said he followed a group of "shady" men away from the police building on Morgan Avenue North with a friend after the men yelled racial slurs at them.

Then, the men turned and opened fire into a crowd once they were out of sight of the police station, Martin said.

Still, he marched — cane in hand — with the rest of the crowd more than 2 miles to City Hall Tuesday.

"Ain't no bullet going to stop me," he said. "I [could] be in a wheelchair, and I'll still be out here."

McDowell said more than 1,000 people turned out for Tuesday's march. He said BLM plans to continue the protest at the precinct building and have events planned until Friday.

University protest

Some students left classes Tuesday to join the march after protests on campus.

Zaire Ishmael, a global studies senior who attended the protest at Northrop, said demonstrations are a way to begin a conversation but won't fix persistent issues.

"There needs to be a revolutionary change to the meaning of a community servant," he said. "It needs to be someone without a gun who knows the communities."

Student leaders such as Manuel Berduc, a Students for a Democratic Society officer, organized the walkout and transportation to the city's north side.

"Almost everyone is here," he said, adding that they expected more students to join the protest as the day continued.

Berduc said he was at the precinct the night of the shooting, which led him to organize protests with other student groups.

Roosbeh Shirazi, an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development, joined protesters on their journey downtown.

He said police violence toward civilians is “unconscionable” and he felt the march was a proper response.

“This is democracy,” Shirazi said. “This is citizenship.”

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/25/as-jamar-clark-is-laid-to-rest-a-call-for-peace/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Ten days after the controversial shooting of Jamar Clark, a funeral was held for the 24-year-old in north Minneapolis.

A city police officer shot and killed Clark during a struggle on Nov. 15. Community members say Clark was handcuffed when police shot him, but police dispute that.

Clark’s death has captured national attention, sparked non-stop protests on the city’s north side and divided community leaders.

As Clark’s funeral procession moved down Plymouth Avenue on Wednesday, it passed the exact spot where he was shot.

The procession also stopped at the 4th Precinct to acknowledge the protesters who’ve occupied the front lawn since the shooting.

“It’s just not Jamar, it’s a lot of people around the world that are experiencing racism, everywhere as a whole,” said protester Ruby Harvey. “This is a situation where we can unite and make change.”

At the funeral service at Shiloh Temple in north Minneapolis, hundreds of people attended Clark’s funeral to remember him and pray for peace in the weeks and months ahead.

“The family is not against the protesters they just want them to be more respectful,” said Arnetta Phillips, who attended the funeral.

There is concern the demonstrations could do more harm than good.

“It’s got to end. It’s got to stop,” said mourner Sheryl Wagner. “All the bickering, all the fighting. Bloodshed. Too many tears.”

Leaders of the Minneapolis Urban League called for Wednesday to be a day of mourning and asked the protesters to take a break. Rep. Keith Ellison also called for the protests to “evolve beyond encampment.”

But protesters showed no sign leaving the 4th Precinct until video of the shooting is released by authorities.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/25/4-jailed-for-protest-shooting-county-granted-extension/76390444/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Four men are now being held in connection to Monday's shooting that injured five people protesting near the Fourth Precinct.

On Wednesday, Minneapolis Police revealed a fourth person, a 27-year-old man, is being held in connection to the shooting. On Tuesday morning, police arrested a 23-year-old white man for the shooting. On Tuesday afternoon, two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. All four men are being held at the Hennepin County Jail.

Around 10:45 p.m. Monday, shots were fired into a crowd of people in the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North..They were there protesting the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was killed by police on Nov. 15.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office is working with Minneapolis Police as well as federal investigators on the shooting. As a result, the county asked for and was granted an extension to file charges against the men connected to the shooting. Originally, the county had until 4 p.m. Wednesday to file charges -- it now has until noon Monday.

"It just hurts. Can't move it all the way. I can't bend it. I can't do nothing until it heals," said shooting victim Wesley Martin.

One the 18-year-old says would help it feel better -- seeing the gunman and his friends held responsible.

"Definitely," Martin said.

Martin describes the moments before the shooting, as a group of protesters escorted out four men they say were acting suspiciously.

"I heard the N-word. And after that, everybody started rushing towards them. So we get to 14th and morgan and all I hear is pow, pow, pow, pow, pow," Martin said.

Martin says the shooting helped strengthen his presence at the occupation.

William Champion says he's already pushed that shooting aside.

"It ain't just a community fight. It's a nation fight," Champion said.

Known as "Mearl" around North Minneapolis, Champion's lived there 52 years. He's especially proud community members have protected the neighborhood - never allowing the protest to elevate to the riot. He hopes it makes a difference.

"This fight is not for me. This fight is for my kids," Champion said.

Because thinking of the future of his community is what brings out his emotions.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3974371.shtml>

(with video)

Authorities have identified four men arrested in connection to the shooting Monday night near Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct that injured five people.

Minneapolis police identified the men as 23-year-old Allen "Lance" Scarsella, 27-year-old Joseph Backman, 21-year-old Nathan Gustavsson and 26-year-old Daniel Macey.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office says prosecutors were granted an extension to consider charges against the four men, but that no decision would be made before Monday.

The shooting happened at 10:40 p.m. near 14th Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. The area is one block north of the 4th Precinct station at 1925 Plymouth Ave., where protesters have been stationed since the fatal officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday, Nov. 15.

None of the protesters who were shot suffered life-threatening injuries.

Gustavsson graduated from Hermantown High School in 2012. A yearbook notes him as a bowler and trap shooter.

His mother told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS that he was in jail, and she knew nothing more.

According to his Facebook profile, Scarsella attended the University of St. Thomas. He was also a member of the football team at Lakeville North High School.

"He was a kid that fit in with other kids, especially through the avenue of sports," said Brian Vossen, who coached Scarsella and was his teacher in 9th grade. "Certainly nothing harmful. Lance was a super nice kid -- as a student in class, good sense of humor."

On Wednesday afternoon, a police officer was guarding the entrance to the townhome in Eagan where Backman lives. Minneapolis police were apparently searching the property.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office said investigators are continuing to work on obtaining evidence in the case.

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-11-25/black-lives-matter-activist-taking-break-not-giving-justice-minneapolis>

Mohamed Samatar, a 23-year-old artist and activist in Minneapolis, has decided it's time to take a break. On Monday night, a group of white men shot into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, wounding five people. Protesters are calling it a hate crime; police and prosecutors not yet said whether they agree.

This story is based on a radio interview. Listen to the full interview.

"When you're going to a peaceful protest and there's a chance of someone coming in with a gun and shooting you down, that is fear," he says. "As a person who never dealt with war, it hits you hard. You wake up and you're like, because of the color of my skin today, I have to be in fear."

Black Lives Matter protests in the Twin Cities have escalated since a police officer killed an unarmed 21-year-old man, Jamar Clark, on Nov. 15. Protesters have taken over the block in front of the Fourth Precinct police station, just blocks from where the shooting occurred in north Minneapolis. They have not backed down, even after the Monday attack. Today, Clark's funeral procession paused at the precinct.

For Samatar's part, he's having a hard time processing that this attack could happen here, outside a police station with officers everywhere. He can't understand why it took a day to apprehend suspects.

"If you imagine three black men or three Muslim men stormed a football game, there would be a very different response," he says.

That's part of the reason he is headed out of town for a few days. But he's also just looking for a reprieve. He's a performance artist — he uses dance, photography and sound to tell stories — and he works at the Cedar Cultural Center, a venue that brings music from around the world to the Twin Cities.

"If you're in a situation where there's a lot of violence happening, it's hard to think creatively," he says. "My way of healing is leaving the geographical area — as my mom would put it, getting new fresh air."

Samatar grew up in Minneapolis but his parents are from Somalia. There are more than 20,000 Somali immigrants in Minnesota, according to the most recent census. His family has a strong sense of its Muslim identity. "Since 9/11, that's been something in our consciousness and how we moved in the world," he says. "Race was something that was secondary, growing up."

It has taken time for many Somali immigrants in the Twin Cities to know about and understand the Black Lives Matter movement. Many Somali immigrants do not have access to information about the violence or injustices happening in their cities. And they haven't learned about the Civil Rights era, Samatar explains. Telling someone who just came from a refugee camp, who does not yet understand what it

means to be a black person in America that they should align themselves with Black Lives Matter is a difficult thing to do.

"It's hard to put those expectations on someone," Samatar says.

Still, Samatar says for the most part, the Somali community stands with Black Lives Matter. "Growing up, civil rights was detached from my identity," says Samatar. Black Lives Matter has given him a chance to be open, to "let out these cries that I'm living in. It's hard being a young, black Muslim person in America today."

"We had an act of terrorism happen in a place I grew up in, I call home," he says. "But the hopeful thing throughout all this is that there's such an outstanding response of Minneapolis and our organizing community here. Using healing and love and music and art as a means to deal with these atrocities. And that's very much why I love Minneapolis and why this is so different from any other movement that has started here. There's a sense that this is real and we are here together. And justice will come. That's what we hope for."

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/25/the-shooting-photos-you-havent-seen>

(photos)

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/25/hundreds-mourn-jamar-clark-at-funeral-procession-more-demonstrations-planned/>

Jamar Clark was remembered at a visitation and funeral service at Shiloh Temple International Ministries Wednesday.

The Star Tribune says more than 300 people attended the open ceremony, including Rep. Keith Ellison, Sen. Bobby Joe Champion and former Minneapolis mayors R.T. Rybak and Sharon Sayles Belton.

Following the funeral, a procession brought Clark's body to the cemetery, but not before driving by the Fourth Precinct, where protesters quietly sang and raised their hands in solidarity, according to a live stream of the procession by Unicorn Riot.

As the vehicle carrying family members passed, they waved out the window and said "I love you all" to nearby protesters.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15. His death prompted #Justice4Jamar protests and demonstrations at the Fourth Precinct, as well as marches through Minneapolis.

No charges yet for shooting suspects

Prosecutors have received an extension to decide whether to charge four men suspected of shooting at protesters outside the Fourth Precinct on Monday night. The four remain in custody.

The original deadline for filing charges against them was Wednesday at 4 p.m. Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said in a statement he's been granted an extension until Monday at noon.

Demonstrations will continue

Protesters will continue to camp outside the Fourth Precinct police station, despite Jamar Clark's family asking for a day without protests so they could mourn him at the funeral service.

Community leaders, including the Minneapolis Urban League, also asked that no demonstrations of any kind be held Wednesday out of respect for Clark's family.

The organization asked that the vigil outside the police station end, with protesters declaring victory to allow the next phase – the investigation by federal and local officials – to take place.

Despite these pleas, protesters said they'll continue to demonstrate outside of the station until there is justice for Clark.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church told The Associated Press there will be an "emergency rally" Wednesday, with MPR News noting a rally is planned at 4 p.m. Wednesday, with a similar rally set for the same time in New York City and some other locations.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also has events listed on its Facebook page for this week, including #Blacksgiving on Thursday. Protests are expected to continue through the weekend, MPR News says, noting the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP is holding an outdoor church service at the Fourth Precinct Sunday at 11 a.m.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/25/pastor-says-jamar-clarks-death-wont-be-in-vain/76386442/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Several hundred people have turned out for the funeral of a Minneapolis man killed in a confrontation with police, cheering and applauding speakers who said Jamar Clark's death would not be in vain.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Howell told mourners during Wednesday's funeral that what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community. To a standing ovation, Howell said: "Jamar, your life did and does have purpose."

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Another rally is planned to mark Clark's death, despite pleas from some community members to avoid such actions on the day of his funeral.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church says protesters will hold what she called an "emergency rally" on Wednesday at the city's north side police precinct near where Clark died.

Ali spoke outside the church hosting Clark's funeral. She says protesters respect the family's wishes but aren't going anywhere "until we get justice for Jamar Clark."

Some community members also say it's time for a protesters' encampment to shut down.

Protesters have demanded that authorities release video of Clark's death. Ali noted that it took more than a year before Chicago officials on Tuesday released footage of the police shooting death of a black teenager. She says Minneapolis protesters will stay "even if it takes 400 days."

Steven Belton, Interim President of the Minneapolis Urban League, says demonstrators camping at the local police precinct have already achieved much of what they wanted, including the names of the officers involved and a federal investigation.

Belton says the vigil must end and that it's time to allow investigations to take their course.

Rep. Keith Ellison released the following statement regarding the shooting on Monday night, Clark's funeral and the current state of the Fourth Precinct protests:

"Monday night's shooting at the peaceful protest in front of the Fourth Precinct was appalling. I pray for the victims, and hope their recovery is quick. I demand the shooters be brought to justice, and I am relieved that three suspects have been arrested. The shooting of five black men at a protest focused on racial equity should be investigated as a hate crime.

I attended Jamar Clark's funeral today, and I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protestors to demand meaningful change.

Since the occupation of the Fourth Precinct, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has achieved a great deal. They asked for and received an independent investigation by the state and federal governments. They asked for and received the release of the officers' names. They met with Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, Governor Mark Dayton, and lawyers from the Department of Justice. They also received a commitment that the tapes of Mr. Clark's shooting will be shared with the family and made public as soon as it will not impede the investigation.

I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity.

They also held an impactful community march yesterday to raise awareness and show solidarity for justice.

I understand the power of exercising First Amendment rights. This activism has sparked a long overdue conversation about issues facing Black Minnesotans, which I know intimately as a North Minneapolis resident. As we continue our work on these critical issues, the safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority. Monday night's shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there's no denying that conditions are unsafe. Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to evolve beyond the encampment.

The changes we seek will likely take years, not weeks or months. But together, as a community, we can move forward to ensure that we all have an opportunity to live in an equitable, just, peaceful society."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54130146-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Wednesday afternoon, Minneapolis police released the names of four men currently in custody after a shooting near the 4th Precinct Monday night where suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, injuring five people.

According to a Hennepin County search warrant, one of the men now in custody called a high school classmate and Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting five people.

The four men will remain in custody until at least Monday while charging decisions are being made:

-Allen Lawrence Scarsella, 23

-Joseph Martin Backman, 27

-Nathan Wayne Gustavsson, 21

-Daniel Thomas Macey, 26

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Photo Search warrant: Man confessed to Mankato officer he shot 5 people at 4th Precinct

A Hennepin County District Court judge granted an extension until noon on Monday before the county attorney's office has to make a charging decision. The investigation will continue over the Thanksgiving weekend, but no further developments will be released by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office until Monday.

Camo pants, jackets, guns seized in raid

When raiding Scarsella's residence, investigators looked for photos, phones, recording devices, weapons as well as "evidence of hate crimes or white supremacy paraphernalia."

According to the search warrant:

Several white men joined protests at the 4th Precinct at about 10:30 p.m., when protesters confronted them and "a large altercation" took place, and one of the men fired a handgun into the crowd. A Mankato police officer identified as "Officer Levin" called Minneapolis police and said Scarsella called him and told him he had shot five people, admitting what happened twice during their five-minute conversation.

Officer Levin and Scarsella were high school classmates, and Scarsella told him he and a group of friends had gone to the Black Lives Matter protest to livestream it. Officer Levin told police he knows Scarsella owns a .45 caliber weapon and lives in Bloomington, where he was taken into custody on Tuesday.

Police took iPhones, laptops, several camouflage jackets, a tactile vest, a pair of camouflage pants, ammunition, several gun cases, six pellet guns, among other items, from Scarsella's residence.

Monday night shooting

At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left.

Police initially had five men in custody after the shooting. On Tuesday, they arrested two men and two turned themselves in, but one was released after investigation revealed he wasn't in the area when the shooting took place. Police are working in conjunction with the FBI and are not seeking any more suspects.

BackgroundClark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-11-25/despite-being-shot-themselves-protesters-minneapolis-carry-seeking-justice-man>

Jaylani Hussein had a busy Tuesday.

In the morning, he took meetings and began crafting a press release to show solidarity with protesters who were shot at the night before. Then he went out to join them.

By about 1 p.m., he is standing in the bed of a red truck outside the 4th Precinct police station in Minneapolis. People fill the block, which protesters have turned into a camp as they seek justice for Jamar Clark, shot and killed by a police officer on Nov. 15. Hussein is in a line of speakers who rally the growing crowd. Midwesterners like to avoid conflict, he says through a loudspeaker, but now it's time to stand up. He cites the Quran.

"If you save an innocent life, it's as if you save mankind," he tells them. When people agitate against police brutality they are advocating for the rights all of us. Sure, "all lives matter," he says, "but if there is no justice for one group, there's no justice for all of us."

On Monday night, the camp was attacked by gunmen who fired into the crowd and wounded five people. Still, the group's numbers swelled to many hundreds Tuesday afternoon as residents and supporters reaffirmed that they would not be intimidated. One demonstrator who was shot in the leg joined the protests again the next day, this time using a cane.

"It's raw emotion here," says Jayson Morris, a 25-year-old veteran who completed his military service in February. He joined the protests last Wednesday. He grew up in the neighborhood and lives just a few blocks from where Clark was killed. On Monday night, he was trying to calm things down when the shooting at the camp occurred.

"I heard they were saying racist stuff, so I advised them to leave. I told them, I'd watch their backs so they could leave," he says. When he turned his back to the men — pop, pop, pop. Then he saw bodies on the ground. One demonstrator had an abdominal wound. Morris tried to stop the bleeding and keep him conscious until an ambulance came.

Jayson Morris stacks firewood for protestorsJayson Morris has been protesting the police shooting of Jamar Clark since Wednesday. On Monday evening, armed men shot into the camp. Morris says he will keep fighting. Credit: Angilee Shah/PRI

Monday evening, before the shooting, Morris spent time around a fire talking with four immigrants from Somalia. They discussed religion and society and what it's like to be black and Muslim in American. The hostility is so bad that some of them, he says, feel like going back to Somalia. Morris gives a small laugh and says he considered asking them to take him along. He is Muslim too, but he's never been to Somalia before.

Hussein immigrated to the US from Somalia with his family in 1993. He was in elementary school. As a child, he says, he learned very quickly what it means to be not just African in Minnesota, but an African American. He grew up in north Minneapolis, the largely African American neighborhood where the protests are happening now, and spent his freshman year at North High School.

"I felt welcomed. The only community that wanted me here, that accepted me here, were African Americans," he says. They greeted him with "Hey brother" and "How you doing, brother?" As a newcomer, he remembers, he really appreciated that kind of warmth.

In sixth grade, Hussein's teacher assigned the 1971 novel "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," which helped him imagine African American history and the power of abolitionists through the Civil War. The book increased his appetite for history and poetry and writing. He came to love "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," which brought the Muslim and African American struggles together.

"I had an early awakening to history that taught me a lesson in identifying myself as an African American. As part of the history of this country," he says.

In January, Hussein, now 33, became executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. His focus is on educating people about extremism and continually dispelling myths about Muslims. He works on individual civil rights cases to ensure Muslims freedom to practice their faith. But the issue of police brutality and getting involved with other social justice organizations was already part of CAIR's work. And now, the Black Lives Matter struggle in Minnesota is coming to the fore.

Since last week, Hussein has spent at least one hour every day with the protesters. For the last two Friday prayers, he's given sermons that connect what is happening to Muslims in France with the Black Lives Matter cause. He is working to create regular roundtables to help local social justice organizations to communicate and mobilize together.

By 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Hussein has marched to downtown Minneapolis. Between City Hall and the courthouse, demonstrators are joined by office workers, in suits and heels, and high school students who walked out of class. They are flanked by police cars, the loud echoes of helicopters hovering overhead. He was surprised by the turnout. "I thought people would be afraid to show up because of the violence," he says. Organizers said the crowd numbered to as many as 1,000.

An hour later, we're in my car, going in circles around downtown traffic. Hussein's mind is running from topic to topic, but his voice is calm as he fields calls from colleagues who are worried that he won't make it to his next event. We're at least 20 minutes from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He makes

rough estimates of his arrival time — maybe 15 minutes? — and keeps his voice even. In between, he talks about his childhood, FBI activity in Minneapolis, and the case of a woman who was attacked for speaking in Swahili. He transitions into foreign policy and the nature of the media.

Just after 6 p.m., he's speaking in front of a crowd of several hundred people, mostly Muslim students and their classmates. It's the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, but the hall is still close to full. As Hussein talks, organizers open a balcony area of the auditorium to accommodate more people. Hussein discusses the lives of Muslims and the hate they have endured since the attacks in Paris last week — and in American history. Thomas Jefferson, he says, was the first president to be accused of being a Muslim. He says that everyone needs to speak up to counter misinformation.

Jaylani Hussein, executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, speaks to students about everyday Muslims and fighting hate at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, on Nov. 24, 2015. Credit: Angilee Shah "When we allow the extremes to dominate our narratives, that's how as a community we lose ourselves," Hussein says, referring to ISIS, but also the US government. "We have to get out of our comfort zones. We have to be accountable for the things our government is doing."

But he also implores the students to join the Black Lives Matter movement. "The way I look at Blacks Lives Matters is as Civil Rights 2.0.," he says. It's an iteration of history. That peaceful protesters were hit by gunfire should light a fire in our conscience, he says.

Back at the Fourth Precinct, Morris stays with the camp. He stayed through Monday night, before and after the shooting, and will remain again through Tuesday. He helps keep the fires going for warmth, as supporters drop off wood, hot beverages, food and supplies. He looks at the new people who have joined the protest, who he's never seen before and admits he is worried about how to keep everyone safe.

"It could be an Aryan [Nation person], it could be anyone," he says. But he does not want his fear to make him stereotype people. Morris stays because he wants to see justice for Jamar Clark, but he's also there for his own healing. There is a community at the 4th precinct, a group of people who understand the trauma of witnessing violence.

"If we leave this little street, am I going to get shot like Jamar?" Morris asks. "It's a damn shame, but we feel safe in the street. More than in our own homes."

By the end of the day, Minneapolis police say they have arrested three men in connection with the shooting.

It's almost 9 p.m. and Hussein is still fielding questions from students, even though the event has officially been over for an hour. He tells them they can join Morris and the other demonstrators at the Fourth Precinct, if they want. They would be welcomed.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/29/justice4jamar-protesters-hold-worship-service-at-4th-precinct/>

Two weeks after police shot Jamar Clark, activists and community leaders gathered outside of the Fourth Precinct to hold an interfaith service.

This comes as protesters continue to camp outside of the precinct as they demand justice for the 24-year-old who was killed by police.

Everyone in the community was invited to Sunday morning's "church without walls" worship, where local ministers preached on the theme "Justice in the Land: Is there a Balm in Gilead?," a post on the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP's Facebook page says.

Tweets showed dozens of people were gathered outside the precinct for the service. Nekima Levy-Pounds, the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said last week that the encampment has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

Fire chief talks snowstorm, safety issues

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other organizations have vowed to stay outside of the precinct – no matter the weather – until they get justice for Clark – despite the pending snowstorm which could dump up to 10 inches of snow in parts of Minnesota on Monday into Tuesday.

Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel met briefly with protesters at the Fourth Precinct Sunday afternoon to talk about his concerns due to the upcoming storm, the Star Tribune reports.

One is that emergency vehicles and snowplows may not be able to get through the neighborhood because the protesters have been blocking all lanes of traffic on Plymouth Avenue, which is a main route through north Minneapolis.

The second is that protesters have had several wood fires and propane heaters going constantly for warmth, and Fruetel says they could pose a hazard if they're too close to structures or tents.

Fruetel gave the news media advance notice of the meeting, but protesters blocked reporters and photographers from covering it, WCCO reports.

One of the Black Lives Matter Minneapolis organizers, Mica Grimm, told KARE 11 the protesters wouldn't try to prevent emergency crews from getting through the street. She says the group has been moving the barricades out of the way for emergency vehicles.

She said the barricades were put up in the first place because several cars that drove through nearly hit some of the protesters.

Protesters call for more supplies ahead of snow

Protesters haven't been swayed to leave the area, and are calling for additional donations of supplies.

Organizers have created a website for the Fourth Precinct shutdown, which includes an updated list of items they need.

Black Lives Matter organizers have also planned hold a nonviolent civil disobedience direct action training on Sunday afternoon, according to an event on Facebook. Activists, who have been holding daily community meetings, also planned to canvass the neighborhood in an effort to engage more neighbors.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/29/grand-jurys-role-in-minn-cases/76517766/>

MINNEAPOLIS -- Protesters continue to camp outside the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct.

Sunday marks two weeks since Jamar Clark was shot by police officers during an alleged altercation. He died from his injuries the next day.

Tuesday, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office released a statement saying once the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's investigations are complete, they will review the case file and present it to a grand jury for possible criminal charges against the officers involved.

But early on, Black Lives Matter (BLM) Minneapolis stated they did not want the case brought to a grand jury.

"We're trying to make sure that we're getting a direct prosecution to ensure justice for Jamar and his family," said Kandace Montgomery, an organizer with BLM Minneapolis.

Eric Nelson, a partner with Halberg Criminal Defense in Bloomington, said Minnesota requires a grand jury when it comes to first-degree murder charges. In a case like this, he said, "When an officer is involved in a shooting and where there is a death, almost all the time, particularly in Hennepin County, that case would get submitted to a grand jury to determine if there should be charges filed at all... any types of charges," Nelson said.

Hennepin County Attorney Spokesperson Chuck Laszewski said in an email to KARE 11 last week that in Hennepin County "all officer-involved shooting cases that result in death go to the grand jury."

A grand jury does not decide guilt or innocence, but they do see the state's evidence and decide if there is enough for someone to be charged with a crime. Unlike a trial, there is no cross-examination and no defense attorney. Grand juries in Minnesota consist of at least 16 people and up to 23. It takes a verdict of 12 to return an indictment.

Nelson said there is secrecy to a grand jury.

"That's really one of the protesters' concerns--is that the government may not try as hard to get an indictment as they would against someone who is not a police officer," Nelson said. He added, "But

again, I think that generally speaking, the grand jury is a very good system. I think prosecutors usually dump all the evidence on the table and let the grand jury sort it out."

"Grand juries are really where cases like this go to die and where they're sent so officers are not indicted," Montgomery, with BLM Minneapolis, said.

Nelson said it is rare that officers get indicted but cited the reason being police officers are authorized to use deadly force.

"So really the question in a case like this would be whether or not the officer's use of force was justified under the law and that's why they usually get submitted to a grand jury," he said.

BLM Minneapolis is pushing for federal prosecution.

"That would be a civil rights type of a case and it would be possible. But if there's no state charges, I think it would be fairly unlikely," Nelson said.

In a statement, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office said it will not make any further comments until after the deliberations of the grand jury are completed. It is unknown when that could happen.

WEEK 3

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<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-police-say-5-shot-near-protest-scene/353124531/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Protesters demanding justice for a black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police were settling in for their ninth night of demonstrations when something just didn't seem right.

Lingering in the crowd were four people who seemed out of place. They were asked to leave. Moments later, shots rang out about a block away.

"I really did think it was like firecrackers or something initially because it was so loud and there was like this acrid smell," protester Jie Wronski-Riley said. "I thought, 'Surely, they are not shooting at us.'"

Then Wronski-Riley heard the cries of wounded people on the ground. "I really understood the danger we were in and what had happened."

Police say five people were shot in the attack, which unfolded late Monday near a police precinct where dozens of protesters have been camped out since the Nov. 15 fatal shooting of Jamar Clark. None suffered life-threatening wounds.

Authorities arrested a 23-year-old white man, who remained in custody Tuesday evening, and a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was later released. Two more men — both white, ages 26 and 21 — turned themselves in Tuesday afternoon.

According to police, Clark was shot after he struggled with officers. But some people who said they saw the shooting said the 24-year-old was handcuffed.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said it will be up to a grand jury to decide whether to bring charges against officers in Clark's death.

Freeman issued a statement Tuesday after repeated requests by black activist groups to make the decision himself rather than go to a grand jury. Protesters have complained that grand juries are unlikely to indict police officers.

After marching from the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis, the site of constant protests since Clark was shot, to Minneapolis City Hall downtown, several hundred people gathered outside the station Tuesday night for a concert. The diverse crowd, which included a number of children, listened to hip-hop music and soul classics such as "A Change Is Gonna Come."

"We ain't scared. We can't back down. We ain't turning around, but we're here fighting for justice," Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds told the crowd.

Around 200 people remained at the scene late Tuesday night, talking, stacking up firewood, and eating pizza and doughnuts. Police officers watched the crowd from inside the station.

At least one member of Clark's family asked Tuesday for the protests to end. But demonstrators said they would not be intimidated or "bow to fear."

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, but several racially disparaging comments had been posted on social media in recent days. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to authorities.

The protesters had a safety plan, and security team members had been asking people who looked like troublemakers to leave.

Fourteen people whom protesters believed to be white supremacists were kicked out of the area one night, said Mica Grimm, an organizer of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis. She said they came in with their faces covered and filmed the crowd but would not talk to people. Some made racist comments.

Grimm said protesters had been threatened by one group online and had been working with hackers to figure out the group's plans. On one night, Grimm said, online chatter included a post stating that a pie had been left at the protest site with rat poison.

"We made sure that all the pies were thrown out, and actually other food was thrown out for fear of contamination," she said.

Grimm said concerns were brought up to police, but protesters felt the threats were not being taken seriously.

The situation escalated Monday night when members of the protesters' security team approached three men and one woman who were standing under a "Justice4Jamar" sign and asked what they were doing.

"We're here for Jamar," one said, according to Henry Habu, who had been providing security for the demonstrators.

Habu said he and others tried to escort the four away from the protest and they took off running. He and others said at least three members of the group were wearing masks that covered the lower half of their faces.

Alexander Dewan Apprentice Clark, who said he chased the attackers, said one of the men fell and when Clark helped him up, he felt what he believed to be a bulletproof vest under the man's clothing.

Wronski-Riley, who is also on the security team, said most of the crowd stopped following the men about midway up the street, but a few protesters gave chase. Wronski-Riley and a friend followed to make sure everyone came back safe. After running about another half block, the suspects started shooting.

"It was so busy and chaotic," Wronski-Riley said.

One wounded man had been shot in the back of the leg and was crawling in the street, Wronski-Riley said. Another, who had been shot in the arm, was yelling that his limb was numb and he needed help.

Some protesters criticized the police response time and said officers arrived in full riot gear. Officers aggressively pushed back on the crowd, Wronski-Riley said, at one point using a chemical irritant to keep people back.

"They can't kill the sense of community that I'm building," Wronski-Riley said. "And they can't stop us from making sure that black lives do matter."

Police did not answer questions about their response to the shootings or about their response to prior reports of suspicious behavior.

Wesley Martin was among those shot. A day later, he was back at the scene, walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg and treated at a hospital.

He said his 19-year-old brother, Tevin, was wounded in the stomach and was in intensive care but was expected to recover.

Asked why he came back after being shot, Martin said: "Bullets aren't going to stop me from supporting what I want to do anyway."

<http://www.startribune.com/several-people-were-shot-near-black-lives-matter-protest-site/353121881/>

Five protesters were shot late Monday night near the Black Lives Matter encampment at the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis, according to police.

Those who were shot sustained non-life-threatening injuries, said police spokesman John Elder in a statement.

Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said "a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights."

One of the three men wore a mask, said Dana Jaehnert, who had been at the protest site since early evening.

When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they "opened fire on about six protesters," hitting five of them. Jaehnert said she heard four gunshots.

The shootings occurred at 10:45 p.m. on Morgan Avenue N. about a block north of the precinct station.

Nov. 19: Congressman Keith Ellison and other elected officials spoke at a news conference across the street from the 4th Precinct headquarters Thursday night in Minneapolis. At left was Black Lives Matter organizer Lena Gardner.

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Gallery: Photos: Protesters press for answers after fatal police shooting in Minneapolis

The attackers fled. No arrests had been made by midnight Monday. Police said via their Twitter feed that they are searching for three white male suspects.

The gunshot victims were taken to North Memorial Medical Center and Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC), deputy police chief Medaria Arradondo said at the scene.

A person at the scene said one of the victims had been shot in the stomach, and was undergoing surgery overnight at HCMC.

Jie Wronski-Riley said angry protesters moved the men away from the encampment at the police station. Wronski-Riley heard what sounded like firecrackers and thought, "surely they're not shooting human beings." Two young black men on either side of him were hit, one in the back and leg, the other in the arm.

At least two of the three men who had been taunting protesters were firing guns, said Wronski-Riley, who described the incident as "really chaotic, really fast."

"I am obviously appalled that white supremacists would open fire on nonviolent, peaceful protesters," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, who returned to the site after the shootings.

The protesters, angry over the fatal police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15, have maintained a presence outside the police station ever since.

Eddie Sutton, Jamar's brother, issued this statement early Tuesday morning in response to the shootings:

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

MARY LYNN SMITH and CLAUDE PECK

<http://www.startribune.com/dayton-ambulance-video-from-jamar-clark-shooting-inconclusive/353053901/>

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that footage from an ambulance at the scene where an unarmed black man was fatally shot by police appeared to be inconclusive.

"I've seen the tape. It doesn't show anything that would be any confirmation of one point of view or another." He said of the footage taken from one of the cameras at the scene where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot in the head during a scuffle with two Minneapolis police officers Nov. 15, sparking more than a week of protests. Some witnesses have contended Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police deny. A police union official contended Clark was trying to grab an officer's gun when he was shot.

Describing the footage at a news conference, Dayton said:

“It’s basically the camera’s looking out the back door of the ambulance for the purpose of photographing what would occur in the back of the ambulance, and there’s just a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encounter each other and then they disappear from sight and there’s no other view of them until one of the officers—and there’s no audio—it appears after the shot was fired one of the officers comes back into the point of view.”

Dayton, who met with some members of Clark’s family over the weekend, described to them what he saw in the footage.

“I told them, I give you my oath on my word of honor there’s nothing in there that’s going to provide any confirmation that officers acted as some alleged they did.”

Dayton declined to elaborate on the nature of Clark’s encounter with officers, and would not go into more detail as to what he saw on the tape. He has not seen other footage.

Dayton said he asked to see the tape and watched it Friday. He defended his decision to view it because as governor, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is one of the agencies investigating the shooting, answers to him. The U.S. Justice Department is also investigating.

“It’s my responsibility, knowing this is a very, very volatile situation.” He said, adding that he does not believe his viewing of the footage could jeopardize the investigation.

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Dayton said he does not yet know whether he will attend Clark’s funeral Wednesday, but will meet with Black Lives Matter leaders in December.

Authorities have said releasing the tapes could prejudice witnesses—which Dayton said he conveyed to Clark’s family. As protesters continue to camp outside the Fourth Precinct Police station in North Minneapolis, Dayton lauded their restraint.

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The footage was taken from one of the cameras at the scene where 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot during a scuffle with two Minneapolis police officers Nov. 15, sparking more than a week of protests. An autopsy shows he died of a gunshot to the head.

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Investigation ongoing

Authorities with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), one of the agencies investigating the shooting, have said they have several videos but none show the event in its entirety.

They have declined to release the tapes, saying the videos could prejudice witnesses — which Dayton said he conveyed to Clark’s family.

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Clark’s family has said his funeral will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 W. Broadway Av. N., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

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In the statement posted Monday on Facebook, Levy-Pounds said the NAACP supports the “peaceful occupation” outside the precinct.

The NAACP is also planning a community concert at 5 p.m. Tuesday outside of the Fourth Precinct police station.

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-naacp-public-should-see-police-shooting-video/353088321/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked days of demonstrations (all times local):

5:15 p.m.

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Nekima Levy-Pounds said in a statement posted on Facebook that the public should see the video, rather than rely on the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert.

Gov. Mark Dayton said earlier Monday that video recorded by an ambulance at the scene of Clark's shooting on Nov. 15 was inconclusive.

Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

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12:55 p.m.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night a black man was shot by a Minneapolis police officer, but that the footage is inconclusive.

Dayton said Monday that he watched video recorded by an ambulance that was at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's relatives are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

Dayton says he watched less than a minute of footage Friday. He declined to describe it, but said it doesn't completely exonerate police or support claims that Clark was handcuffed.

Dayton says he described the "inconclusiveness" of the video to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

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11 a.m.

Federal authorities from several agencies are working on a criminal investigation after a black man was shot by Minneapolis police.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Ben Petok said Monday that his office and the FBI are working with the U.S. Department of Justice to determine if there were any criminal civil rights violations during the Nov. 15 shooting of Jamar Clark.

The shooting has prompted ongoing protests and calls for the prosecution of two police officers involved in the shooting.

FBI spokesman Kyle Loven has said agents are gathering facts, interviewing witnesses and considering all available evidence to determine whether there was a federal criminal violation.

Such investigations involve looking into whether police intentionally violated a person's civil rights through excessive force. But it's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29158835/

Simmering racial tensions boiled over yet again when several men shot five black people who had been protesting the recent police killing of an African-American man in Minneapolis.

Police said Tuesday that they had arrested two suspects and were still seeking an unspecified number of additional suspects. One man, a 23-year-old white man, was arrested in Bloomington about 11:20 a.m.; a 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested just after noon in South Minneapolis.

One of the Black Lives Matter protesters who was shot a block from a Minneapolis police precinct returned to the protest on Tuesday.

Wesley Martin was among the five protesters shot as they tried to escort some people from Monday night's demonstration. Martin was walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg and treated at a Minneapolis hospital. Martin was "feeling better than yesterday," he told the Associated Press.

Martin remembers chasing the people that he confronted, then being hit in the leg, being put in an ambulance and little else, he said.

Since the shootings, officers were searching for "three white male suspects" who fled the scene, authorities said.

A police spokesman confirmed to that those shot had been protesting outside the police station before the incident.

"Tonight, white supremacists attacked the #PrecinctShutDown in an act of domestic terrorism," Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said on Facebook. "We won't be intimidated.

Although Clark's family called for an end to the protests following the shooting, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis vowed to return to the police station Tuesday for another demonstration.

Throughout the morning, protesters were still gathered outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, where demonstrators have stood each day since the Nov. 15 police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Some prepared for another day, while others dozed in sleeping bags or lawn chairs.

About 10:40 p.m. Monday, police responded to the scene, about one block from the police station. Soon, 911 calls started to pour in, police said.

A video from a journalist at the scene showed people fleeing; then screaming for an ambulance. A young African-American man was seen writhing in pain with an apparent gunshot wound to the leg while fellow protesters -- then police and paramedics -- tried to help.

PEOPLE IN SKI MASKS FILMING

Henry Habu, a nearby resident, said he was there during the shooting.

Habu said there were three men and a woman in ski masks who were filming the demonstrations. One witness reported seeing three men in masks; another reported one. Still, when protesters asked them who they were and why they were filming, Habu said, they deflected the questions.

Several people involved in the demonstrations -- including a Black Lives Matter organizer and the NAACP Minneapolis chapter president -- have called the alleged gunmen white supremacists. Authorities, however, have not confirmed those claims.

Habu said the outsiders appeared to fit the description of white supremacists whom protesters had been told to watch out for -- those wearing masks or camouflage clothing. He said that at one point, those who were wearing masks walked away, and some protesters followed them.

"They tried to fight," he said. "There was a scuffle."

'DON'T LEAVE ME'

Carrie Brown and several other older members in the community said they tried to defuse the situation.

"One of the white protesters who had been with us since the beginning said, 'Be careful, those guys are white supremacists,'" Brown said, referring to the three men and one woman in balaclavas. "We asked them to remove their masks, asked who they were, invited them to come and protest with us peacefully once they did that."

"One of our young men reached out and touched one of them and said, 'Oh, he has a vest on,' like a bulletproof vest," she added.

One witness, who did not want to be named, was among those who followed the outsiders up the street.

"About midway down the block the group sort of thinned out and I said, 'Maybe we should turn around, not make them feel like we're all up on them,' and the minute I turned around I heard four shots," he told the Washington Post. "One whizzed right by me. I was going to get down but then I just ran."

Habu said shots rang out and he saw people disperse, running back to the demonstration camp.

Brown said she heard about 15 shots and, when she turned around, saw "four boys on the ground." She said she tended to one who had been shot in the leg.

"He just kept saying, 'Don't leave me, don't leave me,' " she said.

Several witness said police used pepper spray on those who were trying to help -- apparently to get protesters away from the victims so that medical personnel could reach them. Brown said an officer put a gun to her face and told her to move back.

"I couldn't move," she said. "He -1/8the gunshot victim-3/8 had his hands wrapped around me. They pried his hands off of me."

Three victims were transported to North Memorial Medical Center, police said, and two others were transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center. Police described the injuries as non-life-threatening.

WHITE SUPREMACISTS? OR RUMORS?

Rep. Keith Ellison, D, who represents the area in Congress and has supported the demonstrators, spoke out about the shooting and wouldn't speculate about whether the alleged shooters were white supremacists.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," he said, according to Minnesota Public Radio. "I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go. I know there's a lot of speculation as to who these people were. And they well could have been, I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

The shooting occurred the night before the one-year anniversary of a Missouri grand jury's decision against indicting white Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown. That decision helped reignite powerful frustrations about America's policing of African-Americans.

In Minneapolis, protesters have been camping out in front of the 4th Precinct since Nov. 15, when two Minneapolis police officers were involved in the contentious killing of Clark.

Authorities said officers were responding to a call for help from paramedics, who said Clark was interrupting their attempts to help an assault victim. Clark, who was unarmed, was also a suspect in the assault, police said.

"At some point during an altercation that ensued between the officers and the individual, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the individual," the state Department of Public Safety said in a Nov. 17 statement.

Clark died in a hospital a day after being shot.

Even before his death, however, his shooting was already causing outrage. Several witnesses claimed that Clark was handcuffed at the time of the fatal shooting, although police claimed otherwise. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is now investigating the shooting at the request of MPD.

FAMILY ASKS PROTESTERS TO GO HOME

As protests gained strength last week, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges also asked the Justice Department to open a federal civil rights investigation into the shooting.

Both Black Lives Matter organizers and the Minneapolis NAACP have called on authorities to release video of the shooting.

But Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that video footage taken from an ambulance at the scene was inconclusive. Dayton, who met with protesters and Clark's family on Saturday, said he has urged federal investigators to release the tapes as soon as possible.

Although largely peaceful, the demonstrations have been disrupted by several other incidents. More than 50 protesters were arrested on Nov. 16 after they shut down a highway. And on Friday, police announced they had arrested two men for spray-painting profanity on the 4th Precinct's walls.

After Monday night's shooting, Clark's family has thanked protesters for their "incredible support" but said demonstrations outside the police station should stop.

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time," Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, said in a statement. "We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful.

"But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended onto the next step."

DeResha Jackson, who grew up in Minneapolis and is now raising her children there, said she wants to see progress in the wake of Clark's death.

"I don't want my children to be subject to this. It's difficult for me to have to explain or know how to explain all of this in a way that they can understand," she said about the killing. "I don't want my boys to go through what our black men go through."

"My history and my child's history shouldn't be the same," she added. "There should be some progress."

Protesters gather to sing and chant at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November

Protesters gather to sing and chant at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29156439/

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he viewed ambulance video from the night Jamar Clark was fatally shot by Minneapolis police but found the footage inconclusive.

"I've seen the tape," Dayton said of the Nov. 15 shooting of the 24-year-old black man. "It doesn't show anything that would provide any confirmation of one point or another. It is just a very brief fragment ... and there is no audio."

Authorities have said Clark was shot once in the head during a struggle with two officers after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist a woman whom Clark allegedly assaulted. But some people who said they saw the North Minneapolis shooting say Clark was handcuffed.

Police have disputed that. And an attorney for one of the officers involved in the shooting says Clark was not handcuffed, went for an officer's weapon and "had manual control" of that officer's gun.

On Monday, Dayton said he watched the ambulance recording on Friday after requesting a viewing. He said he briefed Clark's family about the footage, which is less than a minute long, during a weekend meeting.

"I gave them my oath and my word of honor, there's nothing in there that can provide any confirmation of this view that we had officers who acted as some allege they did," the governor said.

Dayton said the footage from inside the ambulance has no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight.

"The governor refused to say whether the video shows a struggle. He said one of the officers later comes back into view.

Authorities have said that investigators have video from several sources, including the ambulance, a mobile police camera stationed in the area, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones. However, they say no video shows the early-morning incident in its entirety.

During protests that followed Clark's shooting, demonstrators have demanded the release of all investigative video. City, state and federal officials have denied those requests and similar requests from the news media. They have said that releasing the recordings would jeopardize the independent investigation into Clark's death.

Dayton said, however, that it was entirely appropriate for him to view the recording.

"I'm the governor of the state of Minnesota and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension reports to me. It's my responsibility to know the situation that I'm dealing with, which is a very, very volatile situation," Dayton said. "I'm ultimately responsible."

Asked about the legality of the governor viewing what has been deemed private, Matt Swenson, spokesman for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor governor, said: "The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is part of the executive branch, and the governor, as the chief executive of the state, has the responsibility to know as much as necessary about the investigation so he can make decisions regarding the public's safety."

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, said Dayton's comments about the video reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Levy-Pounds said in a statement posted on Facebook that the public should see the video, rather than rely on the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert.

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Meanwhile, protesters have continued camping outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct station and are deciding their next move.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis leaders say they will continue to occupy the area around the station at least through Monday night and plan a march Tuesday.

Protesters have constantly occupied the area around the police station since shortly after the shooting. Tensions cooled during the weekend, following some intense confrontations last week.

A Clark family member asked that there be no protest on the day of the funeral because the family does not want the service to be political.

The service will be at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis at noon Wednesday, with visitation for two hours before the funeral begins.

Dayton said he did not know whether he would attend the funeral.

This report includes information from the Associated Press and Forum News Service.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972470.shtml>

(with video)

The demands of protesters, the priorities of the police, and the need for public safety— Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges is trying to balance all of them at once, in the wake of the shooting death of Jamar Clark, and the ensuing protests.

Still, some of her most passionate supporters seem to be turning against her.

At times, it has looked like a city coming apart at the seams.

"It's been extremely painful," said Sondra Samuels, president and CEO of Northside Achievement Zone, a prominent nonprofit in North Minneapolis.

Samuels said she has protested with Black Lives Matter, and embraced the Minneapolis Police Department's commander of the 4th Precinct.

"I am very acquainted with police brutality, and I am also very acquainted with police being the partners that I have in the community," Samuels said.

She also served on Hodges' transition team, when she first took office.

Samuels' said her support has yet to waver.

"We all are saying how we would be if we were mayor, and we're not," Samuels said.

Some other previously passionate supporters have been less forgiving.

Last week, at the height of tensions between police and protesters, Black Lives Minneapolis tweeted, "Last night, Mayor Hodges' #OneMinneapolis died."

One protester tweeted, "Last night, Mayor Hodges declared war on her own constituents."

And one member of social justice group Neighborhoods Organizing for Change asked for his campaign donation back, tweeting at the mayor, "You have accomplished nothing, NOTHING at city hall."

"Mayor Hodges is in one of those very difficult positions that you don't want to be in," said Larry Jacobs, a political analyst with the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Jacobs said Hodges must be careful to maintain sympathy with the protesters while also maintaining public order.

"One of the big challenges facing Mayor Hodges and the City of Minneapolis could be a backlash from the silent majority who are sitting on the sidelines, watching, perhaps sympathetically, over the protests, but worried about it going too far," Jacobs said.

Samuels said some of the criticism of the mayor has been unfair, and that the mayor's response has been balanced.

"I'll go to my grave knowing that her greatest and highest desire has been for justice in north Minneapolis for the African-American community," Samuels said.

Mayor Hodges told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS, in a statement, "Politics is absolutely the last thing on my mind right now. Safety, for everyone in this city, continues to be my priority."

But as for the political fallout of the Jamar Clark protests, the situation at the Minneapolis City Council may prove to be even more intriguing. A few council members have attended those protests in person, while others have staunchly defended the actions of police officers throughout this situation.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972708.shtml>

The brother of the man whose fatal shooting by a police officer has prompted protests in Minneapolis is calling for the end of a sit-in at a police precinct that has lasted for more than a week.

In a statement issued early Tuesday morning by the office of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, whose district includes Minneapolis, Eddie Sutton says his family appreciates the support protesters have shown since the death of his brother, Jamar Clark.

But Sutton says that in light of the shooting of five people near the 4th Precinct sit-in, the family believes the demonstrations there should be ended "out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers."

Minneapolis police say five people had injuries that were not life-threatening after the shooting. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said in a statement earlier Monday that the group would announce the next steps it had planned at a news conference Tuesday.

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<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/24/police-at-least-3-shot-near-fourth-precinct-protest/76298300/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis Police tell KARE 11 at least five people were shot near protests at the Fourth Precinct.

Reports of a shooting surfaced around 10:45 p.m. Monday in the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North, about a block north of the Fourth Precinct.

It is not clear on the exact number of people shot as some shooting victims found their own way to a hospital. Police tell KARE 11 five people are being treated for what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries, two people at Hennepin County Medical Center and three others at North Memorial Medical Center.

Police have released little information on a possible suspect or suspects and are asking anyone with information to come forward.

A photographer with Ruptly captured some of the first images following the shooting.

The protests at the police precinct are in their 10th day following the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was shot after a confrontation with police.

Early Tuesday morning, Eddie Sutton, Jamar Clark's brother, released a statement:

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

Still, some protesters who remained outside the Fourth Precinct say the shooting won't stop them from their demonstrations.

About 50 people were outside the building on Tuesday morning, with more trickling in, and some said they planned to stay despite a request from Clark's family to end the protests.

A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/53718902-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Tuesday, police arrested two men and two turned themselves in after a shooting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Monday night where three suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protestors, injuring 5 people.

A 23-year-old male in Bloomington, Minn. and a 32-year-old male in south Minneapolis were arrested early Tuesday -- later in the day, police released the south Minneapolis man after questioning.

Then, around 2:30 p.m., investigators took two additional men into custody after they voluntarily turned themselves in. The 26-year-old male and 21-year-old male are currently being interviewed by investigators. Three total are in custody.

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At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. No fatalities have been reported. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward and are interviewing witnesses.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left. The police department has additional uniformed officers in the area, spokesman John Elder said.

Tuesday march planned

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced on Facebook a #Justice4Jamar March will be held Tuesday afternoon to "march for justice for Jamar Clark and take our voices directly to those who must listen to the people."

Sen. Al Franken statement

"Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark's family and the injured."

Background

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/fourth-precinct>

The latest:

- Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of an investigation into the shooting of 5 Monday night.

- The fourth, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, has been released.
- Gov. Dayton urged an end to 4th Precinct protests over security concerns.
- A Black Lives Matter organizer said the "occupation" will continue.
- Marchers returned to north Minneapolis for a concert outside the precinct after rallying downtown in front of City Hall.
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Five people were shot late Monday night near the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis where crowds have gathered for more than a week to protest the police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24.

Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of the investigation into Monday night's shootings, Minneapolis police said Tuesday.

The 26- and 21-year-olds turned themselves in Tuesday, according to police. The third man was arrested in Bloomington earlier that day.

Another, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was arrested in south Minneapolis Tuesday, has been released. Minneapolis Police said they determined the man was not at the scene outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

Activists at the 4th Precinct shared videos of people they thought were the shooters early Tuesday morning. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Authorities said the suspects' names will be released upon charging.

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None of the five victims' injuries was life-threatening, said Minneapolis police spokesperson John Elder. Three of the victims were driven to North Memorial Medical Center after the shooting, Elder said, and two others were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, Gov. Mark Dayton called the shootings a "cowardly, criminal act" and said he believed the suspects will be "brought to justice."

At the same time, he said he hoped protesters would heed the pleas of Jamar Clark's family to end the protests outside the precinct amid safety concerns.

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"I think this underscores the treacherous nature of a significant number of people who are intermingling without any way of safeguarding people engaged in peaceful protests," Dayton told MPR News. "It underscores the vulnerability of peaceful citizens exercising their First Amendment rights."

However, protesters who gathered again Tuesday morning outside the 4th Precinct said they will not leave, despite the shooting.

"A planned hate crime"

Black Lives Matter spokesperson Miski Noor called Monday night's shootings "a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism." She told reporters this afternoon that the group was recommitting to "our occupation" outside the 4th Precinct "until we get justice."

She also slammed the police response to the shooting. "We have zero faith in this police department's desire to keep our community safe," she added.

A Minneapolis police officer investigates the site of Monday night's shooting. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

Witnesses said Monday night's demonstration was a peaceful gathering that turned into chaos at about 10:45 p.m.

Protesters said they had formed a group to walk people away from their 4th Precinct encampment who were causing problems. About a block away from the demonstrations, the shots were fired.

One of the lead protest groups, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, posted on its Facebook page that "5 unarmed protesters shot by white supremacists who were asked to leave & followed out. One block up they shot one in leg & 1 in stomach."

Jie Wronski-Riley was among the protesters following the people leaving the scene.

"Then it was like they just turned around and they just started shooting. At first I wasn't sure. I was like, are they shooting firecrackers? Because it was so loud, and there was all this, like, sulfur, or whatever," Wronski-Riley said. "Then it was like the person right next to me on my left went down and the person on my right went down, and I was like, they're actually shooting at us. They're shooting bullets at us."

Rumors about the nature of the shootings — and the shooters — spread quickly through the encampment. Twitter feeds, using the hashtags #Justice4Jamar and #FourthPrecinctShutdown that they'd been using all week, lit up the Internet with theories of the shooters' identities and police involvement.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, who has joined the group throughout the week-plus demonstration, said after the shootings.

"I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go," he added. "I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said, as he spoke with people at the precinct soon after Monday night's shooting, many people told him they were hurting. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Ellison met with some of the bundled-up demonstrators after the Monday night shootings. Temperatures in Minneapolis barely reached 30 degrees in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I am worried about people's safety, I really am," he said. "There was a shooting down the street tonight. But it's also the elements. People out here could get frostbitten."

Demonstrations continue

Eddie Sutton, a brother of Jamar Clark, issued a statement from Clark's family thanking protesters for peaceful demonstrations but pleading for the gathered crowd to end their demonstration: "Out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reiterated the group's commitment to the demonstrations early Tuesday morning in a Facebook post. The group has rallied, marched and prayed outside the police department's 4th Precinct for more than a week since Clark's shooting. It led a march through Minneapolis to City Hall Tuesday afternoon, then returned to the precinct for an evening concert.

Hundreds of demonstrators marched peacefully along 7th Street and into downtown Minneapolis where they held a short rally Tuesday afternoon. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

- Photos: Marchers head downtown and back to concert

Some University of Minnesota students walked out of classes to join the marchers. Students from Minneapolis Southwest High School also left class to protest in the Linden Hills neighborhood and staged a "die-in" at 50th Street and France Avenue in Edina.

Michael McDowell, a Black Lives Matter organizer, said the group's leaders have a possible date in mind when they will leave the precinct.

"We may not necessarily stay at the precinct until the tapes are released," he said, "but we will continue to escalate until the tapes are released."

Organizers aren't prepared to make the date public yet, McDowell said. "We do have a clear date but we're not going to put it out there yet. We like to keep folks guessing, I guess," he said, adding that north Minneapolis neighbors might choose to remain after Black Lives Matter leaves. "Mostly, we also got community input and the community's not ready to leave."

Protesters are planning a Thanksgiving meal at the precinct Thursday.

Investigation: Where it stands

Authorities have said police shot Clark, 24, during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

- Monday: Dayton says ambulance video inconclusive in Jamar Clark shooting

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Federal authorities are coordinating with the city's police department to see if federal action is appropriate, said Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney for Minnesota Andy Luger.

A demonstrator carries a sign demanding the release of video footage from the time of Jamar Clark's shooting death. Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct police station for a candlelight vigil and rally Thursday. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

It's unclear whether authorities will choose to classify the Monday night shootings as a hate crime.

A recent case in Minnesota that authorities say was motivated by bias against foreigners did not result in hate-crime charges after prosecutors determined that doing so would have resulted in a lesser charge.

In that case, a Somali-American woman who was speaking Swahili at an Applebee's in Coon Rapids was assaulted with a beer mug by a woman who told her to speak English. Anoka County prosecutors charged Jodie Burchard-Risch with third-degree felony assault.

Authorities said as a hate crime, it would have been considered a gross misdemeanor.

Demonstrators undeterred by shootings

By late Tuesday afternoon, organizers had regrouped to lead the march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a stop at the site where Jamar Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station at around 5:15 p.m.

In that afternoon crowd stood Wesley Martin, 18, who said he was among the five shot Monday night.

He said he was following some suspicious-looking men out of the protest when words were exchanged and that people started charging after someone used a racial slur.

"I'm running. I get to the corner. I feel something go right through my leg," he recalled. "I thought I fell or something like that. But I went to pull up my pant leg, and all I see is blood. I sat down, and after that, I don't remember nothing."

"I feel like I can't walk on the street without looking around my back," Martin said.

But the violence, he added, would not keep him from demonstrating.

MPR News reporters Laura Yuen, Brandt Williams, Mukhtar Ibrahim, Jon Collins and Russell Barnes contributed to this report.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3972551.shtml>

(with video)

Five people were shot late Monday night near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct in the city's north side, according to Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder.

The incident occurred at 10:40 p.m. in the area of 14th Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. The incident took place one block north of the 4th Precinct station at 1925 Plymouth Ave., where protesters have been stationed since Nov. 15.

Two people were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center. Three others were driven by private vehicle to North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale. All victims have injuries that are not life threatening, police said.

The victims were all protesters, a source tells KSTP.

Police said they are looking for three white men. A source tells KSTP they were wearing bulletproof vests.

The incident occurred near the area of ongoing protests about the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Minneapolis police say dozens of officers responded immediately to attend to victims and secure the area.

After the shooting, Clark's brother Eddie Sutton released a statement asking the protests to stop for the safety of everyone.

Black Lives Matter, which has been organizing the protests near the 4th Precinct, has a march planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday. It starts at the 4th Precinct station.

The shootings Monday is the latest incident in the 10 days that protests have been happening since Sunday. Police say squads have been vandalized, rocks thrown and molotov cocktails tossed. Protesters say they have been sprayed with chemical irritant.

Clark's family and protesters want the video from the shooting released. Investigators say releasing it will jeopardize the investigation. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and FBI are looking into the matter.

The two officers have been on administrative leave since the shooting.

Some protesters who are gathered outside of the precinct say they don't intend to stop their demonstrations despite the overnight shooting that wounded five people.

About 50 people were outside the building on Tuesday morning, with more trickling in, and some said they planned to stay despite a request from Clark's family to end the protests.

A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Minneapolis Police Department.

Watch raw video from the shooting scene Monday night.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/shooting-at-4th-precinct-leaves-5-protesters-hospitalized/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Five protesters were hospitalized Monday night after a shooting near the 4th Precinct on Minneapolis' north side, and witnesses say the gunmen were white supremacists targeting those demonstrating in the aftermath of Jamar Clark's death.

Police responded to the shooting Monday at 10:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North, which is located one block north of the 4th Precinct.

Witnesses said the gunmen were white supremacists who were hanging around the rally before others asked them to leave. The witnesses said the men came back a short time later and fired six shots at protesters.

All five victims are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Two were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center, while three others were driven to North Memorial Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, police said they arrested two men in connection to the shooting. One, a 23-year-old white man, was arrested in Bloomington; the other, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, was arrested in south Minneapolis.

Police say they are looking for other suspects.

Meanwhile, additional uniformed officers have been stationed near the 4th Precinct to protect people in the area.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released a video statement on the shooting.

"I abhor last night's attacks. They have no place in our city," she said. "We are sparing no efforts to find the suspects and to bring them to justice."

After the shooting, a crowd gathered at the scene and emotions ran high.

"Everyone has been on high alert because in the last several days there have been lots of conversations of white supremacists' websites and chatrooms, where they talked about coming to the protests," Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds said. "They talked about having weapons and also doing things that would agitate the crowd and incite confrontation between police officers and protesters."

Levy-Pounds says grief counselors will be on hand Wednesday for Clark's funeral. A dinner is also planned for Thanksgiving Day.

Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, released a statement following Monday's shooting, calling for an end to the precinct protests.

"[I]n light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th Precinct ended and onto a next step," the statement said.

However, protesters say they will not be shutting down the protest as people continue to bring firewood, food and water to the protest area.

"I urge people out here to proceed with caution," Levy-Pounds said. "People have to decide if they are comfortable being here, but many of us are saying we will not turn around, we will not back up we will are not afraid. We are going to continue to stand up for what we believe in."

Protesters have been outside the 4th Precinct for nine days, ever since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot and killed by police after a scuffle last Sunday.

Witnesses say Clark was handcuffed when an officer shot him in the head. Police dispute that claim, saying Clark was trying to grab an officer's firearm, and that they were justified in using deadly force.

The group Black Lives Matter has called on city leaders to release video footage captured of the incident, but authorities say it would harm their investigation into the incident. Protesters are camped outside the 4th Precinct, refusing to leave until the footage is made public.

Sen. Al Franken said Tuesday that he was “horrified” to learn about Monday’s shooting.

“I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice,” he said. “In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark’s family and the injured.”

A community concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday. The group Sounds of Blackness will be performing and the protesters hope the concert will promote healing and unity.

Before that, there’ll be a protest march at 2 p.m.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/23/dayton-sees-video-of-jamar-clark-incident-calls-it-inconclusive/>

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday he’s watched a short video clip of the Jamar Clark shooting incident in Minneapolis and said it doesn’t conclusively show what happened.

The Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP immediately criticized Dayton’s comments, saying it reinforces the need for all the video to be released to the public.

Clark, who was unarmed, was fatally shot by Minneapolis police officers on Nov. 15 after police say he struggled with them. His death sparked several days of protests by activists who claim Clark was handcuffed at the time he was shot.

Police deny that was the case, and they maintain Clark was going after one of the officer’s guns. The protesters are demanding the release of all video footage which could shed light on the incident.

In that vein, the governor said he asked state investigators to let him see this video clip, which was recorded by a camera on an ambulance that had responded to the scene, according to MPR News.

At a news conference Monday, Dayton described what he saw on the footage, which was less than a minute long.

In it, Clark and one of the officers “encounter each other,” then disappear from view, Dayton said, according to the Star Tribune, continuing: “It doesn’t show anything that would be any confirmation of one point of view or another.”

Dayton said he watched the tape on Friday before he met with members of Clark’s family, and told them the same.

He said he has not seen any other video footage, the Star Tribune reports.

NAACP responds

The NAACP said in its statement that members of the public should be able to see the video for themselves and draw their own conclusions, “rather than relying upon the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert in this field.”

The organization went on to say that Dayton’s comments weaken the potential for “a fair, transparent and balanced investigation.”

“The Governor’s statement also disturbingly calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses who have already cooperated with state and federal authorities in presenting their versions of what happened, and may deter other witnesses from coming forward out of fear of not having their stories be believed.”

Investigators have said none of the video footage they have seen shows the entire incident, and have also said they won’t release any of the video until their probe is complete because they don’t want to taint the investigation, according to MPR News.

Also Monday, the Minnesota chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union called on the Minneapolis Police Department to exercise “more restraint” in their dealings with protesters outside the Fourth Precinct.

The group sent a letter to Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau saying the police use of pepper spray, marking rounds and rubber bullets during some protests has been inconsistent and arbitrary, and has made the situation more chaotic than necessary.

Clark’s funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, and Dayton said he’s not sure yet whether he will attend, the Star Tribune reports.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/23/dayton-says-police-shooting-video-is-inconclusive/76270632/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton says he's seen video recorded on the night a black man was shot by a Minneapolis police officer, but that the footage is inconclusive.

Dayton said Monday that he watched video recorded by an ambulance that was at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities say the 24-year-old Clark was shot during a struggle with police, but some people who says they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's relatives are calling for investigators to release video of the incident.

Dayton says he watched less than a minute of footage Friday. He declined to describe it, but said it doesn't completely exonerate police or support claims that Clark was handcuffed.

Dayton says he described the "inconclusiveness" of the video to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

"I told them, 'I give you my oath on my word of honor, there's nothing in there that's going to provide any confirmation from this view that the officers acted as some allege they did,'" Dayton said.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Ben Petok said Monday that his office and the FBI are working with the U.S. Department of Justice to determine if there were any criminal civil rights violations during the Nov. 15 shooting of Jamar Clark.

The shooting has prompted ongoing protests and calls for the prosecution of two police officers involved in the shooting.

FBI spokesman Kyle Loven has said agents are gathering facts, interviewing witnesses and considering all available evidence to determine whether there was a federal criminal violation.

Such investigations involve looking into whether police intentionally violated a person's civil rights through excessive force. But it's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

The head of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP says the governor's comments about video from the night of Jamar Clark's shooting reinforce the public's need to see the footage for themselves and draw their own conclusions.

Nekima Levy-Pounds said in a statement posted on Facebook that the public should see the video, rather than rely on the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/53500509-story>

(with video)

ST. PAUL, Minn. (KMSP) - Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he's viewed video of Jamar Clark's shooting by Minneapolis police, but that the video has no audio and doesn't confirm either side's allegations. The video was taken from an ambulance at the scene.

Witnesses have said Clark was in handcuffs and unarmed at the time of the shooting, but the head of the police union says Clark was not handcuffed and had gained control of an officer's weapon.

"When police arrived, Mr. Clark refused to show his hands or otherwise comply with police orders. While he was being legally detained, he chose to resist, fight officers, and to seize control of an officer's firearm," Lt. Bob Kroll of the Minneapolis Police Federation said in a statement. "Mr. Clark was given multiple opportunities to desist; instead, he chose to engage officers in a life-or-death struggle for an officer's weapon. At no time was Mr. Clark handcuffed, contrary to press reports and social chatter.

Contrary to official statements, Mr. Clark was indeed armed, as he had manual control of an officer's firearm."

The release of video from Jamar Clark's shooting is a top priority for local Black Lives Matter organizers. Gov. Dayton met with Jamar Clark's family over the weekend, and commented on the release of any shooting video.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said.

Clark, 24, was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

Statement from NAACP Minneapolis

"In the wake of the shooting death of Jamar Clark, a 24 year old unarmed African American man, at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, the Minneapolis NAACP stands firm in demanding the release of the videotapes surrounding this incident. Earlier today, Governor Mark Dayton held a press conference in which he stated that he had viewed a portion of the videotape from the ambulance on the scene and called the evidence "inconclusive." The Governor's statement merely reinforces the public's need to see the videotape for themselves and to draw their own conclusions, rather than relying upon the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert in this field.

"The Governor's statement also disturbingly calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses who have already cooperated with state and federal authorities in presenting their versions of what happened and may deter other witnesses from coming forward out of fear of not having their stories be believed. This is unacceptable and weakens the potential for a fair, transparent, and balanced investigation. Thus, the Minneapolis NAACP stands in solidarity with those demanding immediate release of the videotapes surrounding this incident. #releasethetapes

"The Minneapolis NAACP also supports the decision of community members to maintain a peaceful occupation outside of the 4th Precinct Police Station in Minneapolis. We have been on the ground witnessing an outpouring of love, food and clothing donations, chanting, singing, and productive ways of channeling rage and grief in light of the shooting death of Jamar Clark by polic. We are committed to having representatives present and on the ground throughout the length of the occupation and we encourage continued food donations, support, and community presence in solidarity with a Northside community that is in pain and has suffered for far too long under the weight of oppression. The Minneapolis NAACP will not rest until justice is served.

"The only way that we can change things is if we come together as a community and continue to demand justice for the most vulnerable and oppressed in our society. Jamar Clark did not have to die.

He should be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family, just like everyone else. Thus, police practices in the city of Minneapolis must undergo urgent and radical reform. To give hope to the community, a Northside jobs program must be created to close the gaps in unemployment and income for black residents. And finally, we would urge city officials to close the 4th Precinct Police Station and to offer the building to the Northside community to be used as a community center, just as it was in previous decades when it was The Old Way, an important resource that is currently absent from the community.”

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/23/jamar-clark-video-dayton>

Gov. Mark Dayton told reporters Monday that he's seen video from the ambulance camera running during the Jamar Clark shooting and that it does not confirm either side's allegations of what happened.

Dayton said he viewed the tape lasting less than a minute and shared his opinion with Clark's family over the weekend that it was inconclusive.

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- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands

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- Jamar Clark's parents: 'He should still be here'

"In a situation like that, where we're teetering on the brink of a very, very volatile situation, then I want to know everything I possibly can and need to know to make the best informed decision I can to protect public safety. And that's what I did," Dayton said.

State investigators have said that none of the footage they've collected shows the entire incident. They've said they intend to release videos once the probe is completed and have warned that early release of the video could taint the investigation.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys are in the Twin Cities today as part of federal a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Clark, an African-American. The lawyers are expected to discuss the possible release of video.

Dayton said it is ultimately his decision whether to release the tape held by the BCA. He strongly defended his access to the tape and dismissed any suggestion that his viewing could taint the investigation.

But Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said she thinks Dayton went too far in discussing the video he viewed.

"If the whole reason that the tape is not being released to the public is because it would impede the investigation or cause people to draw conclusions one way or the other, the governor's statement could be perceived in a similar way, as potentially shaping public opinion surrounding this issue," said Levy-Pounds, who's called for the release of all tapes held by authorities.

The public is demanding justice and an explanation of what happened and Dayton's comments don't help address those concerns, she added.

Former U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger said releasing evidence in a piecemeal fashion does a disservice to any investigation.

"There are multiple, perhaps multiple sources for video evidence," he said. "Therefore, releasing an opinion about one or more of those pieces may be premature."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/gov-dayton-video-of-jamar-clark-shooting-is-inconclusive/>

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3972043.shtml>

(raw video, didn't capture)

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that ambulance video recorded on the night a black man was fatally shot by Minneapolis police is inconclusive, and the footage neither exonerates the officers involved nor supports claims that the man was handcuffed.

Dayton said he watched video recorded by the ambulance at the scene of Jamar Clark's shooting on Nov. 15. Authorities have said Clark, 24, was shot during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

The governor said he watched less than a minute of footage on Friday and described the "inconclusiveness of it" to Clark's family during a weekend meeting.

"I gave them my oath and my word of honor, there's nothing in there that can provide any confirmation of this view that we had officers who acted as some allege they did," he said.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also under way, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard to meet because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

Dayton said the footage has no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight." The governor refused to say whether the video shows a struggle. He said one of the officers later comes back into view.

Dayton said he requested to view the video, and he defended his decision to see it while protesters and family members have not.

"I'm the governor of the state of Minnesota, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension reports to me. It's my responsibility to know the situation that I'm dealing with. It's a very, very volatile situation," he said.

Members of the NAACP, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other community members have been protesting at the local police precinct for more than a week. They say they will not leave until they see justice, and they are demanding that authorities release video of the shooting.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP chapter, said in a statement posted on Facebook that the governor's comments reinforce "the public's need to see the videotape for themselves and to draw their own conclusions, rather than relying upon the perspective of one government official who is not a trained expert in this field."

Meanwhile, view footage captured by police inside 4th Precinct during recent protests here.

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<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3972377.shtml>

On Wednesday last week, protests continued outside of a northside Minneapolis precinct where protesters had been camped since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau said during a press conference that day that protesters have the right to have their voices heard but that public safety is the "number one priority." She added that "violence will not be tolerated."

That night, the area surrounding the 4th Precinct was tense and took a violent turn. Police officers said Molotov cocktails were thrown at them.

Officers captured footage from inside the precinct of the situation that night. Flames are visible and gunshots can be heard. Police said no one was injured.

View the raw footage in the video box above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/continuous-occupation-at-4th-precinct-could-end-this-week/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Continuous protests at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct could end this week. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says many of their demands have been met, and it's time to re-evaluate their strategy.

It has been nine days since Jamar Clark was shot and killed by police in north Minneapolis.

The police union says Clark had grabbed for another officer's gun, but witnesses say Clark was handcuffed. Ever since then, protesters have camped outside the 4th precinct. At times there has been damage to police property, and officers responding with chemical irritant and arrests.

Now, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis is now considering its next step. The group met with Gov. Mark Dayton over the weekend and had hoped he would call on law enforcement to release video from Clark's shooting. That didn't happen, but he listened to some demands from the group.

There was a community meeting on Sunday following the summit with Dayton. WCCO was not invited, but Black Lives Matter Minneapolis said discussions focused on the next course of action, if protestors should stay at the precinct or find different ways to create the changes they want to see.

They say getting the names of the officers involved in the shooting and an independent investigation by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are two big wins for the group, but they still want authorities to release video in the case.

The group will continue its push for a timeline to get the video in Clark's case released.

Leaders tell us they plan to occupy the 4th precinct at least through Tuesday. They have a march planned the same day and clothing drive scheduled for Wednesday. They won't say anything about future plans.

Attorneys with the U.S. Justice Department arrived in the Twin Cities on Sunday and will be here for a few days for meetings related to the investigation.

Over the weekend, Dayton encouraged them to meet with Clark's family and Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, but group leaders say they have yet to meet with them.

The funeral for Clark is scheduled for Wednesday at noon at Shiloh Temple in North Minneapolis.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/23/breaking-down-federal-vs-state-investigation-of-police/76283946/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Department of Justice attorneys are in Minneapolis this week to interview witnesses to the shooting of Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police.

The federal criminal civil rights investigation is being conducted at the same time as a state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation.

As an attorney who's represented people for decades suing police officers for civil rights violations -- Robert Bennett believes the feds are more likely to fairly investigate police officers than the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"You know, we have a joke around the office -- we call them the bureau of criminal absolution when they're investigating the police," Bennett said.

In 40 years practicing law, Bennett says he can't remember a BCA investigation of an officer shooting ever resulting in a conviction.

"You know, I can't opine whether the officers will be indicted in either court. Because I don't know the evidence. I just think the public and the constitution gets a fairer shake in federal court," Bennett said.

While state investigators look for evidence supporting murder or manslaughter charges -- Bennett says the feds look for whether officers deprived Jamar Clark of his civil rights -- his basic right to live.

"Based upon what I've read, this would be a very, very difficult case to prove," said Ryan Kaess, an attorney currently defending a different Minneapolis officer in a criminal federal civil rights case.

And Kaess insists a federal investigation is no more likely to end in an indictment.

"There's no different standard of proof that's needed. Same standard of proof and in fact, if the case is weaker, the feds aren't going to take it," Kaess said.

Governor Dayton said the BCA and DOJ are both working expeditiously, but in past cases Bennett said investigations like this can last up to a year.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/23/civil-rights-groups-says-its-gathered-70000-signatures-for-the-release-of-video/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – A national civil rights group says it's amassed nearly 70,000 signatures demanding that leaders in Minnesota release video of the Jamar Clark shooting.

The group ColorOfChange has a petition on its website, calling for Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety release to videos of the Nov. 15 shooting.

Community members say that 24-year-old Clark was shot in the head while handcuffed. Police have disputed that claim.

Since the shooting, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other protesters have called for the videos to be released.

On Monday, Gov. Mark Dayton said he watched some footage from an ambulance. He said that what he saw was inconclusive, neither exonerating the officers nor supporting the claim that Clark was handcuffed.

The U.S. Department of Justice is conducting an investigation of the shooting, as is the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

ColorOfChange, which claims to have more than 1 million members, said in a press release that the Justice Department investigation will likely take months, meaning that the video won't be released any time soon.

The group is demanding action now for the people of Minneapolis.

"The reality is, Jamar's killing has hit a nerve for thousands of Black youth in Minneapolis, where police are 5.8 times more likely to stop and arrest Black teens than white youth for low level issues," the group said in a release. "Mayor Hodges and Chief Harteau should be doing everything in their power to end the culture of secrecy and impunity that drives anti-Black policing, starting with release of these video."

Early last week, protesters demanded the names of the officers involved in Clark's shooting. The BCA identified them as Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze.

Both are on administrative leave, which is standard procedure following a police shooting.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/report-white-supremacists-shoot-five-black-lives-matters-protesters-7855265>

UPDATE: Minneapolis police announced just before noon Tuesday that they had arrested one 23-year-old man in Bloomington related to Monday night's shooting. According to the statement, police worked "nonstop throughout the night to develop leads and suspects." No name was released, and the police said they are still searching for other suspects related to the shooting. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges released her own statement following the news. Hodges, who called the incident "abhorrent," said the city is "sparing no efforts to bring any and all those responsible to justice."

SECOND UPDATE: A second arrest was made at noon. A 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested in his car in south Minneapolis. Police are still searching for additional suspects in Monday night's shooting at the Fourth Precinct police station.

Five Black Lives Matters protesters were shot and are being treated for injuries that were not life-threatening after a shooting incident Monday night, and those on the scene say the shooter or shooters were white supremacists who had come to disrupt the protest.

The Jamar Clark shooting death at the hands of Minneapolis police officers has exposed tension across racial lines, and between black residents and law enforcement. Police have claimed protesters threw rocks, and had prepared Molotov cocktails, while protesters say their peaceful gatherings have only been disrupted by police use of mace and "less lethal" weapons.

Monday's shooting, if witness accounts bear out, would introduce a newly violent element to the ongoing fallout from Clark's death.

On Thursday, a short video surfaced that seemed to depict a pair of men on their way to the north Minneapolis protest site, with one brandishing a pistol. Those men were soon labeled as white supremacists, and numerous postings on online message boards such as 4chan indicated a semi-organized movement in response to the Black Lives Matter protests. Protesters also claimed to have seen the men in the video at the scene, and police confirmed they were aware of a potential "disturbance" to protests that had, with few exceptions, remained peaceful.

Last night, witnesses noticed a group of white men who were standing off to the side and not interacting with other protesters, who had generally established a communal atmosphere. Two men later told of their exchange with the men; that clip was subsequently picked up by the Daily Stormer Youtube account, which has also uploaded racist and anti-Semitic videos.

According to the two witnesses, the white men appeared to be videotaping the scene, but not speaking with anyone. A number of protesters approached them, asking why they would not remove masks and show their faces. "Fuck no," the men replied. The two black witnesses then said someone in the crowd punched one of the men, and say others pursued the men as they went to leave the scene.

It was around a corner on Morgan Ave. North's 1400 block when three suspects and protesters clashed, gunfire erupting.

One says he told the crowd, "Don't follow them, they got a gun, don't chase 'em."

According to police scanner audio from the incident, officers reported seeing a Silver Chevy Trailblazer or Chevy Envoy "speed off from the area."

A statement from the Minneapolis Police Department says officers responded "almost immediately" after the call of shots fired came in around 10:40 p.m. Monday.

"Dozens of officers responded almost immediately attending to victims and secured the scene. Additional resources were called in and are actively investigating the shootings, interviewing a multitude of witnesses. The Police Department is working to identify suspects. The police are asking that anyone with information to please come forward."

Three victims were transported by civilian car to North Memorial Medical Center, and two were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

Monday was the eighth day since the police shooting of Clark, a 24-year-old black Minneapolis resident who was transported to a hospital, and put on life support, but later died. Protesters have encamped outside the Fourth Precinct since that morning, issuing a number of demands of the Minneapolis Police Department. Some of those demands have already been met, like the release of officers' names — Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenber were identified as the officers involved — and the opening of a federal investigation into Clark's death.

But demonstrators have continued to call for immediate release of surveillance camera video they say will verify eyewitness accounts that Clark was both unarmed and handcuffed when someone fired the fatal headshot. Authorities have repeatedly declined that demand, and reiterated their reasoning in a joint statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI on Friday:

"Release of any evidence, including any video, during an ongoing investigation would be extremely detrimental to the investigation. We are conducting our investigation in a fair, thorough, and expeditious manner."

Following the shooting, Eddie Sutton, Jamar Clark's brother, put out a statement through the office of DFL U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, asking that protesters end their demonstration at the Fourth Precinct for their own safety.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Calls for calm, or even for protesters to go home, are expected to fall on deaf ears after the shooting. Students are planning a walkout at Minneapolis high schools Tuesday morning, and a march in north Minneapolis is still set to take place Tuesday afternoon, with BLM leaders asserting they would not be intimidated by the shooters.

A funeral for Jamar Clark, the young man whose death sparked more than a week of protests, is scheduled for Wednesday.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/23/blm-protests-set-continue>

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<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3972478.shtml>

(with video)

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS has obtained video, shot inside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, that shows Molotov cocktails thrown just outside the precinct.

According to law enforcement sources, it was recorded Wednesday night into early Thursday morning during a protest at the precinct that was in response to the shooting death of Jamar Clark. Clark was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer on Nov. 15.

View the raw footage here.

Along with the video, we obtained exclusive photographs of the damage done to police squad cars inside the locked gates of the precinct's back parking lot.

In the video, a Molotov cocktail can be seen burning on the ground with another flying over the fence, missing officers by only a few yards. Shortly after the second Molotov cocktail is thrown you can hear six gunshots fired.

5 EYEWITNESS NEWS showed the video to University of Minnesota instructor Ezra Hyland, a longtime northside educator and activist. Hyland said the action against police hurts the overall message of justice for Clark.

"It actually works, I think, to make enemies of people who would normally be in support of non-violent, righteous indignation," Hyland said.

Hyland and Minneapolis police have both said the violence started with people throwing rocks at police. Officers responded with mace. Then, hours later, people threw Molotov cocktails at officers.

"It's insane, if you say it out loud," Hyland said. "We're angry at police brutality so we're going to throw Molotov cocktails at police. We're angry at police violence, so we're going to do vandalism to public property."

No one was injured by the Molotov cocktails or the gunfire and no arrests have been made in either incident.

Minneapolis police have also warned about what they call "outside agitators." Police describe them as people with no connection to Minneapolis who create more tension and incite violence.

On Nov. 18, police removed people who were blocking the front door at the 4th precinct.

Police say rocks were thrown at them and police responded by using a chemical irritant to disperse some of the crowd. Police also used the chemical irritant to clear people from areas behind the precinct to removed tarps hanging on the fence.

Tuesday, November 24

<http://www.startribune.com/the-latest-funeral-planned-for-black-man-killed-by-police/353617321/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The latest in the investigation into the fatal shooting of a black man by Minneapolis police that has sparked more than a week of demonstrations (all times local):

10:15 p.m.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice have heard from activists camped outside a Minneapolis police station to protest the killing of a black man by city police.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, urged protesters to speak their minds Wednesday night.

Activist Emmanuel Kandolo says it makes him sick that it doesn't feel like police are protecting him.

The 18-year-old says he is "a black man, and they are shooting men exactly like me."

A member of the federal group identified his office as the department's Community Relations Service. He declined to comment to The Associated Press.

8:45 p.m.

Court documents indicate a suspect called an old high school friend who is a Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting five people at a protest against the killing of a black man by Minneapolis police.

The Star Tribune reported Wednesday night that the confession was described in an application for a search warrant filed in Hennepin County court.

The documents say the 23-year-old suspect, who is white, told the officer that he and some friends went to the protest to livestream it when the altercation broke out, leading to the shooting.

Authorities raided the man's Bloomington home and seized a dozen weapons. The man and three other men are in custody. Prosecutors have gotten more time to file charges.

The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not formally been charged.

8:15 p.m.

Activists camped outside of a police station to protest the killing of a black man by Minneapolis police have a quiet night planned out of respect for the man's family.

Mica Grimm of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis says the family of Jamar Clark has asked for no large-scale demonstrations because of Clark's funeral Wednesday.

More than 150 people are gathered in front of the police station, talking and eating around campfires. About 35 activists gathered in a circle around a fire to talk about what keeps them going.

Grimm says organizers have a large Thanksgiving meal planned for Thursday.

Cameron Clark was hit in the leg and foot in a shooting that injured five protesters Monday night. Clark was using crutches and says he will keep pushing for justice for his cousin, Jamar.

3:50 p.m.

Law enforcement officials say Minneapolis police have a fourth person in custody in the shootings of five Black Lives Matter protesters but that a decision on whether to file charges won't come before Monday.

Police said Wednesday they had taken a 27-year-old man into custody. Police announced a day earlier that three men — ages 26, 23 and 21 — were in custody. Police say three of the men are white and one is Asian.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office says prosecutors were granted an extension to consider charges in the case, but that no decision would be made before Monday.

The protesters were shot after they confronted several people near the north side police precinct that has been the site of demonstrations since police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark. None of the protesters suffered life-threatening injuries.

This story has been corrected to correct racial descriptions of the men in custody.

3:15 p.m.

The funeral procession for a black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police has gone past the police station where activists protesting his death have been camped out for days.

Vehicles in the procession from Jamar Clark's funeral service to a cemetery honked their horns as they went past the protesters, who shouted "Justice for Jamar" in return.

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

His funeral earlier Wednesday attracted hundreds of people.

2:15 p.m.

Several hundred people have turned out for the funeral of a Minneapolis man killed in a confrontation with police, cheering and applauding speakers who said Jamar Clark's death would not be in vain.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Howell told mourners during Wednesday's funeral that what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community. To a standing ovation, Howell said: "Jamar, your life did and does have purpose."

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

12:50 p.m.

Another rally is planned to mark the death of a Minneapolis man who was killed in a confrontation with police, despite pleas from some community members to avoid such actions on the day of his funeral.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church says protesters will hold what she called an "emergency rally" on Wednesday at the city's north side police precinct near where 24-year-old Jamar Clark died.

Ali spoke outside the church hosting Clark's funeral. She says protesters respect the family's wishes but aren't going anywhere "until we get justice for Jamar Clark."

Some community members also say it's time for a protesters' encampment to shut down.

Protesters have demanded that authorities release video of Clark's death. Ali noted that it took more than a year before Chicago officials on Tuesday released footage of the police shooting death of a black teenager. She says Minneapolis protesters will stay "even if it takes 400 days."

9:45 a.m.

Some community leaders are calling for peace on the day of the funeral for a black man killed by Minneapolis police.

Family members of 24-year-old Jamar Clark also asked for no protests on Wednesday as he is laid to rest. Some relatives called for an end to demonstrations altogether, after five protesters were shot Monday.

Steven Belton, Interim President of the Minneapolis Urban League, says demonstrators camping at the local police precinct have already achieved much of what they wanted, including the names of the officers involved and a federal investigation.

Belton says the vigil must end and that it's time to allow investigations to take their course.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 after a struggle with police. Some who say they saw the shooting insist Clark was handcuffed, but police dispute that.

6:55 a.m.

The family of a black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police are preparing to lay him to rest.

Funeral services for 24-year-old Jamar Clark will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in north Minneapolis. A visitation will be held at the church for two hours before the funeral. Both are open to the public.

Clark was shot on Nov. 15 during what police said was a struggle. Some who say they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, but police have disputed that. Two investigations — one by the state and one by federal authorities — are underway.

Clark's funeral comes two days after shots were fired at protesters, leaving five with injuries that are not life-threatening.

<http://www.startribune.com/police-searching-for-suspects-who-fired-into-crowd-at-blm-protest-outside-4th-precinct/353154811/>

Nearly 1,000 people marched to City Hall on Tuesday, less than a day after five protesters were shot near a Black Lives Matter demonstration, an apparently racially motivated attack that pushed Minneapolis into the national spotlight.

Minneapolis police said Tuesday that they have arrested three men in connection with the shooting. Allen Lawrence “Lance” Scarsella III, 23, was arrested in Bloomington. Sources said Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown, and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City, were taken into custody after they turned themselves in. All three suspects are white. Earlier Tuesday, police arrested a 32-year-old Hispanic man in south Minneapolis, but he was later released because, police said, he was not at the scene of the shooting.

Authorities are weighing whether to treat Monday’s shooting as a hate crime, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

In a video message posted on Facebook, Mayor Betsy Hodges said she “abhors” Monday night’s violence and that “those attacks have no place in our city.”

Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau on Twitter called the officers “true professionals” and noted that “MPD worked nonstop through the night to bring justice in last night’s shooting.” She did not comment further on the shooting Tuesday.

The gunfire erupted around 10:45 p.m. Monday on Morgan Avenue N. about a block north of the precinct station where protesters have staged demonstrations and camped out since Nov. 15, when police fatally shot Jamar Clark, an unarmed 24-year-old black man.

Black Lives Matter organizers react to shooting of protesters and lead march to Minneapolis City Hall.

Video (00:50): See Black Lives Matter protesters march from 4th Precinct HQ to City Hall

Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said “a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights.”

When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they “opened fire on about six protesters,” hitting five of them. The victims — all black men ages 19 through 43 — were taken to local hospitals. Their injuries were not life threatening.

Rallies continue

In Minneapolis, protesters gathered Tuesday afternoon outside the Fourth Precinct to reiterate demands for justice in Clark's death and commit to staying at their encampment.

One of the Monday shooting victims returned to the scene, leaning heavily on a cane. Wesley Martin said he was shot after he and a group of others chased the suspected gunmen toward an alley off Morgan Avenue.

"I've been out here every night since it started, and you know when people look suspicious," Martin said.

The bullet ripped through his right knee, Martin said. He said his 19-year-old friend Teven King was also shot, in the stomach.

As Martin spoke, his cousin Leroy Williams nodded in agreement. Williams said one of Clark's nephews, Cameron Clark, 24, was among the shooting victims.

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By 3 p.m., a crowd of about 1,000 marchers with banners headed to City Hall, pausing at Clark's makeshift memorial on Plymouth Avenue along the way.

The shooting appeared to draw new supporters to the cause.

Felicia Washington Sy, a psychotherapist, said she left work early Tuesday afternoon, telling her boss, "I need to be there."

It was the first time Sy had seen the encampment with her own eyes.

"[I came out] because of the overwhelming feeling of injustice, sadness and my responsibility to take part and say 'that's not OK,'" she said.

Two Minneapolis squad cars guided the group over interstate overpasses and through downtown streets.

When protesters reached City Hall, they continued to N. 4th St., blocking the road in front of the federal courthouse.

A few protesters attempted to enter the courthouse, but doors were locked.

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City officials did not come out to meet the crowd, and protesters were told that City Hall was on lockdown.

After rallying in the street for about an hour, the group turned to walk back to the Fourth Precinct station via Washington Avenue.

Meanwhile, protesters in Chicago also took to the streets after a white police officer was indicted on murder charges in the 2014 shooting death of a 17-year-old black teen. A graphic video released Tuesday shows the officer shooting the teen repeatedly.

Debate over encampment

The FBI, one of the outside agencies investigating Clark's death, is "aware of the incident and is coordinating with the Minneapolis Police Department to assess the facts and determine if further federal action" is warranted, spokesman Kyle Loven said.

Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger's office, said the attorney's office and the Department of Justice civil rights division are also taking a look.

Protesters have raised questions about Minneapolis police officers' knowledge of and response to the Monday shooting. Asked about those questions Tuesday, Scott Seroka, a police department spokesman, said, "At this point in the investigation, we know that the people that have been arrested have no connection to the MPD."

Council President Barb Johnson said the shooting Monday evening was a "continuation of a stressful time for the neighbors that live in the area surrounding the Fourth Precinct," adding that "they deserve some peace and some rest."

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Johnson disputed comments that police had taken too long to react to the shooting, and said officers responded in three minutes. She said she believes it's time for the demonstrations to end, in part because they are attracting attention from outside groups.

After the shooting, Jamar Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, urged an end to the encampment, expressing concern for the safety of the protesters. Clark's funeral is scheduled for Wednesday.

Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the police union, said he is frustrated that the chief allowed protesters to pitch any tents at the North Side precinct building. Instead of patrolling the streets, officers from the precinct

have to guard and manually open the gate to a parking lot where the squads and their vehicles are stored.

They monitor the encampment from the precinct's windows and security cameras while several SWAT units are on standby, he said.

To backfill, officers from other precincts have to patrol the North Side communities. This takes them away from their own areas and potentially leads to longer response times to 911 calls, he said.

"This can only get worse," he said. "Our officers feel helpless, like they are sitting ducks."

Additional security is in place for City Hall on Wednesday, including additional security guards at entrances and staff being asked to show identification to enter, said Casper Hill, a spokesman for the city. They were also advised that the federal building across the street imposed additional security measures.

Staff writers Liz Sawyer, Karen Zamora, Natalie Daher and Erin Golden contributed to this report.

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MINNEAPOLIS — Hundreds of people filled a Minneapolis church on Wednesday for the funeral of a black man whose death in a confrontation with police has sparked days of ongoing protests, while charges were pending against four men suspected in a shooting that wounded several of the protesters.

Impassioned speeches from pastors and Jamar Clark's relatives were occasionally interrupted by shouts and applause inside the cavernous Shiloh Temple International Ministries. Several relatives wore white T-shirts that read, "I matter," with Clark's picture on the back.

Programs also adorned with a photo of Clark described the 24-year-old as a man who "liked to swim, fish, listen to music, play basketball, be with family and take trips to Charlotte, North Carolina."

"I'm still hurt," his sister, Sharice Burns, told the packed church on the city's north side. "I'm still suffering. We need justice sooner rather than later."

Clark was shot on Nov. 15 in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault of a woman in which he was a suspect. Some community members who say they saw the incident allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. State and federal investigations are underway.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal criminal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. Howell said what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community.

"Jamar, your life did and does have purpose," he said to a standing ovation. "Your death is not in vain."

The funeral procession went past the 4th Precinct police station, where Black Lives Matters activists and others have been camped out for days. Vehicles in the procession honked their horns, and protesters shouted "Justice for Jamar."

Police have arrested four men — ages 27, 26, 23 and 21 — on suspicion of shooting five protesters after some protesters told the men to leave the site Monday night. Police said three of the men are white and the fourth is Asian.

Court documents indicate the 23-year-old suspect called an old high school friend who is a Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting the protesters. The confession was described in an application for a search warrant filed in Hennepin County court, the Star Tribune reported Wednesday night.

According to the documents, the suspect, who is white, told the officer that he and some friends went to the protest to livestream it when the altercation broke out, leading to the shooting. Authorities raided the man's Bloomington home and seized a dozen weapons. The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not formally been charged.

Prosecutors are considering charges but won't announce a decision before Monday, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office said.

The shootings spurred a massive march Tuesday evening, with a racially mixed crowd marching more than 2 miles to City Hall and back. Hundreds of demonstrators milled quietly around portable fire pits to share coffee, pizza and doughnuts as music played.

In the wake of the shootings, Clark's family asked for protesters to end the encampment out of safety concerns, and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said it would be wise to "start thinking about an exit strategy" and what to do next.

Steven Belton, interim president of the Minneapolis Urban League, echoed those sentiments, saying protesters had achieved most of what they wanted. Belton said the vigil should end to "restore order" to the community, which he said has endured open gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires and hours of helicopter noise.

That likely won't happen, said Jayme Ali, a pastor at God of All Truth Church. Outside the funeral, as mourners streamed past, Ali said another rally was planned. Protesters have demanded investigators release video of the Clark shooting, and Ali noted it took more than a year before Chicago on Tuesday released video of the fatal police shooting of a black teenager.

"We are not going nowhere. We are there until we get justice for Jamar Clark," she said. "Fourth Precinct, start taking donations for a new building, because we are not going anywhere."

A crowd of more than 100 people gathered at the site again Wednesday night, along with representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Police haven't released a possible motive for the shootings of the protesters, but the shootings came after several racially disparaging comments about the protests were posted on social media. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police had issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report suspicious behavior to authorities.

<http://www.startribune.com/social-media-offer-clues-into-shooting-suspects-motives/353411111/>

In the glow of a vehicle's interior light, the YouTube video shows two masked men as they cruise down Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis one night last week. The driver, who identifies himself as "SaigaMarine," doesn't hesitate to make his agenda clear.

"We are locked and loaded," he says, holding up a black 1911-style pistol. As he flashes the gun, he explains amid racial slurs that the men are headed to the Black Lives Matter protest outside Minneapolis' Fourth Precinct police headquarters. Their mission, he says, is "a little reverse cultural enriching."

"We're gonna see if we can have ourselves a little look-see," adds his passenger, who identifies himself as "Black Powder Ranger."

SaigaMarine tells viewers to stay tuned. "Stay white," he says as he signs off.

On Tuesday, days after that video went public, three men were in custody in connection with Monday night's shooting of five protesters a block from the Fourth Precinct headquarters in an act that drew condemnation coast to coast.

Police arrested Allen Lawrence "Lance" Scarsella III, 23, of Lakeville, and a 32-year-old man from Minneapolis, who was later released from custody after police determined he wasn't at the shooting scene.

Later Tuesday, two more men — Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City — turned themselves in to police and were booked on probable cause assault in connection with the case.

Monday's shootings caused an uproar among protesters encamped at the Fourth Precinct headquarters since 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot during a struggle with two Minneapolis police officers early Nov. 15. Many said they believe police did not move quickly enough to assist the wounded or apprehend the shooters, some of whom were believed to have visited the protest site more than once. Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau, however, lauded police for working through the night to make the arrests.

Still, the shootings galvanized protesters, who said Tuesday that the shots rang out after they attempted to drive the men, who they described as "white supremacists," from the area.

Witnesses to the shootings said they confronted the men before they fired and forced them from the protest area. According to a video interview with two men immediately afterward, the group demanded that the assailants remove their masks. When they refused, a scuffle ensued. As the crowd began to push the men out, shots were fired.

While police didn't publicly connect Scarsella to the YouTube video from last week, social media offered a glimpse into his political leanings.

A Facebook page for him displays a "Bonnie Blue Flag," an unofficial banner of the Confederacy.

"This isn't the Somalian flag, (by the way)," he wrote beneath the post.

Meanwhile, the Facebook page of the Minneapolis man released from custody shows a profile photo that features him armed and donning full military gear. He describes his occupation simply as "Saving the Constitution."

The man, who bears a striking resemblance to the masked "SaigaMarine," also displays an affinity for firearms. On a cache of a now-deleted Instagram page, he describes himself as a former Marine infantryman and Iraq war veteran, as well as a firearms model and supporter of the Second Amendment.

He also appeared to be well-known on /k/, a popular weapons message board on the website 4chan where racist comments are sometimes posted. There, he was known as SaigaMarine, among other monikers, and news of his arrest reverberated among the anonymous users.

"What an idiot," one wrote. "Play stupid games, win stupid prizes. Never should've trolled that protest so hard."

'It's boiling'

Several days before Monday's shootings, the masked men from the YouTube video made an appearance at the Fourth Precinct protests under the guise of being in support of Clark, according to video captured by alternative media website Unicorn Riot.

"Things are getting heated," SaigaMarine told a Unicorn Riot reporter. "They always expect one of us to do something. They expect one of us to be in the wreckage of all this. It's boiling. It's going to be happening soon."

On his camouflage coat was a patch bearing the logo for /k/.

The second man in the YouTube video turned to the camera, while another masked man snickered.

"All these folks here should get the justice and peace that they deserve. And what we really need to do here is reach out to our communities, especially our melanin-enriched communities," the second man said.

Protesters soon grew suspicious and confronted the men, who said they were simply there to watch and film. The protesters, doubtful, let them move on.

On Tuesday, as the shooting victims recovered, a soundless video appeared online. The six-minute footage, believed to have been filmed by the shooting suspects, shows them approaching the encampment only to be confronted by a group of men and women, some of whom would later be shot.

After what appears to be a heated exchange, the camera shakes and cuts to black.

Staff writer David Chanen contributed to this report.

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AARON LAVINSKY • STAR TRIBUNE

NAACP youth director Stephen Green, right, sang “We Shall Overcome” last week at a makeshift memorial set up for Jamar Clark along Plymouth Avenue in north Minneapolis. Clark’s family has asked supporters to end their protest outside the Minneapolis Police Department’s Fourth Precinct station.

When gunmen fired at a group of demonstrators Monday night, 10 days of mostly peaceful protests in north Minneapolis took a terrible turn.

Several men who had behaved suspiciously reportedly were being chased by Black Lives Matter supporters when they turned, shot and wounded five protesters about a block from the protest site next to the Minneapolis Police Department’s Fourth Precinct. The shooting occurred at 10:45 p.m., making it easier for the gunmen to open fire before escaping into darkness. The protest encampment had been set up to protest the Nov. 15 officer-involved shooting death of Jamar Clark.

Since the vigil began 11 days ago, harsh words have been exchanged and some property damage has occurred, but for the most part the protests have been peaceful. That all changed Monday, making it sensible for protesters to heed the request of the grieving Clark family that they disband the tent camp for the safety of the demonstrators and the public.

The victims, all black men, were taken to hospitals with noncritical injuries, according to police. Authorities are reportedly discussing whether the incident should be treated as a hate crime.

There’s no reason peaceful protests shouldn’t continue, but they should occur under the safest possible circumstances. Holding rallies and marches during daylight hours, with appropriate security and communication with police, would make it less likely that protesters and the public would be at risk. Previous Black Lives Matter events in Minneapolis and St. Paul — as well as Tuesday’s march and rally downtown — have been peaceful, in part because they most often have been announced in advance and leaders have collaborated with city and law enforcement officials.

Demonstrators should also take note of how many of their concerns already have been addressed. They demanded an independent investigation of Clark’s death, and that effort is underway. They wanted the names of the officers involved in the shooting, and they have been identified. Meanwhile, Minneapolis

Mayor Betsy Hodges, Police Chief Janeé Harteau and Gov. Mark Dayton have kept the lines of communication open with the Clark family and the protesters.

The last remaining demand is for the release of relevant video. Though this page favors as much transparency as possible during high-profile cases, investigators need to have time to interview witnesses who have not been influenced by evidence being prematurely released. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger assured an editorial writer this week that the investigation will be thorough and remain independent of the efforts of Minneapolis police.

As the fact-finding continues in the Clark case, authorities must also seek justice for those shot Monday night. In the meantime, hopefully Black Lives Matter organizers and their supporters will take the advice of Clark's brother Eddie Sutton.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

<http://www.startribune.com/quotes-from-key-figures-on-the-jamar-clark-shooting-and-black-lives-matter-protests/353324721/>

Here is a snapshot of some quotes locally and nationally related to the Jamar Clark shooting and ongoing protests.

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful. But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

– Eddie Sutton, brother of Jamar Clark

"We are sparing no efforts to bring any and all those responsible to justice."

– Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges

"MPD worked nonstop through the night to bring justice in last night's shooting."

– Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau

"As a City Council, we come from diverse backgrounds and bring a range of perspectives to our work which reflects the various views of the communities we each represent. We are united in addressing the racial inequities that hold back our city. ... We are committed to making Minneapolis a city that is strong, safe, and prosperous for all residents.

– Minneapolis City Council

“[Monday’s shooting was a] continuation of a stressful time for the neighbors that live in the area surrounding the Fourth Precinct. ... They deserve some peace and some rest.”

– Minneapolis City Council President Barb Johnson

“We all were terrorized last night. ... I’ve never seen racism like that.”

– Carrie Brown, who lives down the street from the Fourth Precinct station

“Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. ... I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark’s family and the injured.”

– U.S. Sen. Al Franken

“I am obviously appalled that white supremacists would open fire on nonviolent, peaceful protesters.”

– Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP

“From the labor movement, to the women’s movement, and the civil rights movement, peaceful demonstrations have always driven change in this country. The women and men behind Black Lives Matter are part of this proud tradition. That tradition was attacked Monday. ... To those who use violence to change minds, the history teachers among us remind you of one thing: It won’t work.”

– Education Minnesota President Denise Specht

“The shooting last night of protesters in Minneapolis at an ongoing demonstration for Jamar Clark is both horrific and tragic. ... This is another reminder that racism remains ever-present in communities across our country, and that minority communities feel threatened physically and by the structural obstacles that a legacy of slavery and racism have left behind.”

– Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee chair

“[The protester was] so obnoxious and so loud” ... “maybe he should have been roughed up.”

– GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, on activist who was removed from a Trump rally in Birmingham, Ala.

“[Black Lives Matter activists are] literally suggesting and embracing and celebrating the murder of police officers.”

– GOP presidential candidate Ted Cruz

“The Black Lives Matter movement, where it’s foisting yourself on people – rather than engaging in dialogue – and bullying people ... I never liked the idea of bullying on behalf of anybody.”

– GOP presidential candidate Ben Carson in Ferguson, Mo.

“It is essential that we all stand up and say loudly and clearly, ‘Yes, black lives matter.’ ”

– Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

“I don’t believe that movement [Black Lives Matter] should be justified when they are calling for the murder of police officers.”

– GOP presidential candidate Chris Christie

<http://www.startribune.com/what-we-know-about-the-monday-shooting-at-the-black-lives-matter-protest/353225511/>

Information continues to emerge about the shooting at the Black Lives Matter protest Monday night. Here’s a summary of the events and what has happened since.

1. The shooting

Gunfire erupted on Morgan Avenue N., about a block away from the Fourth Precinct police station around 10:45 p.m. Monday during a Black Lives Matter protest. Miski Noor, a media contact for Black Lives Matter, said “a group of white supremacists showed up at the protest, as they have done most nights.” When about a dozen protesters attempted to herd the group away from the area, Noor said, they “opened fire on about six protesters.” Five people who had been participating the protest were shot. The victims — all black men ages 19 through 34 — were taken to hospitals with injuries that were not life threatening, according to police.

2. The suspects

After the shooting, Minneapolis police said they were seeking three white men as suspects in the shooting. Police arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday in connection with the shooting. They also arrested a 32-year-old Hispanic man in south Minneapolis at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, but he was released later in the afternoon. The search for other suspects continued. Two more men turned themselves in about 2:30 p.m. and investigators were questioning them, police said, identifying them as white and ages 26 and 21.

3. Events continue

Black Lives Matter is leading a #Justice4Jamar march from the Fourth Precinct to City Hall Tuesday afternoon. The Minneapolis NAACP is hosting a #Justice4Jamar memorial concert at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Fourth Precinct.

4. Ongoing investigation

State and federal officials are still investigating the death of Jamar Clark, an unarmed black man who was shot by Minneapolis police Nov 15. Witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed and on the ground at the time of the shooting. An autopsy showed Clark died of a gunshot to the head. Police have said he was not handcuffed and was interfering with paramedics helping his girlfriend, the victim of an assault. The police union president has said Clark was reaching for an officer's gun and had "manual control" of the weapon when he was shot. The officers involved in the shooting, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, are on paid administrative leave.

<http://www.startribune.com/readers-write-nov-25-shooting-at-black-lives-matter-protest-video-from-scene-of-jamar-clark-shooting-the-ethics-of-assisted-suicide/353303681/>

JEFF WHEELER • STAR TRIBUNE

The scene Tuesday in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct station. On Monday night, five people protesting near the station were shot. On Tuesday, authorities were weighing whether to treat the attack as a hate crime.

Merriam-Webster defines terrorism to be "the use of violent acts to frighten the people in an area as a way of trying to achieve a political goal." The people who shot five protesters on Monday night in Minneapolis did so to threaten those protesting at the Fourth Precinct, to make them fearful of continuing the protest. Call the attackers what they really are — terrorists — rather than understating their actions by referring to them as "counter-demonstrators," as was done in some news coverage.

Jackson Melius, St. Paul

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I was not in Minneapolis last week. I was in Syracuse, N.Y., looking into law schools. As I was returning, I saw a notification on my phone that there had been a shooting and that Black Lives Matter was now involved. Those in the local BLM movement had been waiting for an event like this. They knew that it was a matter of time. It came sooner rather than later. The community is now watching and knows that this is a real movement.

I grew up in Minneapolis. I am a graduate of North High School. I am aware, as a mixed woman, what both sides are saying. My white colleagues and friends whisper their thoughts to me as if I am a safe person to express the frustration that they feel with BLM. I don't need to tell you what is being said, as I am sure many readers are thinking and saying the same things. What I want to ask is: "Who would make a better victim?"

One major point of the movement is to address aggressive policing. The police would not have been at the scene of the Jamar Clark shooting on Nov. 15 had there not been a disturbance. While I do not condone what the perpetrator was said to have done, those actions are not the point. One action does

not deserve another. When the police are called, under the assumption to stop an already violent or tense situation, it should not be met with the possibility of more violence or death.

Reading news boards and hearing reactions to the protest have been disappointing, but the reactions highlight the misunderstandings or the willingness to remain ignorant to the larger issues at play. I have heard things such as that blacks are uneducated, poor and violent. We are none of those things, and we are not deaf to the things that are being said and implied. Those negative thoughts lead to negative actions that result in bias in the workplace, housing and, yes, policing.

I could give the facts; however, facts don't matter. We should not have to prove that we are worthy of better jobs, to have safe communities, to have equal educational opportunities and to not live in fear of the police.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Just do what you're told, and there will be no problem." Too often these interactions start with aggression. Policing needs to begin with humanity. We need to see that our communities exist because of one another. You want the North Side community contained and under guard so it does not affect you. What can this community really do that would be agreeable? Wait? Play by what rules of acceptability and respectability? Or just go away?

Gina Iliev, St. Paul

JAMAR CLARK SHOOTING

Video should be released. That it hasn't is shameful all around.

It's been a week since the shooting of Jamar Clark, and the city is still impassioned by supporters of the Minneapolis Police Department and by those who believe witnesses who claim that Clark was shot "execution-style" in the head. There is video that is being examined from multiple sources by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, in a typical investigation of a shooting of this nature, but in the meantime there is a substantial rift occurring in police-community relations.

Frankly, city and law enforcement management have been severely mishandling the situation. The video will reveal whether the shooting was justified or if it was an abuse of police power and, therefore, a murder. Whether the judgment is revealed when it should have been five days ago, or in another week or longer, the findings will be the same. But each day of the delay creates distrust of law enforcement and justified dissension.

It is not the mayor's call, but shame on her for not exercising management authority and skills to expedite the findings. Shame on Gov. Mark Dayton for not using his influence to get the videos made available to the public. Shame on the BCA for the callous disregard of community relations by its foot-dragging in the matter. Shame on those in the community who react in violent ways of protest. Shame on Clark for his undisputed assault and for interfering with paramedics doing their jobs. And finally, shame on the Police Department, which does not require personal body cameras to be a required part of the uniform so that issues like this never have to occur.

Police officers should deserve the public's respect, but the way this situation has been handled, is it any wonder why that respect can be challenged?

David Berger, Minneapolis

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Gov. Dayton is at it again ("Dayton: Clark video inconclusive," Nov. 24). When everyone in authority says to wait for the conclusions of the video, he tells all. What part of "wait" does he not understand?

Ellen Jacobson, Savage

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The NAACP is a valuable organization and deserves all the respect it gets. At the same time, I question the logic of statements made by its Minneapolis president, Nekima Levy-Pounds. In response to the governor's observation that the ambulance tape shows nothing that would confirm any point of view about the Clark killing, she wrote on Facebook that his observation "reinforces the public's need to see the videotape for themselves and to draw their own conclusions." She explained that he is "not a trained expert in this field." Logic says that if his inexpert opinion is not valuable, neither would be inexpert opinions from the public.

Levy-Pounds added that the governor's observation "calls into question the veracity of statements from witnesses." No, it doesn't. Dayton has basically stated that the video itself is neutral. He made no comment at all about witnesses. And I can't agree with her assumption that his statement might deter other witnesses from coming forward. On the contrary, it might encourage new witnesses to step up, because now they can be confident that at least this video would not make their testimony superfluous.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29160186/

The day after five Black Lives Matter demonstrators were shot near the Minneapolis police precinct where they were protesting -- sparking a national uproar -- police had three men in custody in connection with the case.

In brief statements Tuesday, police said they had arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington about 11:20 a.m., and, less than an hour later, a 32-year-old Hispanic man in his vehicle in South Minneapolis.

Police later released the Hispanic man, saying he was not at the scene of the shooting.

But later Tuesday, two more men, described as white and ages 26 and 21, turned themselves in and were being held, police said.

Police refused to release the names of those arrested, saying they would do so if the men were charged.

However, Minnesota law requires law enforcement agencies to release the names of suspects if they are arrested, not when they are charged.

While it was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, several racially disparaging comments had been posted on social media in recent days. And organizers of the Black Lives Matter protest said they had previously kicked out counterprotesters they believed to be white supremacists.

Protesters have been demonstrating in front of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, on the city's North Side, since the Nov. 15 fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark during an attempted arrest by two police officers. The case is the latest in a national controversy over police shootings of black men.

None of the Minneapolis protesters suffered life-threatening injuries in the Monday night shooting, which happened at 10:40 p.m. in the area of 1400 Morgan Avenue North, just down the street from the 4th Precinct.

THE SHOOTING

Henry Habu, who said he has been providing security for protesters, said he and others approached four white people who were standing under a "Justice4Jamar" sign to ask what they were doing there. The group was composed of three men and one woman, with three of them wearing masks that left their eyes exposed.

"We're here for Jamar," one said, according to Habu.

Habu said they tried to escort the four from the scene and they took off running. Habu said he did not see the shooting that followed, but heard it.

"It happened so fast," he said.

Oluchi Omeoga witnessed the shooting and said a handful of protesters followed three men in masks to a street corner, where the men pulled out weapons and began firing.

Alexander Dewan Apprentice Clark, who said he chased the attackers, said one of the men fell and when Clark helped him up, he felt what he believed to be a bulletproof vest under the man's clothing.

Two people were shot in the leg, another in the arm and a fourth in the stomach, said Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter who said she arrived on the scene soon after the shooting.

PROTESTERS' RESOLVE

In a statement released early Tuesday through U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison's office, Clark's family thanked protesters for their "incredible support" but asked, in light of the shootings, that the demonstration outside the precinct offices end and protesters move "onto the next step."

Clark's family has also called for an end to the demonstrations.

Protesters, who have been camped outside the precinct for more than a week, insisted they will not leave. They called a news conference to announce that they would "not bow to fear" or "intimidation" after the shootings.

"We ain't going nowhere," said Pastor Danny Givens Jr. of St. Paul, a clergy liaison to the Black Lives Matter movement.

One of the wounded protesters returned to the scene. Wesley Martin was walking with a cane after being hit in the left leg. He said he remembers chasing the masked men, then getting shot and being put in an ambulance. But he recalls little else.

He said his 19-year-old brother, Tevin, was wounded in the stomach and was in intensive care but was expected to recover.

Some protesters criticized the police response time and said officers arrived in full riot gear. Officers aggressively pushed back on the crowd, some said, at one point using a chemical irritant to keep people back.

INVESTIGATION

Authorities have said Clark was shot once in the head during a struggle with two officers after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist a woman whom Clark allegedly assaulted. But some people who said they saw the police shooting say Clark was handcuffed.

Police have disputed that. And an attorney for one of the officers involved in the shooting says Clark was not handcuffed, went for an officer's weapon and "had manual control" of that officer's gun.

Protesters and Clark's family have called for investigators to release video of the shooting. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from an ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of the footage shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would compromise its investigation.

Gov. Mark Dayton said he has seen video taken by the ambulance's camera and on Monday said he thought it was inconclusive.

The FBI is also conducting an investigation into Clark's death after Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges asked for a federal review of the matter.

Meanwhile, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said it will be up to a grand jury to decide whether to bring charges against officers in Clark's death.

Freeman issued a statement Tuesday after repeated requests by black activist groups to make the decision himself rather than go to a grand jury. Protesters have complained that grand juries are unlikely to indict police officers.

Clark's funeral will be held at noon Wednesday at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in Minneapolis. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29162261/

As the firewood was piled high outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Tuesday afternoon, protesters holding boxes of pizza walked through the crowd, offering up slices to those they passed by.

Others worked to organize the boxes of food and clothing donated to the North Minneapolis encampment -- a group of protesters who say they will not stop after five were shot and injured late Monday night. The shooting followed a confrontation with counterprotesters near the encampment, which sprang up after police fatally shot a 24-year-old black man on Nov. 15.

"If we can get through this, we can get through anything," Jie Wronski-Riley said, reflecting the sentiment of participants in a Tuesday afternoon march to Minneapolis City Hall. "Black Lives Matter will not be standing down. We will not be silenced."

A member of the Black Lives Matter safety team who was at Monday night's protest, Wronski-Riley spoke of being a witness to the shooting and watching two victims fall to the ground.

"At first, I thought it was firecrackers," Wronski-Riley said of the shooting near the police station. "My mind couldn't understand that people would be shooting at us."

Like Wronski-Riley, who said the shooting was a "concrete representation of why we're out here," King Demetrus Pendleton has been coming to the protest every day. He said the shooting wouldn't stop him and others from attending the protests but added that people are now more cautious and aware of who is in the crowd.

Pendleton, who wasn't at the 4th Precinct encampment when the shooting occurred, was in disbelief to hear of what he called "a vicious attack."

"I couldn't sleep," said Pendleton, who lives and works in North Minneapolis. "I was praying for the families. I was in tears because that could have been me and my children out there."

But he said the shooting, which he called "terrorism of a community that is trying to heal and grieve," would serve to further unite those who have been protesting the death of Jamar Clark, who was fatally shot by police as they attempted to arrest him nine days ago.

The protesters' grievances are about much more than Clark, too. They are about injustices that have gone on for decades -- and not only in North Minneapolis, Pendleton said.

"This is a nation problem, not just a black person problem," he said.

The smoke from several campfires along Plymouth Avenue North wafted through the crowd as more people arrived Tuesday afternoon. Some took to bullhorns to rally the crowd and lead them in chants like "No justice, no peace -- prosecute the police" and "Black Lives Matter."

In a series of speeches that followed, protesters made direct counterpoints to what they believe is a straw man argument that suggests the slogan "Black Lives Matter" means that only black lives matter, when in fact it means the opposite.

"We are all part of this community. You will always be a part of Black Lives Matter," one speaker noted, directing his comments to the non-blacks in the crowd.

"Somebody tried to break the spirit of this gathering and look at it, it just grew," said speaker Irna Landrum. "They couldn't tear this down, no matter how hard they tried."

Even though Clark's family called for the demonstrations to end, citing concerns about safety after the Monday night shooting, activists said they would not be deterred, and they made a distinct effort to thank and reach out to non-black protesters who were there to show support.

The speeches preceded an afternoon march on City Hall.

At 2 p.m., Black Lives Matter held a rally in front of the Fourth Precinct station, as some 1,000 protesters amassed and marched 2 1/2 miles to City Hall in downtown Minneapolis.

The crowd headed east on Plymouth Avenue, stopping in front of a memorial where Clark was killed.

Protesters held off traffic as the march entered downtown on Seventh Street, crossing over Interstate 94.

The doors of City Hall were either locked or blocked as protesters arrived.

Paul Slack, a North Minneapolis resident who participated in the march, said it was one of the largest marches he had ever seen.

"I think it says a lot about what people want," Slack said. "People want healing and peace."

The march closed down traffic on Seventh Street for 10 minutes before continuing to Third Avenue and City Hall.

"It was crazy," Louis Tillman, a pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, said of being at the 4th Precinct at the time of Monday night's shooting.

Tillman said he heard screaming and saw people running in different directions after he heard gunfire.

Kendrick Hall, a 24-year-old North Side resident who was also nearby, said he wasn't afraid to continue protesting in front of the police station.

"I'm going to stand out here until I can't stand anymore," he said. "We have to stay out here."

Youssef Rddad and Tad Vezner contributed to this report.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29158086/black-lives-matter-protest-shooting-what-national-media

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Five people were shot near a Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest late Monday night, according to police, and reports say more shots were fired late Tuesday night.

None of the five shot Monday suffered life-threatening injuries. No injuries were reported from the reported shooting Tuesday.

The shootings Monday occurred about a block from the police department's 4th Precinct, which remains the focal point of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reconvened at the 4th Precinct on Tuesday and marched to City Hall in downtown. Wednesday, Clark's funeral filled a North Minneapolis church.

Here's what the national media is reporting:

The Washington Post says police officers were scouring the ground for evidence late Tuesday night after more shots were allegedly fired on protesters.

From The Guardian: "The men who shot at the Minneapolis protesters want to scare all black people."

Slate asks, will investigators release the video of Jamar Clark's death now?

Protesters won't back down in face of violence, The New York Times reports.

A group raised suspicions before five were shot at police protest, according to the Chicago Tribune.

From Salon: White men are the face of terror: Race, Donald Trump, Fox News and the real story of the Minneapolis shooting.

http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/25/fourth-precinct-demonstrators?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Protests at the 4th Precinct took on a peaceful and festive tone Tuesday night, a day after gunfire near the north Minneapolis police station sent five people to the hospital.

- Monday: 3 arrested, 1 released in shooting near 4th Precinct

A benefit concert that lasted for several hours ended with a rap by the president of the Minneapolis NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds.

Levy-Pounds wished demonstrators a safe journey home, but few left immediately, energized by the music and dance.

Here are just a few of the hundreds of people who braved late November temperatures for another night of demonstrations:

Epoch Williams of north Minneapolis said Tuesday that he has been out at the 4th Precinct for five nights. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Tuesday was the fifth day at the 4th Precinct for Epoch Williams of north Minneapolis.

"You know I live in a world that doesn't want me, I live in a society that doesn't care about me, and it's been that way forever," he said.

Williams said he comes to the 4th Precinct to confront his fears.

"You're afraid to get pulled over by the police, you're afraid to go to jail, you might not come home," he said. "You might get pulled over, and you might end up dead. That's why we're here."

Selena, Jazmine and Jalyn McKnight

Selena McKnight and her daughters, Jazmine and Jalyn, were at the 4th Precinct Tuesday night. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Selena McKnight brought her daughters Jazmine and Jalyn to the protest.

"We want to represent the boy who died," said 8-year-old Jazmine.

Jazmine's mom said they live just down the road from where Jamar Clark was fatally shot by police Nov. 15.

"We pass by here all the time," McKnight said. "On both sides of the road, you know somebody lost their life, regardless of their story, or their side, somebody lost their life."

She didn't know Clark or his family, but she plans to take her daughters to his funeral.

Greg McRoy is a north-sider, doing security outside the 4th Precinct in north Minneapolis Tuesday. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

North Minneapolis resident Greg McRoy said the evening was beautiful, despite the shootings the night before.

"We've had some idiots that come out here, but it goes with all the struggles," he said. "Got some foolishness that goes one when you're trying to prevail and be successful and take over something that needs to be taken over, like this community."

McRoy says he's out here to spread the message that all lives matter.

"It's not just for Jamar Clark, it's for Trayvon Martin, all that had injustice done to them ... that all lives matter."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/prosecutor-jamar-clark-case-will-go-to-grand-jury/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A county prosecutor in Minneapolis says it will be up to a grand jury whether to bring criminal charges against police officers in the fatal shooting of a black man.

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Jamar Clark, 24, was killed in a confrontation with police on Nov. 15. Some community members say he was handcuffed, which police dispute. His death has sparked days of protests.

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<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3972956.shtml>

The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted more than a week of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal investigators piece together what happened. Jamar Clark, 24, was shot in the head Nov. 15 during what authorities said was a struggle with two police officers. Here's a look at where the investigation stands:

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Authorities have said their initial investigation shows Clark was a suspect in an assault and was disrupting paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police say they struggled with Clark, and he was shot.

People who claim they saw the shooting say Clark was handcuffed and wasn't struggling. The state agency that's investigating the shooting, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said it's looking into

whether Clark was restrained. They say handcuffs were at the scene, but it isn't clear whether they were on Clark or had fallen.

Lt. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, has said that Clark had his hands on an officer's gun. Authorities have said no other weapons were found.

A federal civil rights investigation is also underway.

VIDEO OF THE SHOOTING

Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday that he viewed video captured by an ambulance at the scene and it's inconclusive.

Dayton said the footage he saw contains no audio but shows "a very brief fragment where Mr. Clark and one of the officers encountered each other, and then they disappear from sight."

The ambulance video isn't the only video out there. The BCA has said it also has video from a mobile police camera, public housing cameras and citizens' cellphones, but that none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

PROTESTS LINGER

Community members have said they won't leave the police precinct that's near the shooting site on Minneapolis' north side until authorities meet their demands, which include the release of video.

Protests had been largely peaceful before Monday night, when five people were shot and wounded about a block from the precinct. It wasn't immediately clear what prompted the shooting. Police said Tuesday they are searching for three white male suspects. One protester described seeing three masked individuals who weren't part of the protest and were escorted away fire the shots.

Clark's family issued a statement early Tuesday thanking protesters for their support but urging an end to the demonstration at the precinct. Black Lives Matter plans to announce its "next steps" Tuesday following a weekend strategy meeting with community members.

WHAT'S AHEAD

The BCA said it's giving the Clark investigation top priority, even as it warned that such inquiries can take as long as two to four months.

Protesters have several events planned through Sunday outside the 4th Precinct. And Clark's funeral - open to the public - is scheduled for Wednesday at a north Minneapolis church.

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http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/4th-precinct-shooting-questions?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_NewsFeatures+%28News+%26+Features+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

As events in north Minneapolis progressed in the week since the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark, a 24-year-old black man, individual voices warned of a danger.

- The latest: Live coverage from the 4th Precinct
- Related: 3 arrested, 1 released in Jamar Clark protest shootings

People allied with the Black Lives Matter movement alleged that white supremacists had been lurking around the encampment of protesters outside the 4th Precinct station of the Minneapolis Police Department.

But as events unfolded Tuesday, there was no way to know what was going on when a confrontation near the 4th Precinct erupted in gunfire Monday night.

Macalester Professor Emeritus Mahmoud El-Kati had addressed the crowd of protesters Thursday evening. "White supremacy is on the run," he said, and added a warning:

"Let me say this: There's a principle in physics, you know, called action and reaction. There's an action and a reaction and a reaction to the reaction. They are going to react to this, and it's not going to be pretty. So bear up."

A video of unknown origin and authenticity circulated online Friday, purporting to show two white men in a car, displaying a pistol they said was "locked and loaded," claiming they were en route to the Minneapolis protest. They signed off with the words "Stay white."

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, said after the shootings that "for the last several days, white supremacist groups have been threatening to come here and threatening to try to rile up protesters by throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails, and some said that they would be armed. And so we've tried to take precautions by looking for people who look suspicious."

But for all of those warnings, there was no way of knowing whether the shootings Monday night were indeed the work of white supremacists. Witnesses described the alleged shooters as white, but there was no hard information to support a conclusion that seemed obvious to the protesters and their allies.

"Tonight they actually acted upon their threats," Levy-Pounds said after the shootings.

The incident came nine days after Jamar Clark's shooting. Police said Clark had been shot while trying to wrest control of an officer's gun; members of Black Lives Matter insisted that he had been handcuffed and unarmed at the time he was shot.

- Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands

In the days since then, protesters occupied and then were ejected from the foyer of the 4th Precinct. Surveillance cameras and police cars sustained damage reckoned in the tens of thousands of dollars. A camp grew up outside the precinct, and scores of protesters were arrested for blocking traffic on Interstate Hwy. 94.

All the while, leaders of Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the Minneapolis NAACP pressed their demand for the release of video being held by federal and state investigators. They also called for a federal investigation, which is underway, and for placing the Minneapolis police under federal control.

Authorities have refused to release the video, taken from the rear of an ambulance, on the grounds that it might taint the investigation. Gov. Mark Dayton announced Monday that he had watched the video, and that it provided no evidence to support either version of events.

At the same time, Dayton recognized that tensions were growing, calling the dispute over Clark's death "a very, very volatile situation."

"I want to know everything I possibly can ... to make the best informed decision I possibly can to protect public safety," he said.

Monday's shootings left the public's safety a decidedly open question.

Police moved quickly to investigate the shootings, although people in the crowd outside the station said they had been slow in responding to the incident. By Tuesday evening, police said they had three men in custody and released a fourth, after they'd determined he was not near the precinct at the time of the shooting.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/news/thousands-march-from-4th-precinct-to-city-hall>

(broken link)

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973551.shtml>

(with video)

From the sky, it was a huge crowd making its way from the 4th Precinct in North Minneapolis downtown to city hall.

Ten days after Jamar Clark was shot and killed, protests are still going strong.

About a thousand demonstrators marched against traffic down 7th Street into Minneapolis around 5 p.m. Tuesday night.

They chanted and sang as they walked, peacefully.

But the sheer number of people forced police to shut down streets and halt the light rail for a time.

"The world is watching Minneapolis right now," shouted one demonstrator.

On the street outside city hall, that march came to a halt.

"We're asking the state for direct prosecution of the officers involved in murdering Jamar Clark," said one woman.

As the march wrapped up downtown, a concert was just beginning in front of the fourth police precinct.

The NAACP said it's doing its part to promote community healing.

"Serve and protect, I don't think so. Black lives matter," yelled one protester as he stood at the barricade shouting at police.

Minneapolis police stood guard, but clearly tensions remain quite high.

"Yeah, shake your head, shake your head. You know you shouldn't be standing over there," the man continued, directing his frustration at officers.

Demonstrators said they don't plan to leave this precinct until they get justice, and they continue to call for video tape of the shooting to be released.

The NAACP has more events planned through the week and into the weekend.

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/24/photos-marchers-head-downtown-and-back-to-concert>

Hundreds of people walked from the 4th Precinct to downtown Minneapolis and back, as college students and others joined the protest.

Jamar Clark, 24, was shot by an officer after a confrontation in north Minneapolis Nov. 15. The shooting has sparked community protests and calls for justice. Crowds have gathered for more than a week at the 4th Precinct police station to protest the shooting.

Tuesday evening, protesters ended the march with a solidarity concert outside the police station in north Minneapolis.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/blm-protesters-march-from-4th-precinct-to-city-hall/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — After a night of violence that left five people shot near the 4th Precinct occupation, protesters are marching to Minneapolis City Hall in a show of solidarity.

Hundreds of protesters are making their way down Plymouth Avenue North Tuesday afternoon, all the way across I-94 and into downtown Minneapolis to City Hall — a total distance of about three miles.

Earlier in the day, students at several Minneapolis high schools staged a walkout, joining the protests at the 4th Precinct, and the ensuing march.

PHOTOS: Black Lives Matter Marches To City Hall — Nov. 24, 2015

By the time protesters reached City Hall, the building was on lockdown. Protesters continued the rally outside the building for several hours before marching over to the federal office building a block away.

By around 5:30 p.m., protesters began the march back to the 4th Precinct.

Police say five people were shot late Monday night, less than a block away from the protests by three masked men. Witnesses say the men were white supremacists, who had been posting threats on social media and had been to the protests at the 4th Precinct before.

By Tuesday afternoon, two of the alleged shooters are in police custody.

The demonstration is affecting traffic downtown, and Metro Transit says light rail trains will be running late Tuesday evening.

Activists from the group Black Lives Matter organized a protest around the precinct after the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark in north Minneapolis in the early morning of Nov. 15. Police responded to a domestic violence call that night, and said they found Clark interfering with paramedics attempts to help a victim.

Law enforcement authorities said there was a scuffle between Clark and the officers, and that Clark reached for an officer's gun before he was shot in the head. Protesters and witnesses dispute that claim, saying Clark was handcuffed when officers shot him.

Protesters have vowed to stay camped outside of the Minneapolis Police's 4th Precinct until video footage from the night of the shooting is released. Law enforcement authorities and city leaders have said doing so would harm the integrity of the investigation into the incident, and could taint witness testimony.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973295.shtml>

(with video)

People living on the north side of Minneapolis have watched a real-life drama unfolding right in their backyard.

Protesters have been outside of the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct since 24-year-old Jamar Clark died in a confrontation with police on Nov. 15. Some community members said Clark was handcuffed, which police have disputed.

On Tuesday, KSTP spoke with people living in the community about the protest and violence happening near the 4th Precinct. We found support for the cause is strong in the neighborhood, but patience for the protest is wearing thin.

Greg Smith lives a block from the protest and wants it moved to Minneapolis City Hall.

"There's unsavory people in my alleyway, unsavory people up and down the street. I mean, it seems like it's worse than positive," Smith said. "When it says Black Lives Matter, it makes it seem like it only matters when people are dead. But what about the black lives and the rest of the lives that live in this community?"

Many people we spoke with in the neighborhood say they're waiting for answers and hoping for justice.

Protesters say they will not leave. A protester who gave his name as Big Don Carlito says the demonstrations no longer have anything to do with the Clark family. He says, "If we fold on it, they won."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/24/shooting-victim-back-at-the-fourth-precinct-protest/76352994/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - A day after gunfire erupted near the Fourth Precinct, the largest crowd formed Tuesday since the Jamar Clark protests started more than a week ago.

The violence did not stop the crowds from turning out for a march in downtown Minneapolis or a concert outside the police station.

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron Clark, who was one of the five shooting victims, from coming back to the Fourth Precinct.

Cameron, who is Jamar Clark's cousin, told KARE 11 he came right from the hospital on crutches with his gown and hospital bracelet still on to attend Tuesday demonstrations.

"I'm hurting, my community needs me. I need them, and I'm not going to lay down," he said.

He recalls three suspicious men in the crowd Monday night. He said he and others asked them to leave after they wouldn't take off their masks. While police have not commented on motivation, Clark and others present believe the men had racist intentions.

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron

The violence Monday night also did not stop Cameron Clark, who was one of the five shooting victims, from coming back to the Fourth Precinct. (Photo: KARE 11)

"The guy who was in all black just opened up fire on us. Where were you hit? I was hit in my right leg and my left toe," he said. "They had ski masks on, hats on, and gloves and he was in all black and one of them had a tool box."

Police worked through the night and on Tuesday announced the arrests of three men in connection with the shooting. Investigators released another man who they believe was not present during the shooting.

"I told myself to calm down and put pressure on my leg," he said when describing the chaotic aftermath. "The first shot I took off running, and the fourth or fifth shot that's when I got hit, and then like on the 6th or 7th that's when I got hit in my toe."

Late Tuesday, the Minneapolis Urban League released a statement calling for the end of the demonstrations outside the Fourth Precinct.

The statement read, in part, "The vigil must now end. It is time to restore order to the Northside community along Plymouth Avenue and James, which has endured open gun fire, traffic and service interruptions, smog from open wood fires, hours of helicopter noise and negative media narrative due to the protest vigil."

Funeral services for Jamar Clark are set for Wednesday afternoon.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/it-just-went-through-muscle-shooting-victim-returns-to-4th-precinct-protest/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — It's happened nearly each night of the occupation at Minneapolis' 4th Precinct. Black Lives Matter protesters say white supremacists cruise by, shoot video and scope out the crowds.

Reporter Lorena Delacuesta sensed trouble Monday night, just before a shooting sent five protesters to the hospital.

"These three guys come, three white men, covering their faces and they started arguing with the protesters," Delacuesta said.

At 10:41 p.m., three masked men began shouting. Wesley Martin was among those who escorted them away.

Suddenly, shots rang out.

"I heard the N word and that's when everybody started charging," he said. "And we get to 14th and Morgan [avenues], and all I heard was pow...pow, pow, pow, pow, pow."

Martin was shot in the leg, and his brother was also hit.

On Tuesday, a Black Lives Matter spokesperson said the violence directed at protesters only strengthens the occupation.

"What happened last night was a planned hate crime, an act of terrorism," the spokesperson said.

By early afternoon, police had arrested two men they believe are responsible.

Minneapolis police arrested a 23-year-old white man in Bloomington around noon. A half-hour later, a 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested in south Minneapolis.

Despite his injury, Martin returned to the protest at the 4th Precinct. It was his way of saying the cause won't buckle to fear.

"It just went through muscle...I don't care if I be in a wheelchair," he said. "I'll still be out here."

At Tuesday's protest, Black Lives Matter organizers asked that no one wear masks, for safety reasons. It helped set the tone for what organizers are calling a joyful, yet sorrow-filled night.

Cameron Clark was one of the victims of the shooting. He was at the precinct protesting the shooting of his cousin, Jamar Clark

"We were just asking them what's going on," Clark said. "They didn't say anything. The guy in all black just opened fire on us."

Clark was shot in the leg and foot after escorting several masked men away from the precinct.

"I'm hurting. My community needs me," he said. "I need them and I'm not going to lay down."

Clark left the hospital Tuesday and joined hundreds of others for a memorial concert. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and the NAACP said they "have come together to host a day of celebration, a day of mourning and a day of community after we face this horrific tragedy last night."

The names of the men arrested will be released when they are charged, possibly on Wednesday.

The protesters have been camping out at the 4th Precinct since the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark. Protesters say Clark was in handcuffs when Minneapolis police officers shot him in the head. Police dispute that claim.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/24/blm-recommits-to-occupation-of-4th-precinct/76321988/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Saying they "will not bow to fear or intimidation," leaders of Black Lives Matter (BLM) announced Tuesday that demonstrators are recommitting to the so-called occupation of the Minneapolis Police Fourth Precinct following the fatal shooting of a young black man.

The announcement follows an explosion of violence late Monday during which five demonstrators were shot by men they were escorting from the encampment on Plymouth Avenue. BLM spokesperson Miski Noor says the four men were masked, and were videotaping demonstrators who were at the encampment. Noor says when the men were asked to de-mask and state their purpose for being there, they refused, so a number of protesters began escorting them from the encampment. About half a block from the police station, the men opened fire, wounding at least five people.

"What happened last night was a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism against activists who have been occupying the Fourth Precinct," asserted Noor.

She also alleges that officers on scene at the precinct maced citizen journalists and peaceful protesters, and didn't take the potential for violence seriously despite warning of threats from white supremacists earlier in the week.

"We reiterate that we have zero faith in the police department's desire to keep our community safe," she said.

Black Lives Matter protesters marched from the Fourth Precinct to downtown Minneapolis, with the target of stopping at City Hall. A number of Minneapolis schools also walked out of class Tuesday, joining the movement with separate marches that included a die-in at 50th and France in Edina.

There had been talk of ending the occupation of the precinct and exploring other avenues for change, but Monday night's shooting has apparently changed those plans.

Late Tuesday morning Minneapolis Police did announce the arrests of two men they say are among the shooters, one a 23-year-old male who was taken into custody in Bloomington, the other a 32-year-old man who was arrested in south Minneapolis. Chief Janee' Harteau tweeted a strong statement supporting her officers.

"MPD worked non-stop thru the night to bring justice in last nights shooting of 5 protestors...2 arrests!," Harteau posted. "True professionals!"

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3973516.shtml>

(with video)

Ten days after 24-year-old Jamar Clark was fatally shot in North Minneapolis, protests continued outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct.

Students at several nearby schools have witnessed the protests daily. Chief of Schools Michael Thomas said administrators and teachers are watching closely.

Thomas told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS the biggest challenges are to not let the protests become a distraction and to make sure students know they are safe.

“We have not had any immediate concerns or threats to our school communities,” he said. “When we have situations—such as what's happening at the 4th Precinct—that we know are impacting our students, we want to first and foremost just honor the fact that's existing in our student's worlds. Many live within blocks and are hearing helicopters and seeing lights and masses of people around. Our role as educators is to help bring a construct around that so that they feel safe, they feel supported, that they really understand what's happening. It's a learning opportunity.”

Minneapolis school counselors and social workers will be at the Davis Center Wednesday afternoon to talk with students and community members. The Davis Center is right across the street from the church where Clark's funeral is being held. The funeral starts at noon at Shiloh Temple International Ministries in North Minneapolis.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/campus/2015/11/24/u-students-protest-shooting>

Following the shooting of five protesters at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct, around 150 University of Minnesota students called for a fundamental change to law enforcement in front of Northrop Auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

The shooting occurred Monday, about a week since protests over the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark by a Minneapolis police officer started. Police have apprehended a suspect in connection with the shooting, but have yet to release any other information, according to a statement.

Many news sources have reported the police have apprehended a second suspect.

Black Student Union President Javaris Bradford called for the end of terrorism from white supremacists and police abuse.

“We are a nation of terrorism and the truth has to come out,” he said.

The Minnesota Student Association's Vice President Abeer Syedah said in a speech every student should stand in solidarity with BSU because everyone is affected by police violence.

"I don't believe I can do my job as a community advisor without spreading awareness about the violence and injustice going on in the U.S.," said math education senior Erik Thibault.

Zaire Ishmael, a global studies senior who attended the protest at Northrop and the protests in front of the 4th Precinct, said protests are just a way to begin a conversation, but they will not fix longstanding issues.

"We need to start asking the right but tough questions about our world and facing the uncomfortable truths in order to start making positive changes," he said.

Protesters have called for the release of tapes related to Clark's death. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger said releasing the footage would be "extremely detrimental to the investigation," in a statement in association with the FBI and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/schools/students-walk-out-in-support-of-black-lives-matter>

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<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/24/students-stage-walkout-in-solidarity-with-jamar-clark-protests/>

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<http://www.fox9.com/news/53718902-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Tuesday, police arrested two men and two turned themselves in after a shooting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct Monday night where three suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protestors, injuring 5 people.

A 23-year-old male in Bloomington, Minn. and a 32-year-old male in south Minneapolis were arrested early Tuesday -- later in the day, police released the south Minneapolis man after questioning.

Then, around 2:30 p.m., investigators took two additional men into custody after they voluntarily turned themselves in. The 26-year-old male and 21-year-old male are currently being interviewed by investigators. Three total are in custody.

At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. No fatalities have been reported. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward and are interviewing witnesses.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left. The police department has additional uniformed officers in the area, spokesman John Elder said.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis announced on Facebook a #Justice4Jamar March will be held Tuesday afternoon to "march for justice for Jamar Clark and take our voices directly to those who must listen to the people."

Sen. Al Franken statement

"Like all Minnesotans, I was horrified to learn about the shooting of five people outside the Fourth Precinct last night. I understand that a search for the shooters is currently underway, and I join residents of the North Side in demanding that they be brought to justice. In the meantime, my thoughts are with Jamar Clark's family and the injured."

Background

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.laraza.com/2015/11/24/balean-a-5-miembros-de-black-lives-matters-en-manifestacion/>

Dos hombres, uno blanco y otro hispano, fueron arrestados este martes y dos más están siendo buscados como sospechosos de haber disparado y herido a cinco personas que participaban en una protesta en Minneapolis del grupo Black Lives Matters por la muerte a tiros de un joven afroamericano, que se encontraba desarmado, a manos de un policía anglosajón.

Un hombre blanco de 23 años de edad, fue arrestado en Bloomington, Minnesota y el hispano de 32 años en South Minneapolis. Sus nombres no fueron revelados.

Cinco personas resultaron heridas de bala -aunque ninguna de gravedad- cuando varios hombres abrieron fuego el lunes de noche contra la manifestación de Minneapolis, anunció este martes la Policía.

Inicialmente la Policía indicó en Twitter que “cinco personas fueron blanco de las balas” y que estaba detrás de “tres hombres blancos”.

El ataque contra de los miembros de Black Lives Matters volvió a elevar la tensión racial este martes en dos ciudades de Estados Unidos, justo cuando un policía de Chicago fue acusado de asesinato por disparar contra James Clark, de 24 años, quien según testigos estaba esposado cuando recibió un tiro en la cabeza el 15 de noviembre.

La organización ‘Black Lives Matter Minneapolis’ prometió seguir sus manifestaciones diarias para protestar por la muerte de Clark.

“Supremacistas blancos atacaron” la marcha “en un acto de terrorismo doméstico”, escribió el grupo en su página de Facebook. “No nos intimidarán”.

Los heridos “fueron hospitalizados con heridas que no ponen en riesgo sus vidas”, precisó la Policía.

<http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/news/police-arrest-two-men-in-connection-with-shooting-near-4th-precinct>

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<https://www.minnpost.com/data/2015/11/protesters-are-calling-4th-precinct-shooting-hate-crime-heres-how-often-these-are-repor>

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Note: A version of this story was originally published November 24. It has been updated to reflect new information.

Last week, after eight days of protests in response to the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, several suspects opened fire on demonstrators a block away from the Fourth Precinct police station.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office announced charges against four men at a press conference this morning. Allen L. Scarsella III, 23, faces the most severe charges: five counts of second-degree assault

with a dangerous weapon one count of second-degree riot while armed. The other three were charged with the same riot count, but not the assault.

Noticeably absent from the charges was a "hate crime" count, legally known as a "bias crime," which some protesters have demanded in the aftermath of the shooting.

The significance of this charge would have been mostly symbolic. Minnesota law dictates that a bias influence can increase punishments in low-level assaults. The racial bias could be taken into consideration as an aggravating factor by a jury or judge, which could mean a longer prison sentence. But in the case of this shooting, a bias crime count would have actually been a lower-level charge than the felonies filed today.

In Minnesota, reports of bias crimes have been on the decline for the past 20 years, according to federal statistics. In 1995, bias played a role in a reported 307 cases; last year there were 103 reports — a 66 percent decline. Crimes specifically involving a racial bias — as opposed to religious, gender or sexual orientation — are even more rare, dropping from a reported 233 to 56 over the past two decades statewide.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/black-lives-matter-march-brings-hundreds-to-downtown-minneapolis-7858109>

The heavy scent of campfire hung in the air as smoke drifted down Plymouth Avenue North. For the tenth consecutive day, protesters gathered outside the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct police station Tuesday after Jamar Clark was killed by police. The night before violence struck their makeshift encampment when gunmen shot five protesters who suffered non-critical injuries.

But as the crowd slowly swelled ahead of a 2 p.m. march toward City Hall, so too did the resolve in organizers' increasingly hoarse voices.

"We ain't going nowhere until we get justice!" one of them barked through a bullhorn.

Minutes earlier organizers reiterated their commitment to occupying the police station, despite Clark's brother Eddie Sutton calling for its end out of concerns for protesters' safety following the shooting.

Students at several Minneapolis high schools staged sit-ins and walkouts throughout the day, with many students joining the hundreds in the march. Kevin Dorsey, a North High School student, was among those at the Fourth Precinct.

"It's good to see all the people, the community together," the 16-year-old said. "You don't really see this nowadays."

Black Lives Matter march brings hundreds to downtown Minneapolis

Michael Rietmulder

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As the 2 o'clock march time approached, the crowd — speckled with local politicians and prominent Minneapolis musicians — grew eager. Organizers ushered them through something of a warm-up lap around the station as officers watched through their fenced-in parking lot.

Meanwhile, Matt Sciple sat away from the crowd prepping his sign. Oops. He misspelled "supremacist." Nothing a little more Sharpie can't fix. The Minneapolis man has been a regular at the protests, bringing firewood, extra placards, or cookies — whatever he can to be supportive, he says.

[slideshow -1] As a white guy, Sciple says he doesn't need to worry about police brutality. But the Louisiana expat's here to show that people of all colors should be upset. Monday night's shooting didn't make him think twice about coming out.

“It took away one more excuse,” he said as drumbeats thumped behind him. “It made sure that I definitely came and showed solidarity and support.”

Three of the suspects were taken into Tuesday, while a fourth was questioned and released, the Star Tribune reports.

Before departing the station organizers asked a hundred or so people to stay behind to preside over their North Side camp. Aided by police escorts, organizers led the peaceful procession from the bed of a red pickup truck rigged with a PA used for leading chants and bumping music.

“No justice, no peace! Prosecute the police!” hollered the crowd in unison.

Black Lives Matter march brings hundreds to downtown Minneapolis

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As the crowd streamed into downtown via Seventh Street North, one protester questioned why Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, the cops involved in Clark’s shooting, didn’t use non-lethal force to subdue him the night he was killed in north Minneapolis.

“Mace him. Taze him,” said Earl, who declined to give his last name. “Now look what you got going on. I got one word — justice.”

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Protesters snaked their way through the city’s core, marching and dancing along Hennepin Avenue and again eastbound on Seventh Street en route to City Hall. As downtown offices began emptying, onlookers watched from the skyways, bus stops, and bars.

City Hall and the Public Safety building were reportedly both under lock down as the march drew near. The sun was slowly fading behind the buildings when protesters settled outside the federal courthouse across the street from City Hall, before eventually returning to the Fourth Precinct.

"The world is watching us right now," an organizer told them.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3973772.shtml>

(With video)

A steady stream of mourners entered a north Minneapolis church on Wednesday to pay their respects to a man whose death in a confrontation with police sparked more than a week of protests. Meanwhile, charges were pending against three men suspected in a melee that left five protesters with gunshot wounds.

A picture of a smiling Jamar Clark adorned the program for his funeral at Shiloh Temple International Ministries. Inside, his obituary said the 24-year-old man "liked to swim, fish, listen to music, play basketball, be with family and take trips to Charlotte, North Carolina."

Clark, who was black, died Nov. 15 in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault of a woman in which he was a suspect. Some community members who say they saw the incident allege Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. A state criminal investigation and a federal civil rights probe are underway.

Several hundred people filled the cavernous Shiloh Temple, with impassioned speeches from family members and pastors occasionally interrupted by shouts and applause, and a slideshow of pictures of Clark as he grew up. Several members of Clark's family wore white T-shirts that read, "I matter," on the front with Clark's picture on the back.

"I'm still hurt," said his sister, Sharice Burns. "I'm still suffering. We need justice sooner rather than later."

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved. Howell said what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community.

"Jamar, your life did and does have purpose," he said to a standing ovation. "Your death is not in vain."

Protesters have rallied nightly outside the 4th Precinct police station near the scene of his death. On Tuesday, police arrested three white men - ages 26, 23 and 21 - on suspicion of shooting five Black Lives Matters protesters after some of them tried to get the men to leave the site late Monday night.

The shootings spurred a massive march Tuesday evening, with a racially mixed crowd marching more than 2 miles to City Hall and back. Hundreds of demonstrators milled quietly around portable fire pits to share coffee, pizza and doughnuts as music played.

But the shootings have prompted safety concerns. Clark's family has asked for protesters to end the 4th Precinct encampment, out of concern for their safety, and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said it would be wise to "start thinking about an exit strategy" and what to do next.

Steven Belton, interim president of the Minneapolis Urban League, echoed those sentiments on Wednesday, saying protesters had achieved most of what they wanted, including the federal investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Belton said the vigil should end to "restore order" to the community, which he said has endured open gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires and hours of helicopter noise.

That likely won't happen, said Jayme Ali, a pastor at God of All Truth Church.

In brief remarks outside the church where Clark's funeral was being held, as mourners streamed past, she said another rally was planned for Wednesday afternoon. Protesters have demanded investigators release video of the Clark shooting, and Ali noted it took more than a year before the city of Chicago on Tuesday released video of the fatal police shooting of a black teenager.

"We are not going nowhere. We are there until we get justice for Jamar Clark," she said. "Fourth Precinct, start taking donations for a new building, because we are not going anywhere."

Police haven't given a suspected motive for the shootings of the protesters. But they followed several racially disparaging comments about the protests that had been posted on social media in recent days. One video showed a white man brandishing a gun while claiming to be on his way to the protests. Police had issued a warning Friday night, asking demonstrators to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to authorities.

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The latest:

- Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of an investigation into the shooting of 5 Monday night.
- The fourth, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, has been released.
- Gov. Dayton urged an end to 4th Precinct protests over security concerns.
- A Black Lives Matter organizer said the "occupation" will continue.
- Marchers returned to north Minneapolis for a concert outside the precinct after rallying downtown in front of City Hall.
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Five people were shot late Monday night near the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis where crowds have gathered for more than a week to protest the police shooting of Jamar Clark, 24.

Three white men — ages 21, 23 and 26 — are in custody as part of the investigation into Monday night's shootings, Minneapolis police said Tuesday.

The 26- and 21-year-olds turned themselves in Tuesday, according to police. The third man was arrested in Bloomington earlier that day.

Another, a 32-year-old Hispanic man, who was arrested in south Minneapolis Tuesday, has been released. Minneapolis Police said they determined the man was not at the scene outside the 4th Precinct Monday night.

Activists at the 4th Precinct shared videos of people they thought were the shooters early Tuesday morning. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Authorities said the suspects' names will be released upon charging.

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- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands

None of the five victims' injuries was life-threatening, said Minneapolis police spokesperson John Elder. Three of the victims were driven to North Memorial Medical Center after the shooting, Elder said, and two others were taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center.

On Tuesday morning, Gov. Mark Dayton called the shootings a "cowardly, criminal act" and said he believed the suspects will be "brought to justice."

At the same time, he said he hoped protesters would heed the pleas of Jamar Clark's family to end the protests outside the precinct amid safety concerns.

Minneapolis police cordoned off a section of road near the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue in north Minneapolis late Monday night after five people were shot, just a block from the police department's 4th Precinct. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

"I think this underscores the treacherous nature of a significant number of people who are intermingling without any way of safeguarding people engaged in peaceful protests," Dayton told MPR News. "It underscores the vulnerability of peaceful citizens exercising their First Amendment rights."

However, protesters who gathered again Tuesday morning outside the 4th Precinct said they will not leave, despite the shooting.

"A planned hate crime"

Black Lives Matter spokesperson Miski Noor called Monday night's shootings "a planned hate crime and an act of terrorism." She told reporters this afternoon that the group was recommitting to "our occupation" outside the 4th Precinct "until we get justice."

She also slammed the police response to the shooting. "We have zero faith in this police department's desire to keep our community safe," she added.

A Minneapolis police officer investigates the site of Monday night's shooting. Jeff Wheeler | Star Tribune via AP

Witnesses said Monday night's demonstration was a peaceful gathering that turned into chaos at about 10:45 p.m.

Protesters said they had formed a group to walk people away from their 4th Precinct encampment who were causing problems. About a block away from the demonstrations, the shots were fired.

One of the lead protest groups, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, posted on its Facebook page that "5 unarmed protesters shot by white supremacists who were asked to leave & followed out. One block up they shot one in leg & 1 in stomach."

Jie Wronski-Riley was among the protesters following the people leaving the scene.

"Then it was like they just turned around and they just started shooting. At first I wasn't sure. I was like, are they shooting firecrackers? Because it was so loud, and there was all this, like, sulfur, or whatever," Wronski-Riley said. "Then it was like the person right next to me on my left went down and the person on my right went down, and I was like, they're actually shooting at us. They're shooting bullets at us."

Rumors about the nature of the shootings — and the shooters — spread quickly through the encampment. Twitter feeds, using the hashtags #Justice4Jamar and #FourthPrecinctShutdown that they'd been using all week, lit up the Internet with theories of the shooters' identities and police involvement.

"I don't want to perpetuate rumor," U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, who has joined the group throughout the week-plus demonstration, said after the shootings.

"I'd rather just try to get the facts out. That's a better way to go," he added. "I'm not trying to say they weren't white supremacists. But I just haven't been able to piece together enough information to say with any real clarity."

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said, as he spoke with people at the precinct soon after Monday night's shooting, many people told him they were hurting. Doualy Xaykaothao | MPR News

Ellison met with some of the bundled-up demonstrators after the Monday night shootings. Temperatures in Minneapolis barely reached 30 degrees in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I am worried about people's safety, I really am," he said. "There was a shooting down the street tonight. But it's also the elements. People out here could get frostbitten."

Demonstrations continue

Eddie Sutton, a brother of Jamar Clark, issued a statement from Clark's family thanking protesters for peaceful demonstrations but pleading for the gathered crowd to end their demonstration: "Out of

imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th precinct ended and onto the next step."

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reiterated the group's commitment to the demonstrations early Tuesday morning in a Facebook post. The group has rallied, marched and prayed outside the police department's 4th Precinct for more than a week since Clark's shooting. It led a march through Minneapolis to City Hall Tuesday afternoon, then returned to the precinct for an evening concert.

Hundreds of demonstrators marched peacefully along 7th Street and into downtown Minneapolis where they held a short rally Tuesday afternoon. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

- Photos: Marchers head downtown and back to concert

Some University of Minnesota students walked out of classes to join the marchers. Students from Minneapolis Southwest High School also left class to protest in the Linden Hills neighborhood and staged a "die-in" at 50th Street and France Avenue in Edina.

Michael McDowell, a Black Lives Matter organizer, said the group's leaders have a possible date in mind when they will leave the precinct.

"We may not necessarily stay at the precinct until the tapes are released," he said, "but we will continue to escalate until the tapes are released."

Organizers aren't prepared to make the date public yet, McDowell said. "We do have a clear date but we're not going to put it out there yet. We like to keep folks guessing, I guess," he said, adding that north Minneapolis neighbors might choose to remain after Black Lives Matter leaves. "Mostly, we also got community input and the community's not ready to leave."

Protesters are planning a Thanksgiving meal at the precinct Thursday.

Investigation: Where it stands

Authorities have said police shot Clark, 24, during a struggle with police after he interfered with paramedics who were trying to assist an assault victim. But some people who said they saw the shooting allege Clark was handcuffed.

Protesters and Clark's family have been calling for investigators to release video of the shooting. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension said it has video from the ambulance, a mobile police camera and other sources, but none of it shows the event in its entirety. The agency, which is conducting a state investigation, said releasing the footage now would taint its investigation.

- Monday: Dayton says ambulance video inconclusive in Jamar Clark shooting

A federal criminal civil rights investigation is also underway, to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force.

Federal authorities are coordinating with the city's police department to see if federal action is appropriate, said Ben Petok, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney for Minnesota Andy Luger.

A demonstrator carries a sign demanding the release of video footage from the time of Jamar Clark's shooting death. Protesters gathered outside the 4th Precinct police station for a candlelight vigil and rally Thursday. Judy Griesedieck for MPR News

It's unclear whether authorities will choose to classify the Monday night shootings as a hate crime.

A recent case in Minnesota that authorities say was motivated by bias against foreigners did not result in hate-crime charges after prosecutors determined that doing so would have resulted in a lesser charge.

In that case, a Somali-American woman who was speaking Swahili at an Applebee's in Coon Rapids was assaulted with a beer mug by a woman who told her to speak English. Anoka County prosecutors charged Jodie Burchard-Risch with third-degree felony assault.

Authorities said as a hate crime, it would have been considered a gross misdemeanor.

Demonstrators undeterred by shootings

By late Tuesday afternoon, organizers had regrouped to lead the march of more than 1,000 people through north Minneapolis that included a stop at the site where Jamar Clark was shot. Part of that march then headed for downtown Minneapolis and a rally outside City Hall before heading back toward the 4th Precinct station at around 5:15 p.m.

In that afternoon crowd stood Wesley Martin, 18, who said he was among the five shot Monday night.

He said he was following some suspicious-looking men out of the protest when words were exchanged and that people started charging after someone used a racial slur.

"I'm running. I get to the corner. I feel something go right through my leg," he recalled. "I thought I fell or something like that. But I went to pull up my pant leg, and all I see is blood. I sat down, and after that, I don't remember nothing."

"I feel like I can't walk on the street without looking around my back," Martin said.

But the violence, he added, would not keep him from demonstrating.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/24/man-arrested-after-5-shot-near-fourth-precinct/76316896/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis Police now have three men in custody connected to the shooting at the Fourth Precinct Monday night where five people were hit by gunfire.

Police say a 23-year-old white man was taken into custody in Bloomington, around 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday.

Then, around noon, a second person -- a 32-year-old Hispanic man -- was taken into custody in south Minneapolis. Police have since released him after they discovered he was not at the shooting scene.

Finally, around 2:30 p.m., two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. They are currently being interviewed by investigators.

The names of all three men will be released after they are charged.

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Police say they continue to look for additional suspects -- anyone with information is urged to contact the Minneapolis Police at 612-692-8477.

Five people suffered non-life threatening injuries in the shooting that occurred just before 10:45 p.m. on Monday on the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North.

Protesters have remained at the Fourth Precinct for more than a week, calling for justice in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was shot by police after an altercation.

The Hennepin County Attorney released a statement Tuesday, clarifying their role in the investigation. They say once the BCA and the FBI's investigation is complete, they will review the case file and present the case to a grand jury for possible criminal charges against the officers involved.

Until that time, they will not be making any comments about the case.

<http://kfai.org/news/2015/11/52130>

With helicopters flying overhead, this past Friday evening people gathered at Minneapolis' 4th Police Precinct to mourn and remember Jamar Clark with a candlelight vigil and march. The week-long police station shutdown waged in response to Clark's death while in police custody includes incidents of guns being leveled by the police at the protesters. One of the protesters lined up in gun sight was Jeremiah, son to Minneapolis School Board member, Kim Ellison. KFai's Brenda Bell Brown spoke with Kim on the night of Jamar Clark's vigil.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/24/good-question-why-dont-police-just-try-to-hurt-suspects/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — Over the past week, WCCO has devoted significant coverage to officer-involved shootings — from the death of Jamar Clark a week and half ago to a Columbia Heights man early Tuesday morning.

That had Sherri from Buffalo Lake and Fitz from Excelsior wanting to know: Why don't police just try to hurt suspects? Good Question.

"They're not really trained to shoot to kill, they're trained to stop the threat, which often results in death," says Dale Burns, a Hennepin Technical College teacher of police training programs for the state of Minnesota.

Burns says officers are trained to shoot at the chest, or center mass of a person's body, because it is the biggest target and will stop someone if he or she gets hit.

"They could've shot him in his arm or leg, tased him, but kill him?" asked Jamie Castilla on Tuesday after her brother was killed by police. "That's a shot to kill."

Shooting at a hand or arm is very hard to do, says Burns. Research from the Force Science Institute shows hands and arms can be the fastest moving body parts. Shooting at a person's legs can also leave their hands free.

“If I could see their hand perfectly and they were holding still and I had lots of time to aim, sure — but it doesn’t work that way. It’s very fluid. It happens extremely fast,” Burns said. “If you miss, you’re probably going to get killed, or shot yourself, or stabbed, or clubbed — whatever the case may be.”

Minnesota law allows officers to use deadly force to protect themselves or someone else from death or great bodily harm. Defense attorney Joe Tamburino says police are legally able to use more force than the average person.

“The reviewing party has to decide from the perspective of a reasonable police officer on the scene if there was a threat,” he says.

In 2012, lawmakers in New York proposed legislation that would require officers to shoot at limbs, but that bill was quickly tabled. Over the past three decades, the Supreme Court has ruled police can use deadly force if they believe there’s a threat of death or serious physical injury.

“They got tasers, other things around them, why are guns the first option?” asked Deondre Lowe of Minneapolis.

Burns says tasers don’t always work, especially in Minnesota where people wear lots of layers of clothes. He also points out a taser takes a relatively long time to reload if it doesn’t work the first time.

“They do use tasers quite a bit, but if you use a taser in a deadly force situation, you’re asking an officers to take on a lot of risk that they shouldn’t be expected to do,” he said.

<http://www.citypages.com/news/minnesota-republicans-criticized-for-negroproblem-post-7855556>

On Sunday, the Minnesota Seventh Congressional District Republican Party tried to make a partisan slam. Instead it got slammed for what one DFLer labeled “hate speech.”

A day after Gov. Mark Dayton met with Jamar Clark’s family and renewed his call for a special session to discuss racial inequity, the GOP faction from western Minnesota mocked the DFL on Facebook for supposedly creating a “#Negroproblem.”

“MN DFL now propose a ‘special session’ to deal with their self-created ‘#Negroproblem,’” the post began.

The language was borrowed from a blog post the party shared from the website Our Black News. Written by the blog’s founder Don Allen, a self-described “political activist from the right,” the post ripped the DFL for ignoring the Council on Black Minnesotans’ priorities during the 2015 legislative session.

Naturally, DFL Chairman Ken Martin — the party’s point man for throwing political grenades — didn’t hesitate to fire away at the GOP’s “racist messaging.”

“You don’t have to look far to find ignorant hate speech masquerading as acceptable party messaging,” Martin said in a statement. “However, this is not the first time the Minnesota Republican Party and their affiliates have posted racially insensitive material.”

Indeed it wasn’t the first racially incendiary post to come from the GOP’s Seventh Congressional District’s Twitter account.

Martin went on to call on Republican Party of Minnesota Chairman Ken Downey to apologize for the post.

“While our community is still struggling with the death of a young man and trying to find answers for his family, the Republican Party of Minnesota decided to chime in with racist and bigoted comments,” he said.

By Tuesday morning the social media post had been scrubbed from the party’s district accounts. Craig Bishop, the district’s party chairman, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. However, Downey quickly apologized and announced a “Twitter moratorium” for the GOP’s district handle and that its social media person has been “relieved of duties.”

The racially charged post came a day ahead of a shooting at the Minneapolis police department’s Fourth Precinct station, where protesters have rallied for more than a week. Five protesters were shot Monday night by white men described by those on the scene as white supremacists who were disrupting the rally.

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<http://www.startribune.com/east-african-immigrant-community-holds-support-rally-at-minneapolis-protest-site/357351591/>

Before Minneapolis’ Fourth Precinct became the site of a movement, several female protesters flooded the police station’s vestibule and refused to move, demanding justice for Jamar Clark.

Days later, the occupation would grow to include hundreds of people and thrust Black Lives Matter Minneapolis into the national spotlight for its protests over the death of Clark, an unarmed 24-year-old black man shot by police Nov. 15.

What many did not know was that several of the women who slept in the vestibule were immigrants of East African descent, activists said. On Saturday, the 14th straight day of protests, those women held a

rally at the protest site to express unity between their East African immigrant communities and African-American protesters.

“We’re not a separate entity,” said organizer Ilhan Omar. “We’re black. Our kids are black. And this is our struggle.”

About 75 people turned up for Saturday’s event on Plymouth Avenue N., where donated crates of food remained from protesters’ recent Thanksgiving dinner, held one day after Clark’s funeral. He was shot by officers during a domestic abuse call; police have said he was trying to wrestle away an officer’s gun.

Supporters gathered in a large circle and heard speeches from about a dozen community members, who said they want to dismantle false narratives about African-Americans.

Wintana Melekin, of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, said anti-black rhetoric is often used to divide East African immigrants from African-Americans. This can cause people to see themselves as Somali, for example, instead of black, she said.

“There is no way to separate the two,” she said. “We are one people.”

Activists echoed that in order to be successful in getting their demands met, all black residents — regardless of their background — need to join the cause.

Omar, who is running for state representative, used Friday’s shooting at a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood clinic, where a white gunman is thought to have killed three people, as an example of how police interactions with black suspects tend to have different results.

“He killed cops and he killed other people, and he walked away alive, unharmed,” she said. “I stand up because I know things need to change, and we can’t see change unless we see it in the State Capitol. Unless we have people who look like us and share our pain.”

Several events were planned Saturday night, including a “Midnight at the Precinct” celebration with food, music and movies. Protesters pledged to hold twice-daily meetings to update the crowd on future plans.

<http://www.startribune.com/smoke-looming-snow-prompt-fire-chief-to-head-to-police-protest-site/358165061/>

Small wood fires at the protest encampment outside the police station in north Minneapolis drew the attention Sunday of the city's fire chief, who has concerns about emergency vehicles being able to get through as a substantial snowstorm looms Monday and Tuesday.

Fire Chief John Fruetel met briefly with protesters, who have been outside the Fourth Precinct police headquarters for two weeks since an officer fatally shot Jamar Clark. Their presence blocks all lanes of traffic on Plymouth Avenue, a key east-west thoroughfare on the North Side.

The chief alerted the news media to the meeting, but Black Lives Matter activists blocked reporters and photographers from covering it.

Fruetel issued a statement explaining that "we want to make sure the community is safe, and they are safe. We have a storm coming, so we talked about that a little bit."

Fire officials are not acting yet to address their concerns. "We had a conversation about [removing the firewood and fire pits], and we'll see how that goes," the chief added.

Fruetel said he was received "very well" by the activists and came away believing "they will make some room for us, and we will continue the conversation and come up with some resolution. We are observing from afar. ... We are concerned about the snow coming and getting the emergency vehicles through the street."

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As of midafternoon Sunday, 50 or so protesters were maintaining at least five small fires, and stacks of firewood were blocking Plymouth Avenue.

Last week, Minneapolis Urban League President Steve Belton urged an end to the vigil to "restore order" to the area, which he said has endured gunfire, traffic and service interruptions, smoke from the protesters' fires, and hours of helicopter noise.

The Black Lives Matter protesters have been dug in outside the police station since Clark, a 24-year-old black man, was shot in a struggle with police late at night a few blocks to the east on Nov. 15.

Two police officers are on administrative leave as the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and federal authorities investigate the shooting.

Some activists contend that Clark was handcuffed at the time he was shot. The head of the police union said that Clark was not cuffed.

<http://www.startribune.com/jon-tevlin-no-easy-solutions-in-north-minneapolis/357347951/>

As hundreds of protesters streamed into downtown Minneapolis on Tuesday night, a defiant show of disgust after a white man allegedly shot five black protesters outside the Fourth Precinct station, one of the demonstration's leaders reminded the crowd of the obvious: "The world is watching us."

The shooting by police of Jamar Clark, and the demonstrators, have indeed brought the state the kind of recognition that we don't want, the kind that visited Chicago last week and Ferguson, Mo., almost exactly a year before.

Until the protests that shut down the neighborhood, and at times parts of downtown, the rest of the world has known Minnesota as the place so frequently listed on those "best of" indexes and magazine stories.

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What they likely learned over the past week, however, is that Minnesota is also a place where some white racists feel confident enough to come "locked and loaded" to a demonstration about race for "a little reverse cultural enriching."

The New York Times' John Eligon, who has written about the political impact of Black Lives Matter, had a Minneapolis dateline, as did the Washington Post's Wesley Lowery, a national reporter who covers justice, race and politics.

In short, the world was learning, perhaps for the first time, that progressive Minnesota is a great place to be white, but not such a great place to be black.

We've known it for a while, as local leaders have struggled with how to combat some of our state's more shocking statistics for black residents. The education achievement gap, for example, is considered one of the worst in America. The disparity between the median household incomes of white and black residents is drastic, and even though Minnesota has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, blacks are nearly four times more likely to be unemployed.

One index, 24/7 Wall St., called the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area "one of the worst cities for black Americans." WalletHub analyzed census indicators such as household income, homeownership and educational attainment and ranked Minnesota as "the worst state for financial inequality."

It was against this backdrop that the death of Jamar Clark and the historic tensions between police and residents in north Minneapolis played out on the international stage.

The fragility of that relationship for me was encapsulated in the 12 hours surrounding Clark's shooting. On the warm Saturday afternoon before the incident, Fourth Precinct Inspector Mike Friestleben stood in the bleachers at TCF Bank Stadium among hundreds of people there to support North High School's bid for a state championship. Friestleben, who is white and grew up in the neighborhood, cheered and high-fived people around him. North High's school resource officer and member of the MPD, Charles Adams, was on the field coaching the team.

By the next morning, Friestleben was the target of angry protesters yelling at police through bullhorns. Overnight, the trust the precinct's officers had worked to develop had exploded. Friestleben spent the next day walking through the crowd, hugging friends and pleading for calm.

Ron Edwards, an activist who has lived on the North Side since 1947, said he was “saddened” to see Friestleben get attacked. “He’s worked very hard to develop a relationship with the community,” Edwards said. “This is a guy who works, he’s out there every day and has relationships at the upper end and the lower end of the neighborhood.”

Part of the problem, Edwards said, is that many who became involved in the protests, particularly in the vandalism and bottle and rock throwing, were not people who know Friestleben or any of the officers personally.

“There are some people who feed on turmoil and have no solutions,” said Edwards. “There is fragmentation of the black community, and there is no central strategy” to the protests. There are also many competing agendas among the demonstrators, Edwards said.

Add to that a long history of abuse or neglect of residents by police that has created a notion of the police precinct as a garrison, and of the area as a garrison state, Edwards said. “I’ve seen the struggle over the years to develop a culture where people can level with each other and trust each other,” he said. “But now we are in 2015 and nothing has changed.”

Almost from the start, the family of Clark has asked protesters to stop the encampment outside the north Minneapolis police station. But many protesters have ignored those requests, giving a clear indication that this is bigger than any one person. Those protesters, the vast majority of them appearing to be under 30 years old, also exposed a generational gap. They ignored advice to disband by the Urban League’s Steve Belton, considered one of the old guard of the black community, and by U.S. Rep Keith Ellison.

Scott Dahlquist was an officer in the precinct from 1988 to 2013 and said the history is hard to bury.

“The tension ebbed and flowed over the years that I worked there, but it was always there in the background; those of us who worked there just came to see it as part of the landscape,” Dahlquist said. “I like to think I tried my best to be a decent and honorable officer, but dealing with the impact of so much history felt like swimming upstream against an overwhelming current. I saw programs come and go, but two constants were the unrelenting demand of 911 calls for service, and constantly [being] caught between a community which wanted to be safe, and yet not be ‘hassled’ by the police.”

“People want heroes and villains,” Dahlquist said. “But real life is just too messy and violent.”

<http://www.startribune.com/u-s-rep-ellison-emerges-as-key-political-leader-in-jamar-clark-unrest/357302041/>

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison abruptly left Washington earlier this month to fly back to Minneapolis and emerged at the center of explosive confrontations between black activists and police outside the Fourth Precinct station.

In those first, uncertain days after a fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in north Minneapolis, Ellison displayed credibility among different factions of the black community, and also had stature in the mayor's office and could help broker a sit-down meeting between Gov. Mark Dayton and the family of the shooting victim, Jamar Clark.

The unrest has elevated Ellison's profile, but it has also become his biggest test yet as a political leader trying to negotiate a truce in the latest flare-up of long-running tensions between police and the local black community.

"People have successfully gotten the attention of political leadership," Ellison said from the protest site, less than a mile from his home. "We just have to make sure we do not waste it, and we make sure we gather it up and turn it into some tangible benefits for the people here."

Striking a tone that was conciliatory but also challenging, he added: "There's absolutely no doubt that we have to get established, responsive government."

The unrest hit uncomfortably close to home for the fifth-term Democrat just a few days after the shooting. During a particularly fraught night, his son, Jeremiah, was photographed with his hands up as police in riot gear pointed a gun toward him and other protesters. Ellison later shared the photo on his Twitter account, calling it "agonizing." It was retweeted nearly 4,000 times.

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Behind the scenes, Ellison, 52, has been navigating several constituencies, including the governor's office, city officials, progressive allies and black activists who themselves are split over how to best accomplish their goals. Some black community members say they hope the shooting will finally get the attention of state leaders, whom they say have allowed Minnesota's racial disparities to fester for decades.

Those connected to Ellison say his latest role is one that he has honed after years of deep involvement in divisive racial issues around Minneapolis. They say he radiates a cool confidence in person, and is enormously skilled at connecting with people in the midst of conflicts.

“People who don’t know him, especially from outside of Minneapolis, see a firebrand out in the streets, playing that one really important role he plays, rallying the community to be empowered,” former Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak said. “The other role that most people don’t see, that I have the benefit of, is a very savvy adviser who would never moderate his views but would bring a sophisticated understanding of how government worked.”

Matt Entenza, a DFL activist who has known Ellison since law school and from their time as state legislators, said Ellison has “been a bridge between Minneapolis northsiders and the Capitol. He’s able to do that because he’s got the credibility of someone who’s lived there for years, and has worked there. He also has credibility with the governor, as someone who is not a bomb-thrower but a bridge-builder.”

Activism stretches decades

Ellison, a Detroit native who first moved to Minnesota for law school, has been a civil rights activist in the state since the late 1980s, when he studied law at the University of Minnesota. He stayed in Minneapolis and for nearly a decade hosted a public-affairs show on KMOJ-FM, a radio station popular with the Twin Cities black community. The role, Ellison wrote in his 2014 autobiography, “helped forge my place within the community.” It was also a platform for residents to have a voice when racial incidents would spark outcry.

“Whenever a police shooting occurred, certain people in the community would speak out against the brutality,” Ellison wrote. “We would speak out whenever an incident of racial injustice occurred — from police brutality, to unfairness in government contracting, to the low graduation rate among black kids.”

As a young lawyer, Ellison first worked in private practice, handling commercial litigation. “Eventually I lost interest in representing corporations fighting other corporations over a king’s ransom,” he said.

His activism led him to run for, and win, a seat in the Legislature. He was partly motivated by the lack of black state legislators after testifying before a state legislative committee. “What struck me at the time was the absence of ethnic or gender diversity,” he wrote. “They were all white men. And I wondered if they could truly relate to the kids I was talking about.”

Ellison went on to become the first black Minnesotan elected to Congress.

State Sen. Jeff Hayden, DFL-Minneapolis, said that Ellison’s record on civil rights and racial equality matters have earned him respect among black activists.

“What Keith has been able to do, frankly, is establish himself as a real leader, ever since he started in law school, and also his work in the Legislature, pushing things like environmental justice,” Hayden said.

Smoothing over differences

Ellison also has had to navigate increasingly raw tensions among black activist groups — divisions that are falling largely along generational lines. The older black leaders have called for an end to the protest

encampment outside the police station, but younger activists don't want to lose the chance to draw attention to their cause and their demands for justice.

Ron Edwards, 76, a longtime local civil rights leader, and others have criticized young activists from the Minneapolis chapter of Black Lives Matter, disapproving of some of their more aggressive tactics.

"I have been out here for well in excess of 55 years," Edwards said. "I know how difficult it is to do battle with the system."

Edwards credited Ellison with balancing the demands of competing factions. "In the case of the congressman, he has done the best that he is able to under the circumstances he is confronted with," Edwards said.

Dora Jones, founder of a St. Paul nonprofit, Mentoring Young Adults, said younger leaders are filling an important void.

"The younger generation of leaders who are emerging are absolutely frustrated. They're angry. They're upset," Jones, 50, said. "The older leaders — somebody dropped the ball, and the young leadership, they're not having it. They're working hard, getting a lot of the work done that older leaders should have done."

She expressed wider disillusionment with state political leaders, including Ellison, who she said have taken their votes for granted. She points to the decades of stubborn racial disparities that have persisted in Minnesota, and elsewhere.

"Election after election after election and we're still getting the same," Jones said. "They come around election time, they get our vote, and then we don't see them anymore."

Ellison has struck a cautious tone at times, particularly in dealing with activists. He has urged protest organizers to focus more on safety after five protesters were shot and injured last week.

Nonetheless, he has championed the demands by Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, who want any video of the Clark shooting released, as well as calls for an independent investigation. He also supported the release of the officers' names in the shooting.

"I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity," Ellison said in a recent statement.

As for the divisions within the black community, Ellison said they shouldn't stand in the way of their larger aims for racial equality.

"It's OK for a little tension," he said. "We're all going the same direction."

<http://www.startribune.com/police-union-criticizes-afscme-for-support-of-jamar-clark-protesters/356158961/>

St. Paul police union officials this week criticized the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3800 for its support of protesters condemning the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by Minneapolis police, calling it "so biased and ignorant - it is useless to even debate."

In a news release, St. Paul Police Federation president David Titus said he was "highly disappointed" with a Nov. 15 resolution of support put out by Local 3800, as well as the presence of the union's members at protests outside the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

The labor union, which represents University of Minnesota clerical workers, called the shooting an outgrowth of "deep-seated, systemic racism that persists in our country where young people of color are profiled, criminalized, brutalized by police all across America." Local 3800 members also held a rally in solidarity with Black Lives Matter last weekend near where Clark was shot.

Clark was shot in the early morning of Nov. 16 after a physical confrontation with police officers responding to a disturbance call at his sister's North Side apartment building. His death prompted days of public protests demanding an end to police brutality and the firing of the officers involved.

Last week, state and federal authorities opened separate investigations into the incident.

The police union response read, in part:

"If you truly are 'in solidarity with workers worldwide' as your website displays - why were you not protesting the unsafe working conditions that rank and file officers (and possibly some AFSCME employees) endured this last week at the 4th Precinct? Bricks, rocks, mace and Molotov Cocktails were used against brother and sister union members. Where's the outrage? Where's the solidarity you speak of?"

Local 3800 leaders noted the union has a "longstanding belief in the need for solidarity between working people and an injury to one worker is an injury to all workers," and joined protesters in demanding the release of any bystander and surveillance video of the incident. But Federation officials encouraged to "remember that there are men and women who gave an oath and work under very dangerous conditions every day protecting your rights to do so."

Titus further urged the labor union to "replace" its statement "with language that is more reflective of your practices."

The Minneapolis police union, which has defended the officers, has yet to release a statement of its own, but reposted the St. Paul release on its Facebook page.

<http://www.startribune.com/police-shooting-disparities-spur-talk-of-special-session/357040211/>

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota's lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session, though some acknowledge the issues may prove too weighty to take on in a one-day legislative blitz.

This month's death of a black man shot by Minneapolis police only amplified calls to address longstanding — and widening — economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

Though Gov. Mark Dayton and other prominent Democrats have publicly backed tackling such issues, any agenda is murky. It could include some measures the Legislature considered earlier this year, such as workforce development grants to train chronically unemployed minorities and a small business incubator program for minority entrepreneurs. Others have suggested providing financial incentives to businesses to hire minority employees like the state currently does for veterans.

But with Jamar Clark's death leading to high tension between police and protesters outside of a Minneapolis police precinct, Rep. Raymond Dehn said criminal justice matters may need to wait for a full airing in 2016.

"Emotions are raw. The community is in a lot of pain. A lot of people have said a lot of things but we also have to be thoughtful and engage the community on the way they see improving the community and police relationship," said Dehn, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the north Minneapolis area where Clark was killed.

The Legislature isn't set to return until early March. Dayton's initial request for a special session was meant to extend unemployment benefits for laid-off steelworkers on the state's Iron Range. But top Democrats spurred talk of addressing the longstanding racial disparities as well.

A recent U.S. Census Bureau report shows median incomes for black Minnesota residents plunged by 14 percent from 2013 to 2014, while poverty rates increased from 33 percent to 38 percent. The statewide poverty rate for all races remained stable at 11 percent.

State demographer Susan Brower said there's reason to question whether the one-year swing was as severe as suggested, but that it's indisputable that black residents in Minnesota aren't faring as well as the rest of the state.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden, one of three black lawmakers in the 201-member state Legislature, wants to start a possible special session with proposals that got a thorough airing last session but didn't make it across the finish line.

"It by no means would solve the issue but it would send a strong signal to these communities that the Legislature is concerned about it and wants to start working on it," the Minneapolis Democrat said. "You're seeing people very isolated in terms of their ability to participate in society — get a job, take care of their families, buy a home."

Hayden and Dehn both acknowledged that broader proposals may have to wait, such as lowering drug sentencing guidelines, altering policing standards and restoring voting rights to felons more quickly after they're released from prison.

House Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the economic disparities in a special session, with House Speaker Kurt Daudt saying the Legislature shouldn't single out Iron Range miners or a minority community but instead pass policies that help all residents.

House Majority Leader Joyce Peppin said she's worried about overloading an agenda.

"Every week there's a new topic," she said. "And it's getting to the point where maybe we should just handle this in 2016," she said.

Regardless of whether a special session takes shape, Hayden said he's preparing bring a full slate of proposals to the 2016 session that are designed to tackle systemic problems.

"We have kicked the can down the road on disparities for a long time," Hayden said.

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One of two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark has been accused in a federal lawsuit of excessive force during an arrest four years ago in Richfield.

Dustin Schwarze, then serving as a Richfield police officer, is alleged to have deployed a Taser on the passenger of a vehicle pulled over by officers early on the morning of Dec. 11, 2011.

He also is accused of threatening to beat the alleged victim, Nataniel Hanson, and a second passenger if they exited the vehicle.

According to U.S. District Court documents, action on the lawsuit began in Hennepin County on or about Nov. 5 — 10 days before Clark was shot to death in north Minneapolis. Also named as defendants are officers Nate Kinsey and Aric Gallatin and the city of Richfield.

The case was moved from Hennepin County District Court to U.S. District Court last Tuesday, court records show.

Schwarze joined the Minneapolis force in September 2014 after serving almost six years with the Richfield Police Department. In 2009, a federal lawsuit was dismissed alleging he forced a man to become a police informant through false arrests and threats.

Hanson's complaint states that he was riding in the rear of the vehicle that was stopped by police at 2:27 a.m. on Dec. 11, 2011. Schwarze put the driver through one or more field sobriety tests, and also

warned the two passengers that he would “beat the [expletive]” out of them if they got out of the vehicle.

He pointed a Taser at Hanson as he spoke, the suit alleges.

A short time later, a police sergeant approached the back seat with Schwarze, and the sergeant ordered Hanson to exit the vehicle. Thinking that the seemingly contradictory order might give Schwarze an excuse to beat him or deploy the Taser, Hanson remained inside the vehicle, and then was struck in the face by Kinsey with a closed fist, the suit alleges.

Hanson also claims that Kinsey punched him about nine more times while Hanson was prone on the ground with his hands above his head.

Schwarze deployed the Taser three times, the suit states.

In addition to the excessive force claim, the suit alleges Hanson was subject to false arrest, and it seeks damages of more than \$50,000.

According to Hennepin County District Court records, Hanson, now 33, was convicted of a petty misdemeanor of failing to wear a seat belt in connection with a Dec. 11, 2011, incident, and was required to pay fees and a fine totaling \$103.

An attorney representing the officers and the city of Richfield could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

<http://www.startribune.com/some-questions-answers-about-minneapolis-police-shooting/356156671/>

MINNEAPOLIS — The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted nearly two weeks of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal authorities continue to investigate.

Jamar Clark was shot in the head Nov. 15 and was taken off life support a day later. Police initially said the 24-year-old was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police said Clark struggled and was shot by an officer. Some who claim they saw the shooting said Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Here's a look at the case and what lies ahead:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?

There are still many unanswered questions and different versions of events. While some say Clark was handcuffed, an attorney for one of the officers has said Clark wasn't handcuffed and had his hands on an officer's gun when he was shot. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has said handcuffs were at the scene and investigators were trying to determine whether they were on Clark or had simply fallen. Few other details have been released.

WHO'S INVESTIGATING?

There are two criminal investigations underway. The state BCA is determining whether the two officers — Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze — violated state laws. The results of their investigation will go to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who will present the case to a grand jury for possible charges.

The FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are conducting a federal investigation to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

WHICH OFFICER SHOT CLARK?

Authorities and attorneys for the officers haven't said. Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze are on paid administrative leave while the investigations continue. Each of the officers has about seven years of experience, including roughly 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department.

WHAT DOES THE VIDEO SHOW?

That's unclear. At least some portions of the incident were captured by various video sources — including an ambulance camera, a mobile police camera and the cellphones of some bystanders — but authorities have said that none show the event in full. Gov. Mark Dayton said he viewed the ambulance video and it was inconclusive. Protesters have demanded that video be released, but authorities have said doing so at this time would taint the investigation.

HAS THERE BEEN VIOLENCE?

Five protesters suffered gunshot wounds that weren't life-threatening after some men who didn't appear to belong at the protest started shooting when told to leave. The shooting happened after days of racially disparaging comments had been posted online.

Four men were arrested and a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether to charge them. The men are all in their 20s. Three are white, and the race of the fourth is Asian.

There have also been occasional clashes with police and ongoing tension between officers and protesters. But overall, the protests have been peaceful.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Clark's death has also amplified calls to address economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

At Clark's funeral Wednesday, several speakers gave impassioned calls for justice. Bishop Richard Howell told mourners it's time to take their demands to the next level. "Now we have the opportunity and the

need to move forward from the 4th Precinct to the Capitol of Minnesota," he said. He added that it's time for a special session to address the community's needs, an idea Dayton has backed.

As far as rallies go, members of the East African community plan to stand in solidarity with protesters at the precinct Saturday, and an outdoor church service is planned at the site Sunday.

<http://www.startribune.com/black-lives-matter-protesters-prepare-for-thanksgiving-day-feast/354949271/>

About 100 people gathered outside the Fourth Precinct police station in north Minneapolis on Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family brought together in a time of turmoil.

They huddled around fires, prayed and gave thanks while sharing overflowing plates of donated food beneath the falling snow. It marked the 12th day of protests outside the precinct headquarters since Jamar Clark died after being shot by police Nov. 15.

The gathering, which protesters called "BlacksGiving," came a day after Clark's family laid him to rest. At the Wednesday funeral, more than 300 people paid their respects and said goodbye to the man whose death has drawn attention from around the nation.

Clark was removed from life support Nov. 16, less than 24 hours after he was shot in a struggle with officers. Witnesses have said Clark, who was unarmed, was handcuffed when he was shot. Police deny that claim, saying Clark was interfering with paramedics tending to his girlfriend, the victim of an assault. A police union leader has said Clark was reaching for an officer's gun.

On Thursday, protesters bowed their heads and prayed for Clark and his family.

"It's really powerful to see community solidarity on Thanksgiving," said Nekima Levy-Pounds, Minneapolis NAACP president. "We are going to persevere until we see change."

Ray Lockman ate her Thanksgiving dinner by the fire during BlackGiving event in front of the Minneapolis Fourth Precinct station.

More

Police watched from behind barricades as protesters dug into their mashed potatoes and gravy, turkey and pumpkin pie.

Zion Baptist Church Pastor Brian C. Herron led the protesters in a prayer. Herron said the church must be present when the community is trying to heal after a tragedy.

"The church cannot be silent on the issue of justice," he said.

Volunteers erected an insulated food tent outside the Fourth Precinct, and the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church donated meals for the gathering.

Rochelle Garcia, 39, came to the precinct with a group from Zion Baptist Church. She said she hopes to bring her children along with her next time.

“You have to do something about it even if it’s to come and pray,” she said.

Community donations

Dozens of North Side residents donated heaters, tents and traditional Thanksgiving fare for the event. A steady stream of homemade pies were delivered to the food tent in the hours before the dinner.

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Ten restaurant-style heat lamps lined the block in front of the precinct station on Plymouth Avenue N., and demonstrators also gathered around campfires that have been glowing all week. Tarps, collecting snow, were covering large stockpiles of firewood on either end of the street.

Kristine Hamer, 27, kept warm by the fire with her 7-year-old daughter, Alejandra. Hamer has spent eight days at the protests with her daughter. Each day after school, she said, they head over to the precinct.

Hamer said her daughter understands the situation.

“I don’t want someone hunting her down,” she said. “I want change for everyone.”

The Tatanka Truck — a food truck — parked outside the encampment offering smoked turkey, hominy soup and hot cedar-maple tea to protesters.

A couple of protesters began to boo when two police officers stepped outside to walk around the encampment, but they were quickly quieted by fellow demonstrators.

Wesley Martin and Clark’s cousin, Cameron, limped around the encampment on crutches. Both Martin and Cameron Clark were shot Monday in an apparently racially motivated attack near the precinct. Four men are in jail in connection with the attack.

Members of the community came up to Martin and Cameron Clark to thank them for their courage.

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“It’s tough in the morning but then I get up and get walking, and it’s all good,” Martin said.

Several men have stepped in since Monday to provide security to protesters at the precinct, Levy-Pounds said.

At the Thanksgiving feast, Levy-Pounds said a prayer for the five protesters shot Monday. She encouraged protesters to thank Martin and Cameron Clark, as well as offer support to the mother of a man who is still in the hospital after he was shot in the stomach.

She reminded the crowd that Jamar Clark's family could not celebrate the holiday with him.

"We care about Jamar and what happened to him," she said. "We are going to continue standing strong and persevering."

Community leaders, including U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, have asked protesters to end their encampment. But demonstrator Jeremy Little said that within the unrest, the community found a place to heal in front of the police station.

"Right outside our oppressor, we found peace," he said.

A church service will be held in front of the station on Sunday, Levy-Pounds said.

<http://www.startribune.com/thanksgiving-meal-at-planned-at-minneapolis-protest-site/354815331/>

MINNEAPOLIS — Protesters and community groups are planning a community Thanksgiving dinner outside of a Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have been camped out for more than a week.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds says everyone is welcome to attend the Thanksgiving meal at 3 p.m. Thursday.

She said the meal is being hosted by the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church and designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 by Minneapolis police after authorities said he struggled. Some who say they saw the shooting alleged he was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds says it has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

http://www.twincities.com/minneapolis/ci_29178391/minneapolis-fire-chief-visit-black-lives-matter-encampment

The Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel met with Black Lives Matter protesters at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th precinct on Sunday to discuss the department's safety concerns about the numerous bonfires in the area and winter storms approaching this week.

The department had safety concerns "in regards to the growing (number of) fires and emergency access to the area particularly in relation to the weather forecasts which are calling for significant winter storms over the next few days," according to statement by

Bryan D. Tyner, assistant chief of administration for the fire department.

Protesters have been camped out at the precinct since Nov. 15, when police fatally shot Jamar Clark, a young, unarmed black man. The area outside the precinct has turned into a small camping village with tents, fire pits, cartons of donated food and even a medics station.

Earlier, Tyner had said fire officials wouldn't make demands on the protesters. "We will be having conversations only," he said.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29176458/minneapolis-police-shooting-disparities-spur-talk-special-session

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota's lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session, though some acknowledge the issues may prove too weighty to take on in a one-day legislative blitz.

This month's death of a black man shot by Minneapolis police only amplified calls to address longstanding — and widening — economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

Though Gov. Mark Dayton and other prominent Democrats have publicly backed tackling such issues, any agenda is murky. It could include some measures the Legislature considered earlier this year, such as workforce development grants to train chronically unemployed minorities and a small business incubator program for minority entrepreneurs. Others have suggested providing financial incentives to businesses to hire minority employees like the state currently does for veterans.

But with Jamar Clark's death leading to high tension between police and protesters outside of a Minneapolis police precinct, Rep. Raymond Dehn said criminal justice matters may need to wait for a full airing in 2016.

"Emotions are raw. The community is in a lot of pain. A lot of people have said a lot of things but we also have to be thoughtful and engage the community on the way they see improving the community and police relationship," said Dehn, a Minneapolis Democrat who represents the north Minneapolis area where Clark was killed.

The Legislature isn't set to return until early March. Dayton's initial request for a special session was meant to extend unemployment benefits for laid-off steelworkers on the state's Iron Range. But top Democrats spurred talk of addressing the longstanding racial disparities as well.

A recent U.S. Census Bureau report shows median incomes for black Minnesota residents plunged by 14 percent from 2013 to 2014, while poverty rates increased from 33 percent to 38 percent. The statewide poverty rate for all races remained stable at 11 percent.

State demographer Susan Brower said there's reason to question whether the one-year swing was as severe as suggested, but that it's indisputable that black residents in Minnesota aren't faring as well as the rest of the state.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden, one of three black lawmakers in the 201-member state Legislature, wants to start a possible special session with proposals that got a thorough airing last session but didn't make it across the finish line.

"It by no means would solve the issue but it would send a strong signal to these communities that the Legislature is concerned about it and wants to start working on it," the Minneapolis Democrat said. "You're seeing people very isolated in terms of their ability to participate in society — get a job, take care of their families, buy a home."

Hayden and Dehn both acknowledged that broader proposals may have to wait, such as lowering drug sentencing guidelines, altering policing standards and restoring voting rights to felons more quickly after they're released from prison.

House Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the economic disparities in a special session, with House Speaker Kurt Daudt saying the Legislature shouldn't single out Iron Range miners or a minority community but instead pass policies that help all residents.

House Majority Leader Joyce Peppin said she's worried about overloading an agenda.

"Every week there's a new topic," she said. "And it's getting to the point where maybe we should just handle this in 2016," she said.

Regardless of whether a special session takes shape, Hayden said he's preparing bring a full slate of proposals to the 2016 session that are designed to tackle systemic problems.

"We have kicked the can down the road on disparities for a long time," Hayden said.

http://www.twincities.com/minneapolis/ci_29172004/minneapolis-police-suggested-protesters-wanted-shootings-report-says

The Minneapolis Police Department reportedly didn't respond to a request from The Guardian for comment on a story that suggests police told Jamar Clark protesters the activists "wanted shootings" that wounded five late Monday night.

A group of three or four masked men opened fire on protesters, according to multiple reports. None of the victims suffered life-threatening injuries.

The shooting elevated tensions and brought the Minneapolis protests renewed national attention.

After Jamar Clark's funeral Wednesday, protesters celebrated Thanksgiving and contemplated the future of their movement.

Here's a rundown of what's being said about the tumultuous protests and rhetoric surrounding the Jamar Clark killing:

Jamar Clark protesters "wanted the shootings," according to a Guardian report.

Jamar Clark protesters celebrated Thanksgiving as best they could, a Reuters report in the New York Times says.

Minneapolis was one bullet away from Ferguson, the Boston Globe editorial board wrote.

A protest in New York City is planned to show solidarity for Minneapolis protesters, according to a report from Newsweek.

The release of video showing a Chicago police officer killing a black teenager put Minneapolis protesters' demands into sharper focus, BuzzFeed reports.

The Star Tribune editorial board says be thankful Minneapolis officials called for an independent investigation into Jamar Clark's death.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_29158086

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th

Protesters fly an American flag with "Black Lives Matter" written on it during demonstrations at the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (Pioneer Press: John Autey)

Five people were shot near a Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest late Monday night, according to police, and reports say more shots were fired late Tuesday night.

None of the five shot Monday suffered life-threatening injuries. No injuries were reported from the reported shooting Tuesday.

The shootings Monday occurred about a block from the police department's 4th Precinct, which remains the focal point of Black Lives Matter demonstrations since the shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis reconvened at the 4th Precinct on Tuesday and marched to City Hall in downtown. Wednesday, Clark's funeral filled a North Minneapolis church.

Here's what the national media is reporting:

The Washington Post says police officers were scouring the ground for evidence late Tuesday night after more shots were allegedly fired on protesters.

From The Guardian: "The men who shot at the Minneapolis protesters want to scare all black people."

Slate asks, will investigators release the video of Jamar Clark's death now?

Protesters won't back down in face of violence , The New York Times reports.

A group raised suspicions before five were shot at police protest, according to the Chicago Tribune.

From Salon: White men are the face of terror: Race, Donald Trump, Fox News and the real story of the Minneapolis shooting.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54695760-story>

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Charges are expected to be filed Monday against 4 suspects in the shooting of 5 people who were protesting near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct a week ago.

Lance Scarsella, 23, admitted to an old high school friend that he shot the protesters Monday night in Minneapolis. That friend -- now a Mankato police officer -- told Minneapolis police, which led to a raid of Scarsella's Bloomington, Minn. home Tuesday morning. Officers recovered several guns, ammunition and tactical gear from the home.

<http://www.fox9.com/web/kmsp/news/54787087-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSB) - Ten days before a Minneapolis police officer was involved in the shooting of Jamar Clark, the officer was sued for excessive force. The lawsuit concerns the use of a Taser in the arrest of a man in 2011, when Officer Dustin Schwarze still worked for the Richfield Police Department.

Schwarze is one of two officers involved in Clark's shooting, according to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The other officer is Mark Ringgenberg.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/29/minneapolis-fire-chief-to-visit-protest-encampment/76536318/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Fire Chief John Fruetel met with protesters camped out at a north Minneapolis police station to discuss concerns about the growing campfires there and emergency access to the site.

Since the police shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15, Plymouth Avenue has been blocked outside the 4th Precinct. Barricades of wood pallets and firewood seal in the one-block urban campground between Morgan and Logan Avenues.

“This is really a main thoroughfare for fire and EMS, it's a main thoroughfare,” said Fruetel to protestors. “So if we can come to some kind of understanding on how we can make this work that would be awesome.”

Three to seven inches of snow is expected to fall Monday and Tuesday. This kind of snow storm comes with inherent emergencies firefighters and EMTs need to get to.

“We would not keep emergency personnel from getting through the street,” said Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis.

Grimm says the barricades were put up after several cars nearly hit protesters. She says the group has and will continue to move the barricades for emergency vehicles.

“Anytime a fire truck or an ambulance has needed to come up Plymouth, we have been able to move things out of the way within a minute and they can get through,” said Grimm.

Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Tyner tells KARE11 the department is still concerned the barricades won't be moved quickly enough in an emergency. He says the department does not have a full agreement with BLM yet to remedy the situation.

“We will continue our conversations with them and hopefully come to some resolution,” said Fruetel.

Tyner says the purpose of the conversation with protesters was also about fire safety, ensuring the campfires aren't too close to structures and propane heaters aren't placed inside tents.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3976668.shtml>

(with video)

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Fruetel and Assistant Chief Bryan Tyner said they would not be making any demands at the 4th Precinct on Sunday - they only planned to have conversations.

But they said their safety concerns have been raised by the winter storm expected to hit Minneapolis Monday and Tuesday.

The protesters have used portable fire pits to keep warm and have barricaded the street with firewood.

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<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/30/officer-involved-in-clark-shooting-accused-of-excessive-force-in-2011/>

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http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/29/waiting-for-charges-protesters-hold-worship-service?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MPR_LawJustice+%28Law+%26+Justice+from+Minnesota+Public+Radio%29

Hennepin County prosecutors have until noon today to charge four men connected with last week's shootings near a protest camp outside the 4th Precinct police station in north Minneapolis.

- The Jamar Clark shooting: Where it stands
- The 4th Precinct protest shooting: The photos you haven't seen

The gunfire injured five black men who were protesting the police shooting death of Jamar Clark. Activists allege the four men in police custody are "white supremacists" who came to cause trouble.

At a faith service Sunday at the camp, people of all races stood together against racial hatred.

Using an upside-down trashcan as a podium, a minister led the crowd in song. Protesters of all races clasped one another's mittens and sang, "I pray for you. You pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive. I won't harm you."

Ruth Mhanga of Apple Valley, who is white, joined in the singing with her husband, who is black. With their 1-year-old son Musa in a stroller, Mhanga said she believes it's important for her toddler to be part of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Protesters show solidarity at a worship service. Laura Yuen | MPR News

"When there's important moments in history — and I feel like this is one of them — when he grows up, I want him to know we were a part of it," she said. "We didn't just sit at home and watch from afar, but we were active in our community and what's happening, and he was, too."

Mhanga said there's comfort in praying with others, and finding healing in the wake of so much hate.

New details of last Monday's shootings emerged last week in court. An application for a search warrant, filed Wednesday and published by the Star Tribune, revealed that one of the men in custody, Allen "Lance" Scarsella, 23, confessed to the shooting. According to the document, Scarsella, who is white, called a Mankato police officer he knew from high school and told the officer he had gone to the 4th Precinct to live-stream the protests.

MPR News doesn't typically name suspects before they are charged, but the search warrant names Scarsella.

- Saturday: Police shooting, disparities spur talk of special session

Nekima Levy-Pounds, a University of St. Thomas law professor who has helped lead the protests, said there's a double standard at play. "Can you imagine a situation where white Minnesotans were nonviolently, peacefully protesting and several armed black men showed up and white people got shot?" Levy-Pounds asked. "Don't think for a second the charges wouldn't have already been filed by now."

Minneapolis police said Nathan Wayne Gustavsson and Daniel Thomas Macey turned themselves in. Officers also arrested Joseph Martin Backman. All of the men are white, except Macey, who is of Asian descent.

A video obtained and posted by Black Lives Matter days before the shooting shows two masked men using racial slurs and flashing a gun while talking about their plans to visit the protest. The driver, who bears a resemblance to a fifth man arrested but who was later released, closes by pointing at the camera and saying, "Stay white."

Chris Hill, a cousin of Jamar Clark, said he approached a group of masked men right before the shooting broke out. "And I just asked them — 'Who are you? Are you here for Jamar Clark?'" Hill said. "And they immediately got upset, like 'We don't have to tell you who we are. We're not taking our masks off.' They got aggressive with us."

Hill said the men got into a confrontation with other demonstrators. A group started running after the men, but Hill said the group had stopped chasing them by the time the gunman opened fire.

"Everybody's still standing here at the back of the alley," Hill said. "And they just start shooting. It was like, 'Pow, pow, pow, pow, pow!' Like he was aiming."

Shvonne Johnson and Rev. Danny Givens, Jr. Laura Yuen | MPR News

Henry Habu, another protester, said he saw one of the masked men fall to the ground during the scuffle, get up and start shooting. Minnesota's self-defense law has a provision that requires someone facing threat to retreat, if possible, before responding with reasonable force.

The Rev. Danny Givens, Jr., an organizer with Black Lives Matter, said the men were looking to provoke and harm peaceful demonstrators. That's not self-defense, he said.

"You come up here, armored up. Why do they wear bulletproof vests? Why do they have firearms in their vehicle? That suggests they came down here with the intent to destroy, to destruct," Givens said.

But a friend of one of the suspects can't reconcile that image with the man he grew up with.

Kyle Weber said he's the best friend of Nathan Gustavsson, one of the four men in custody.

Weber was asked by a reporter to watch a six-minute video that appears to have been recorded by the shooting suspects before the altercation. In that group is a man sporting a red flannel jacket and scraggly facial hair. Weber said he has no doubt that is Gustavsson.

"I'm pretty upset," he said. "It's hard to accept; it's not like him. It's not who I grew up calling 'brother.'"

Regardless of whether the four men are charged today, protesters said they will continue to camp out at the 4th Precinct, even as a winter storm approaches.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/26/justice4jamar-protesters-gather-for-thanksgiving-outside-fourth-precinct/>

(mostly tweets)

<http://www.journalmpls.com/news/news/on-the-edge-of-journalism>

Questions for Jamar Clark protest live-streamers Unicorn Riot

When protestors blocked traffic on Interstate 94 for two hours on Nov. 16, the day after 24-year-old Jamar Clark died in a confrontation with police, Unicorn Riot was there, broadcasting live online to an audience of thousands.

Two days later, Minneapolis police and demonstrators clashed outside of the Fourth Precinct, and a growing online audience once again turned to the not-for-profit media collective's live-streaming video for scenes from the front lines of the protest.

The night before Thanksgiving the Southwest Journal sat down with Niko Georgiades and Lorenzo Serna, cohosts of the online news show "Deprogram" and Unicorn Riot's most visible journalists on the Jamar Clark story. It's Georgiades and Serna who provide the first-person narration for the live video and conduct interviews on camera, at times literally rubbing elbows with journalists from the mainstream media.

(Disclosure: I've known Georgiades since we were introduced through mutual friends about eight years ago.)

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Southwest Journal: What is Unicorn Riot?

Niko Georgiades: Unicorn Riot is essentially a media collective providing a platform for the voices of community struggle and for the voices that aren't normally heard within mainstream society. Unicorn Riot is giving that platform, is giving that push to have their voices heard and then to understand the social struggles that they're going through.

Lorenzo Serna: It's a learning process and everything we're doing is basically an experiment in real time. ... In order to be effective media people right now, we have to be able to move very quickly and change what we're doing very quickly and acknowledge that, you know, every situation is going to be a little bit different.

SWJ: How long have you two been doing this?

LS: I started doing media about four years ago. Before that, I was doing copy and I was in school for being a writer and stuff like that. And then I met different media activists from all over the world in New York City during Occupy Wall Street, and they shared all these ideas of how to, basically, look at the world and give it further — I don't know how you say it. Like, there's a narrative that's always happening, but how do we get that narrative to be accessible to as many people as possible?

NG: The media, for me, essentially the (Republican National Convention) in 2008 opened my eyes to the realm of media and how media was getting targeted while trying to document the police state that we were encroaching upon. ...

We started speaking about having Unicorn Riot as a creation in November of 2014. A lot of meetings, a lot of talks, endless hours. We got incorporated in March of 2015, late March, and we started filming in April of 2015.

LS: Unicorn Riot was a conversation between a lot of people. ... It's a horizontal organization, and so what you see as Unicorn Riot is really a discussion that happened between, now, up to 17 people.

SWJ: Do you see yourselves as objective journalists, as activists or somewhere in between?

LS: I look at myself as a journalist. I explained this the other day: I think objectivity kind of gets thrown away as soon as you choose a word. You chose one word, you didn't chose the other one, you're officially biased. So, I'm not that worried about it, I guess.

What I do when I'm out there is I'm constantly listening and letting people (watching online) hear what's happening, right? So, while I'm very close to what's happening, I still think there is that separation that's almost, in my eyes, necessary. ... This is what I do to give voice for people, is to kind of make that space for myself to be able just to observe and share what's happening.

And so, I view myself as very much a journalist.

NG: As far as it comes to biases, sometimes when we're live-streaming it's hard to not sound biased if the police are shooting at you or macing you, especially when you're seeing what you're seeing, when you're seeing nonviolent, peaceful protesters just sort of, maybe, standing there or blocking the way of the police, but it's a civil disobedience, nonviolent movement and they're getting beat and truncheoned and sprayed. And then when we're getting beat and sprayed, it's tough to not sound biased. ...

It's always (important to include) the context. It's always the: "This is where we were two hours ago, and this is how it started, and now all of a sudden this is happening."

LS: For me, I think that's part of what we're trying to all the time and something that we talked about when we were creating this, was just trying to provide context to social struggles, trying to provide context to the things that are happening. Because a lot of times we're experiencing things in 15-, 20-second clips of what's the most candy to that media organization. Usually it's going to be whatever's the most traumatic or just awful. ...

Even last night I was just streaming the camp. I was standing on the corner and I'm like, "This is what the camp looks like." And stuff like that is important, because no one can see that, that really this is just a bunch of people hanging out and being together. And just being able to provide that context for people I think is very important.

SWJ: Does your position outside of mainstream media give you better access when, for instance, you're covering something like the response to Jamar Clark's death?

NG: Yes. Mainstream media is frowned upon because of the corporate structure ... and I believe that people respect alternative media, first of all. And, second of all, in our case, it's a little different because (the Jamar Clark protest) is here and it's local and I'm friends with a lot of the people who are actually doing a lot of this stuff, so it was just an extension of circles.

So, it's like we're very welcomed in all spaces. We're invited to a lot of the spaces where anything is happening. We're invited to come along.

But I think the main thing is not only that comfortability, but we're invited because the world is watching, and they know if the world is watching they feel safer — "they" being the demonstrators, the community itself.

LS: I think my experience was a little different from his, because I'm not as familiar with folks. So, when I was first there, a lot of the neighborhood people would come up to me and be like, "What are you doing here?" and they would get angry with me. And I was like, hey, you're absolutely right, you're absolutely right. I'm not from here. I'm just holding a camera. I'm just trying to document what's happening, you know?

And I did a lot of that, just really listening to people and their issues with media, and I didn't try to explain ... that I was any different. I just acknowledged that they're right, these other experiences.

I did a lot of that work. It was to let people become at ease with me, and I don't think mainstream media does that really at all.

SWJ: So, what's been the response to your coverage?

NG: It's been very overwhelmingly humbling. A lot of people have been saying just a huge variety of things. People are watching it, making sure their friends are safe. People are watching it because they can't come. People are watching it to see what they can donate. People are watching it to take part in the movement from their house or from their phone, wherever they are because they're so busy living life.

Also, on some other levels, it seems that, OK, the police are watching it, so that's one strange thing. But, obviously, we would know that happened ... and from what we understand the state uses and utilizes some of the (Unicorn Riot live) streams to try to find violations from their forces.

To me, that's one of the most overwhelming things that we're hearing about the stream, personally, is that we're actually impacting the peaceful protestors' rights. We're protecting their rights to a certain level.

LS: I would say it's been overall very, very positive. People from the neighborhood will walk up to me and thank me. ...

I think that it's really that we've provided so much uncut footage of their neighborhood and what's going on really, to the point where they feel it's actually honest. And their experience, from what I've understood, has been that the media usually comes through and just portrays North Minneapolis as ... this kind of horrific situation that there's no light in. And I think that a lot of the people in that neighborhood think that's been unfair, and there's a lot of people who are trying to right societal problems that exist and are trying to create the world they want, really. And they're not really given that voice to be able to say that, and I think maybe that's why we get so much kind words thrown our way.

SWJ: What has been the response from other members of the media, the reporters and photographers who you're working alongside out in the field or who are sometimes using your clips in their reports?

LS: I think people are curious, it seems like. A lot of local affiliate groups have come up to us and want to do interviews and are saying people are watching what we're doing because we're kind of doing media in a completely different way they've never even thought of, and we can go into places they could never even get into. So, I think it's mostly that response, from what I've seen.

NG: The other realm is the news agencies that are taking our clips, and that — we're (copywriting our content) creative commons non-commercial share alike, and because of that it creates problems with us, personally, as a team, because we are not OK with commercial entities taking our footage. ... So, when we see KSTP or other such news organizations, or CNN, just taking our clips, it's like a stab in the foot. ...

But, within that, it's just a lot of respect that I've seen from other journalists. A lot of curiosity, more so. Murmurs. It's sort of a murmur here and murmur there: "It's Unicorn Riot." ...

KARE 11 comes up to us and talks to us like, Hey, hey, hey, how you doin'? And some others are just like murmuring and talking about us when we're right here.

WCCO, I'll go back to that real quick. Reg Chapman, he, during (events outside the Fourth Precinct Nov. 18), goes up to protestors who just got pepper-sprayed. He's there, and I was really surprised that a mainstream news source was almost embedded into the protest, and I got him on live stream.

“Hey, oh my goodness, we have WCCO right here, what’s happening?” And then when (Chapman) got pepper-sprayed, that was incredible. But, to me, he’s actually giving us a lot of respect, too. He’s been very respectful. “Hey guys, how you doing? Thank you for catching that.”

Overall, it’s been a very interesting scene to have The Guardian and Ruptly and all these other major news sources curious about how we’re doing it, what we’re doing.

LS: We’ve watched journalism change a lot and media production change a lot. Content production is all journalism really is right now, at least in all these sort of mainstream mags where they’re all just recycling each other’s stories and everything is flying around. The churn, churn, the churnalism. And I think that a lot of what we talked about was just trying to figure out how to make an organization that could send someone to go do journalism and stay somewhere for a while and learn and be able to follow a story as far as possible, to be able to share that. And that’s real work.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/29/ellison-protests-a-response-to-an-outrageous-situation/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Rep. Keith Ellison was a guest on WCCO Sunday Morning this week, and he spoke with Esme Murphy about the encampment at the 4th Precinct, where protesters are demanding justice following the fatal police shooting of Jamar Clark.

While Ellison said there are several safety concerns regarding the encampment, the congressman said he understands what is driving the protests. He said it’s not just about Clark or the Minneapolis Police Department, but a part of something bigger.

“I could never lose sight on what’s propelling this whole thing, which is the fact that many people of color, low-income people and even a lot of white people feel that police mistreat them a lot,” he said.

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He added that even if some protesters are taking desperate measures, they are doing so in response to an “outrageous situation.”

“This is a serious problem,” Ellison said. “We cannot take away from it.”

Protesters have been camping out in front of the precinct on Minneapolis’ north side since the shooting of Clark on Nov. 15. They are demanding the release of any video that investigators possess.

“Here’s my take on this whole situation,” Ellison said on Sunday. “When Mayor [Betsy] Hodges and I asked for the Justice Department to investigate this case, and they agreed immediately, that was a good thing.”

The congressman expressed confidence in Vanita Gupta, the head of the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department.

“She believes that releasing the tape immediately would impede the investigation,” Ellison said, adding that the video should be released as soon as it’s safe to do so.

He said what happened in Chicago, in regards to the release of video in the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald, was unacceptable.

“We shouldn’t do what happened in Chicago – 400 days after the shooting incident and then the tape gets released,” Ellison said. “That’s outrageous.”

In the course of the 7-minute interview, Ellison also spoke about tactics used by protesters and police, guns and the Planned Parenthood shooting in Colorado.

Watch the full interview above.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/25/rep-ellison-calls-for-protests-to-evolve-beyond-encampment/>

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Rep. Keith Ellison is calling for the protest at the 4th Precinct on Minneapolis’ north side to “evolve beyond encampment” following a shooting Monday night where five protesters were injured.

In a statement released to the media, the congressman said conditions at the encampment are not safe and that protesters have already seen many of their demands met.

“[T]he safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority,” Ellison said. “Monday night’s shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there’s no denying that conditions are unsafe.”

On Monday, a shooting happened just north of the encampment as protesters were ushering three alleged white supremacists away. Five protesters suffered injuries, all of which were non-life-threatening.

In his statement, Ellison said the shooting should be investigated as a hate crime. On Tuesday, police arrested three white men in connection to the shooting.

While the congressman has called for the protesters to re-strategize, protesters have recently said they’re not going anywhere.

Black Lives Matter protesters have been camping outside the 4th Precinct since Minneapolis police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Nov. 15. Protesters say officers shot Clark in the head while he was in handcuffs. Police dispute that claim.

The protesters are demanding that video of the shooting be released from the investigating agency, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. That has not happened.

Previously, the protesters had asked for an independent investigation into the shooting and the release of the names of the officers involved. Both of those demands were met.

On Wednesday, Ellison attended Clark's funeral in north Minneapolis.

"I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark," he said in a statement, "and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protesters to demand meaningful change."

The congressman said changing racial inequality in Minneapolis will likely take years, not weeks. He urged the community to come together to ensure the future of an "equitable, just, peaceful society."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54134852-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - Hundreds of people gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Jamar Clark, the 24-year-old who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police on Nov. 15. Demonstrators continue to camp out at the Fourth Precinct, despite Clark's family asking for a day free of protests so they could mourn his death.

Others, including Rep. Keith Ellison, have said it's time for the protesters to move on from the Fourth Precinct.

After several men fired into a crowd of protestors on Monday night, Ellison said there is no denying the conditions at the Fourth Precinct have become unsafe.

"Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to move beyond the encampment," Ellison said in a statement.

Rep. Keith Ellison statement

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Photo Rep. Keith Ellison, others call for Jamar Clark protests to move beyond 4th Precinct

Monday night's shooting at the peaceful protest in front of the Fourth Precinct was appalling. I pray for the victims, and hope their recovery is quick. I demand the shooters be brought to justice, and I am relieved that three suspects have been arrested. The shooting of five black men at a protest focused on racial equity should be investigated as a hate crime.

I attended Jamar Clark's funeral today, and I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protestors to demand meaningful change.

Since the occupation of the Fourth Precinct, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has achieved a great deal. They asked for and received an independent investigation by the state and federal governments. They asked for and received the release of the officers' names. They met with Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, Governor Mark Dayton, and lawyers from the Department of Justice. They also received a commitment that the tapes of Mr. Clark's shooting will be shared with the family and made public as soon as it will not impede the investigation.

I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity.

They also held an impactful community march yesterday to raise awareness and show solidarity for justice.

I understand the power of exercising First Amendment rights. This activism has sparked a long overdue conversation about issues facing Black Minnesotans, which I know intimately as a North Minneapolis resident. As we continue our work on these critical issues, the safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority. Monday night's shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there's no denying that conditions are unsafe. Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to evolve beyond the encampment.

The changes we seek will likely take years, not weeks or months. But together, as a community, we can move forward to ensure that we all have an opportunity to live in an equitable, just, peaceful society.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3976147.shtml>

Minnesota lawmakers and community leaders are brainstorming how to aid their state's hurting black community in a possible special session.

There's been no decision on whether such a session will take place. Gov. Mark Dayton has requested one to help laid-off steelworkers and also suggested addressing longstanding economic disparities among black residents.

This month's death of Jamar Clark, who was shot by Minneapolis police, has amplified calls for the Legislature to step in.

Sen. Jeffrey Hayden is one of three black state lawmakers. He says the Legislature could provide job training grants for minority workers or start-up money for black entrepreneurs, but that broader issues involving community-police relations may have to wait until 2016.

Republicans have been noncommittal about discussing the issue in a special session.

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<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/opinion/other-view/3892017-other-view-protecting-protesters-wake-minneapolis-shootings>

When gunmen fired at a group of demonstrators Monday night, 10 days of mostly peaceful protests in north Minneapolis took a terrible turn.

Several men who had behaved suspiciously reportedly were being chased by Black Lives Matter supporters when they turned, shot and wounded five protesters about a block from the protest site next to the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct. The shooting occurred at 10:45 p.m., making it easier for the gunmen to open fire before escaping into darkness. The protest encampment had been set up to protest the Nov. 15 officer-involved shooting death of Jamar Clark.

Since the vigil began, harsh words have been exchanged and some property damage has occurred, but for the most part the protests have been peaceful. That all changed Monday, making it sensible for protesters to heed the request of the grieving Clark family that they disband the tent camp for the safety of the demonstrators and the public.

The victims, all black men, were taken to hospitals with noncritical injuries, according to police. Authorities are reportedly discussing whether the incident should be treated as a hate crime.

There's no reason peaceful protests shouldn't continue, but they should occur under the safest possible circumstances. Holding rallies and marches during daylight hours, with appropriate security and communication with police, would make it less likely that protesters and the public would be at risk. Previous Black Lives Matter events in Minneapolis and St. Paul — as well as Tuesday's march and rally downtown — have been peaceful, in part because they most often have been announced in advance and leaders have collaborated with city and law enforcement officials.

Demonstrators should also take note of how many of their concerns already have been addressed. They demanded an independent investigation of Clark's death, and that effort is underway. They wanted the names of the officers involved in the shooting, and they have been identified. Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Police Chief Janee' Harteau and Gov. Mark Dayton have kept the lines of communication open with the Clark family and the protesters.

The last remaining demand is for the release of relevant video. Though this page favors as much transparency as possible during high-profile cases, investigators need to have time to interview

witnesses who have not been influenced by evidence being prematurely released. U.S. Attorney Andrew Luger assured an editorial writer this week that the investigation will be thorough and remain independent of the efforts of Minneapolis police.

As the fact-finding continues in the Clark case, authorities must also seek justice for those shot Monday night. In the meantime, hopefully Black Lives Matter organizers and their supporters will take the advice of Clark's brother Eddie Sutton.

"We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the Fourth Precinct ended and onto the next step."

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/S3975720.shtml>

The fatal shooting of a black man by a Minneapolis police officer has prompted nearly two weeks of protests and led to calls for answers as state and federal authorities continue to investigate.

Jamar Clark was shot in the head Nov. 15 and was taken off life support a day later. Police initially said the 24-year-old was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to help the victim. Police said Clark struggled and was shot by an officer. Some who claim they saw the shooting said Clark was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

Here's a look at the case and what lies ahead:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?

There are still many unanswered questions and different versions of events. While some say Clark was handcuffed, an attorney for one of the officers has said Clark wasn't handcuffed and had his hands on an officer's gun when he was shot. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has said handcuffs were at the scene and investigators were trying to determine whether they were on Clark or had simply fallen. Few other details have been released.

WHO'S INVESTIGATING?

There are two criminal investigations underway. The state BCA is determining whether the two officers - Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze - violated state laws. The results of their investigation will go to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, who will present the case to a grand jury for possible charges.

The FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division are conducting a federal investigation to determine whether police intentionally violated Clark's civil rights through excessive force. That's a high legal standard because an accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to bring federal charges.

WHICH OFFICER SHOT CLARK?

Authorities and attorneys for the officers haven't said. Both Ringgenberg and Schwarze are on paid administrative leave while the investigations continue. Each of the officers has about seven years of experience, including roughly 13 months with the Minneapolis Police Department.

WHAT DOES THE VIDEO SHOW?

That's unclear. At least some portions of the incident were captured by various video sources - including an ambulance camera, a mobile police camera and the cellphones of some bystanders - but authorities have said that none show the event in full. Gov. Mark Dayton said he viewed the ambulance video and it was inconclusive. Protesters have demanded that video be released, but authorities have said doing so at this time would taint the investigation.

HAS THERE BEEN VIOLENCE?

Five protesters suffered gunshot wounds that weren't life-threatening after some men who didn't appear to belong at the protest started shooting when told to leave. The shooting happened after days of racially disparaging comments had been posted online.

Four men were arrested and a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether to charge them. The men are all in their 20s. Three are white, and the race of the fourth is Asian.

There have also been occasional clashes with police and ongoing tension between officers and protesters. But overall, the protests have been peaceful.

Clark's death has also amplified calls to address economic disparities between Minnesota's white and black residents.

At Clark's funeral Wednesday, several speakers gave impassioned calls for justice. Bishop Richard Howell told mourners it's time to take their demands to the next level. "Now we have the opportunity and the need to move forward from the 4th Precinct to the Capitol of Minnesota," he said. He added that it's time for a special session to address the community's needs, an idea Dayton has backed.

As far as rallies go, members of the East African community plan to stand in solidarity with protesters at the precinct Saturday, and an outdoor church service is planned at the site Sunday.

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(with video)

The Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct was home to a Thanksgiving feast this year, where protesters have been camping out after the officer-involved shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

The NAACP and Zion Baptist Church hosted the meal at 3 p.m. for the community to gather and heal, according to Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds.

Hundreds attended Clark's funeral on Wednesday at Shiloh Temple. Hours later, Minneapolis police released the names of four men currently in custody after a shooting near the 4th Precinct Monday night where suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, injuring five people.

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Photo Demonstrators share Thanksgiving meal at 4th Precinct

Clark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3974919.shtml>

Protesters and community members dined on donated pies, macaroni and cheese and traditional Thanksgiving fare Thursday outside a Minneapolis police station that has been the site of ongoing demonstrations since an officer fatally shot a black man earlier this month.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds said the meal was co-hosted by her organization, Zion Baptist Church and Black Lives Matter. The event was designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Police say they were responding to an assault call on Nov. 15 in which Clark was a suspect and arrived to find Clark interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat the victim. Police say a scuffle followed and Clark was shot. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed. State and federal investigations are underway.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds said it has become a place where the community can gather and heal. The Star Tribune reported that dozens of area residents donated heaters, tents and food for the event.

Video posted on Twitter by Black Lives Matter showed a group of people singing in thanks near a Black Lives Matter banner while dozens of others gathered around bonfires and tents pitched in the street.

The protesters have said they will not leave the encampment until authorities meet their demands, which include the release of video of Clark's shooting. State investigators have said they have video, but none of it showed the incident in its entirety, and they would not release it until their investigation is complete.

Another event is planned for Sunday. Levy-Pounds said an outdoor church service will be held at the police precinct at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, a state prosecutor has until noon Monday to decide whether charges will be filed against four men who were arrested earlier this week after shots were fired at protesters, leaving five with injuries that were not life-threatening.

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The protest outside the 4th Precinct police station lasted through the Thanksgiving holiday and the season's first snowfall.

"We're trying to keep everyone as warm as possible," said Shvonne Johnson, a demonstration organizer who was among hundreds at the open-air Thanksgiving dinner on Plymouth Avenue North. "But each person has their own choice to make. And I think people are bunding up in preparation for the weather and it looks like people are warm."

Demonstrators are heading into the 13th day of protests following the death of Jamar Clark, who was shot and killed by a police officer in north Minneapolis earlier this month.

"I came up on this place today, not knowing that they were actually occupying it on Thanksgiving," said demonstrator Leshoin Kimbro. "And I feel real happy right now. And thankful."

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/26/community-thanksgiving-meal-planned-at-4th-precinct-protest-site/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Protesters and community groups are planning a community Thanksgiving dinner outside of a Minneapolis police station where demonstrators have been camped out for more than a week.

Minneapolis NAACP president Nekima Levy-Pounds says everyone is welcome to attend the Thanksgiving meal at 3 p.m. Thursday.

She said the meal is being hosted by the NAACP and Zion Baptist Church and designed to promote healing after the shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark.

Clark was shot Nov. 15 by Minneapolis police after authorities said he struggled. Some who say they saw the shooting alleged he was handcuffed at the time, which police dispute.

While some have called for the encampment at the police station to end, Levy-Pounds says it has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3974451.shtml>

(with video)

Steven Belton says Wednesday is a day of mourning for the Clark family, and really the entire north side.

Belton was at Jamar's funeral and said there were at least 70 family members there.

He says Thursday, order needs to be restored.

After 10 days of protests, marches and a community concert, some Minneapolis city leaders are calling for calm.

"I want them to press on, but press on in a different way," interim Urban League President Steven Belton said.

Belton says people have been trying to mourn, but he said many just don't know how.

"There's been a lot of loss in our community, a lot of violence, a lot of violence at hands of police, there's been lot of violence at each other.... we have become desensitized to violence, so sometime the first reaction is not to mourn but to become angry," he said.

Some protestors have said they plan to stay at the 4th Precinct as long as it takes. They want video tapes of the shooting released, but Belton says there are other ways to proceed.

"We've got different tactics, different strategies... this is more than an inconvenience. This is now a hazard to this community for them to be occupying here... we need to give much need relief to this community," he added. "What would you want people to know? I would hope your viewers take a step

back and imagine their 24-year-old son, nephew, friend was unarmed and was shot and killed by police.. just imagine those facts alone, what questions would you have to ask about that?"

Belton feels there is a clear and defined next stage in all this moving away from the 4th Precinct.

First, he said state and federal investigators need to be transparent and held accountable in their investigations.

Second, he says state lawmakers need to take note of North Minneapolis and try to help heal the major disparities that have been there for a long time.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/28/east-african-community-joins-protesters/76507940/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS -- The Twin Cities' local East African community says they're standing together for Jamar Clark.

On Saturday, community members joined the demonstrators outside the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect.

Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/opinion/national-view/3892014-red-blue-america-black-lives-matter-movement-inspiring-new-crime-wave>

FBI Director James Comey made waves last month when he suggested that the Black Lives Matter movement is leading to a national rise in crime rates, in part because police officers have pulled back from doing their jobs, wary of the scrutiny that might come with a viral video.

"I don't know whether that explains it entirely," Comey said, "but I do have a strong sense that some part of the

explanation is a chill wind that has blown through American law enforcement over the last year."

Considering what's happening in Minneapolis and elsewhere, is Comey right? Is crime actually on the rise?

Or are law enforcement officials merely warding off scrutiny?

Movement only wants police to obey the same laws they're sworn to uphold

Everybody wants to be safe. Nobody wants to be abused.

Are the two concepts in tension? It doesn't seem like they should be. It seems, in fact, like they're two sides of the same coin: If you're being abused, how can you feel safe? Too often in our history, the weight of law has been abusive and oppressive to black people in order to make white people feel safe. The Black Lives Matter movement, at its heart, simply expects that law-abiding people of color get to feel as safe as white folks traditionally do.

That's not anti-police. But it does demand police be the best they can be. It demands, at the very least, that officers not be bullies.

It is aggravating, then, to hear law enforcement officials suggest that such scrutiny could lead to more crime. As if the demand that officers not be abusive — that they obey the same laws they're sworn to uphold — is somehow burdensome. The reaction of Comey and his ilk feels menacing: "That's a nice town you have there," such officers seem to say. "Be a shame if something happened to it."

Here's the truth about crime rates: They're up in some cities. They're not up in others. In St. Louis, where there is a murder spike, the rise began before the death of Michael Brown, which is what set off protests in the first place. What we do know is that even with an increase in crime this year, crime rates will still remain relatively low compared to their modern highs in the early 1990s. There's no reason to push the panic button just yet.

I believe that most police officers honorably want to serve and protect their communities. I believe that most Black Lives Matter activists want to see laws enforced and their neighborhoods kept safe and peaceful. I believe that safe, peaceful neighborhoods can be created even when police eschew racial profiling and abuse.

The question is: Do our law enforcement leaders believe that, too? Right now, they're acting as if they don't.

<http://www.mndaily.com/news/metro-state/2015/11/25/protesters-march-city-hall-after-precinct-shooting>

Protesters march to City Hall after precinct shooting

Protesters and students gathered on Tuesday in response to Monday night's shooting.

After a violent night left five injured, demonstrations over the Nov. 15 police shooting of Jamar Clark continued Tuesday.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis organized a march from the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct after the shooting of five protesters late Monday. Demonstrators called for less police violence and the release of videos taken when officers shot Clark.

Among those who trekked from North Minneapolis was a sizeable group of University of Minnesota students, who joined the marchers after student-led rallies on campus Tuesday.

Minneapolis police arrested four suspects Tuesday in relation to the shooting, two of whom turned themselves in. Police later released one suspect.

Michael McDowell, organizer for Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, said police should have responded to Monday's shooting faster.

"We ran up on the scene and saw all those folks on the ground, and then probably like five minutes later the police came," he said.

Wesley Martin, a friend of Clark, was one of five injured in the late-night shooting. He was shot in the leg.

He said he followed a group of "shady" men away from the police building on Morgan Avenue North with a friend after the men yelled racial slurs at them.

Then, the men turned and opened fire into a crowd once they were out of sight of the police station, Martin said.

Still, he marched — cane in hand — with the rest of the crowd more than 2 miles to City Hall Tuesday.

"Ain't no bullet going to stop me," he said. "I [could] be in a wheelchair, and I'll still be out here."

McDowell said more than 1,000 people turned out for Tuesday's march. He said BLM plans to continue the protest at the precinct building and have events planned until Friday.

University protest

Some students left classes Tuesday to join the march after protests on campus.

Zaire Ishmael, a global studies senior who attended the protest at Northrop, said demonstrations are a way to begin a conversation but won't fix persistent issues.

"There needs to be a revolutionary change to the meaning of a community servant," he said. "It needs to be someone without a gun who knows the communities."

Student leaders such as Manuel Berduc, a Students for a Democratic Society officer, organized the walkout and transportation to the city's north side.

"Almost everyone is here," he said, adding that they expected more students to join the protest as the day continued.

Berduc said he was at the precinct the night of the shooting, which led him to organize protests with other student groups.

Roosbeh Shirazi, an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development, joined protesters on their journey downtown.

He said police violence toward civilians is “unconscionable” and he felt the march was a proper response.

“This is democracy,” Shirazi said. “This is citizenship.”

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/25/as-jamar-clark-is-laid-to-rest-a-call-for-peace/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – Ten days after the controversial shooting of Jamar Clark, a funeral was held for the 24-year-old in north Minneapolis.

A city police officer shot and killed Clark during a struggle on Nov. 15. Community members say Clark was handcuffed when police shot him, but police dispute that.

Clark’s death has captured national attention, sparked non-stop protests on the city’s north side and divided community leaders.

As Clark’s funeral procession moved down Plymouth Avenue on Wednesday, it passed the exact spot where he was shot.

The procession also stopped at the 4th Precinct to acknowledge the protesters who’ve occupied the front lawn since the shooting.

“It’s just not Jamar, it’s a lot of people around the world that are experiencing racism, everywhere as a whole,” said protester Ruby Harvey. “This is a situation where we can unite and make change.”

At the funeral service at Shiloh Temple in north Minneapolis, hundreds of people attended Clark’s funeral to remember him and pray for peace in the weeks and months ahead.

“The family is not against the protesters they just want them to be more respectful,” said Arnetta Phillips, who attended the funeral.

There is concern the demonstrations could do more harm than good.

“It’s got to end. It’s got to stop,” said mourner Sheryl Wagner. “All the bickering, all the fighting. Bloodshed. Too many tears.”

Leaders of the Minneapolis Urban League called for Wednesday to be a day of mourning and asked the protesters to take a break. Rep. Keith Ellison also called for the protests to “evolve beyond encampment.”

But protesters showed no sign leaving the 4th Precinct until video of the shooting is released by authorities.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/11/25/4-jailed-for-protest-shooting-county-granted-extension/76390444/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Four men are now being held in connection to Monday's shooting that injured five people protesting near the Fourth Precinct.

On Wednesday, Minneapolis Police revealed a fourth person, a 27-year-old man, is being held in connection to the shooting. On Tuesday morning, police arrested a 23-year-old white man for the shooting. On Tuesday afternoon, two white men, ages 21 and 26, turned themselves into police. All four men are being held at the Hennepin County Jail.

Around 10:45 p.m. Monday, shots were fired into a crowd of people in the 1400 block of Morgan Avenue North..They were there protesting the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark, who was killed by police on Nov. 15.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office is working with Minneapolis Police as well as federal investigators on the shooting. As a result, the county asked for and was granted an extension to file charges against the men connected to the shooting. Originally, the county had until 4 p.m. Wednesday to file charges -- it now has until noon Monday.

"It just hurts. Can't move it all the way. I can't bend it. I can't do nothing until it heals," said shooting victim Wesley Martin.

One the 18-year-old says would help it feel better -- seeing the gunman and his friends held responsible.

"Definitely," Martin said.

Martin describes the moments before the shooting, as a group of protesters escorted out four men they say were acting suspiciously.

"I heard the N-word. And after that, everybody started rushing towards them. So we get to 14th and morgan and all I hear is pow, pow, pow, pow, pow," Martin said.

Martin says the shooting helped strengthen his presence at the occupation.

William Champion says he's already pushed that shooting aside.

"It ain't just a community fight. It's a nation fight," Champion said.

Known as "Mearl" around North Minneapolis, Champion's lived there 52 years. He's especially proud community members have protected the neighborhood - never allowing the protest to elevate to the riot. He hopes it makes a difference.

"This fight is not for me. This fight is for my kids," Champion said.

Because thinking of the future of his community is what brings out his emotions.

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/s3974371.shtml>

(with video)

Authorities have identified four men arrested in connection to the shooting Monday night near Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct that injured five people.

Minneapolis police identified the men as 23-year-old Allen "Lance" Scarsella, 27-year-old Joseph Backman, 21-year-old Nathan Gustavsson and 26-year-old Daniel Macey.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office says prosecutors were granted an extension to consider charges against the four men, but that no decision would be made before Monday.

The shooting happened at 10:40 p.m. near 14th Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. The area is one block north of the 4th Precinct station at 1925 Plymouth Ave., where protesters have been stationed since the fatal officer-involved shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark on Sunday, Nov. 15.

None of the protesters who were shot suffered life-threatening injuries.

Gustavsson graduated from Hermantown High School in 2012. A yearbook notes him as a bowler and trap shooter.

His mother told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS that he was in jail, and she knew nothing more.

According to his Facebook profile, Scarsella attended the University of St. Thomas. He was also a member of the football team at Lakeville North High School.

"He was a kid that fit in with other kids, especially through the avenue of sports," said Brian Vossen, who coached Scarsella and was his teacher in 9th grade. "Certainly nothing harmful. Lance was a super nice kid -- as a student in class, good sense of humor."

On Wednesday afternoon, a police officer was guarding the entrance to the townhome in Eagan where Backman lives. Minneapolis police were apparently searching the property.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office said investigators are continuing to work on obtaining evidence in the case.

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-11-25/black-lives-matter-activist-taking-break-not-giving-justice-minneapolis>

Mohamed Samatar, a 23-year-old artist and activist in Minneapolis, has decided it's time to take a break. On Monday night, a group of white men shot into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, wounding five people. Protesters are calling it a hate crime; police and prosecutors not yet said whether they agree.

This story is based on a radio interview. Listen to the full interview.

"When you're going to a peaceful protest and there's a chance of someone coming in with a gun and shooting you down, that is fear," he says. "As a person who never dealt with war, it hits you hard. You wake up and you're like, because of the color of my skin today, I have to be in fear."

Black Lives Matter protests in the Twin Cities have escalated since a police officer killed an unarmed 21-year-old man, Jamar Clark, on Nov. 15. Protesters have taken over the block in front of the Fourth Precinct police station, just blocks from where the shooting occurred in north Minneapolis. They have not backed down, even after the Monday attack. Today, Clark's funeral procession paused at the precinct.

For Samatar's part, he's having a hard time processing that this attack could happen here, outside a police station with officers everywhere. He can't understand why it took a day to apprehend suspects.

"If you imagine three black men or three Muslim men stormed a football game, there would be a very different response," he says.

That's part of the reason he is headed out of town for a few days. But he's also just looking for a reprieve. He's a performance artist — he uses dance, photography and sound to tell stories — and he works at the Cedar Cultural Center, a venue that brings music from around the world to the Twin Cities.

"If you're in a situation where there's a lot of violence happening, it's hard to think creatively," he says. "My way of healing is leaving the geographical area — as my mom would put it, getting new fresh air."

Samatar grew up in Minneapolis but his parents are from Somalia. There are more than 20,000 Somali immigrants in Minnesota, according to the most recent census. His family has a strong sense of its Muslim identity. "Since 9/11, that's been something in our consciousness and how we moved in the world," he says. "Race was something that was secondary, growing up."

It has taken time for many Somali immigrants in the Twin Cities to know about and understand the Black Lives Matter movement. Many Somali immigrants do not have access to information about the violence or injustices happening in their cities. And they haven't learned about the Civil Rights era, Samatar explains. Telling someone who just came from a refugee camp, who does not yet understand what it

means to be a black person in America that they should align themselves with Black Lives Matter is a difficult thing to do.

"It's hard to put those expectations on someone," Samatar says.

Still, Samatar says for the most part, the Somali community stands with Black Lives Matter. "Growing up, civil rights was detached from my identity," says Samatar. Black Lives Matter has given him a chance to be open, to "let out these cries that I'm living in. It's hard being a young, black Muslim person in America today."

"We had an act of terrorism happen in a place I grew up in, I call home," he says. "But the hopeful thing throughout all this is that there's such an outstanding response of Minneapolis and our organizing community here. Using healing and love and music and art as a means to deal with these atrocities. And that's very much why I love Minneapolis and why this is so different from any other movement that has started here. There's a sense that this is real and we are here together. And justice will come. That's what we hope for."

<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/11/25/the-shooting-photos-you-havent-seen>

(photos)

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/25/hundreds-mourn-jamar-clark-at-funeral-procession-more-demonstrations-planned/>

Jamar Clark was remembered at a visitation and funeral service at Shiloh Temple International Ministries Wednesday.

The Star Tribune says more than 300 people attended the open ceremony, including Rep. Keith Ellison, Sen. Bobby Joe Champion and former Minneapolis mayors R.T. Rybak and Sharon Sayles Belton.

Following the funeral, a procession brought Clark's body to the cemetery, but not before driving by the Fourth Precinct, where protesters quietly sang and raised their hands in solidarity, according to a live stream of the procession by Unicorn Riot.

As the vehicle carrying family members passed, they waved out the window and said "I love you all" to nearby protesters.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15. His death prompted #Justice4Jamar protests and demonstrations at the Fourth Precinct, as well as marches through Minneapolis.

No charges yet for shooting suspects

Prosecutors have received an extension to decide whether to charge four men suspected of shooting at protesters outside the Fourth Precinct on Monday night. The four remain in custody.

The original deadline for filing charges against them was Wednesday at 4 p.m. Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said in a statement he's been granted an extension until Monday at noon.

Demonstrations will continue

Protesters will continue to camp outside the Fourth Precinct police station, despite Jamar Clark's family asking for a day without protests so they could mourn him at the funeral service.

Community leaders, including the Minneapolis Urban League, also asked that no demonstrations of any kind be held Wednesday out of respect for Clark's family.

The organization asked that the vigil outside the police station end, with protesters declaring victory to allow the next phase – the investigation by federal and local officials – to take place.

Despite these pleas, protesters said they'll continue to demonstrate outside of the station until there is justice for Clark.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church told The Associated Press there will be an "emergency rally" Wednesday, with MPR News noting a rally is planned at 4 p.m. Wednesday, with a similar rally set for the same time in New York City and some other locations.

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis also has events listed on its Facebook page for this week, including #Blacksgiving on Thursday. Protests are expected to continue through the weekend, MPR News says, noting the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP is holding an outdoor church service at the Fourth Precinct Sunday at 11 a.m.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/25/pastor-says-jamar-clarks-death-wont-be-in-vain/76386442/>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS - Several hundred people have turned out for the funeral of a Minneapolis man killed in a confrontation with police, cheering and applauding speakers who said Jamar Clark's death would not be in vain.

Bishop Richard Howell praised protesters for pressure that he said helped get a federal civil rights investigation and the names of the officers involved.

Howell told mourners during Wednesday's funeral that what's needed now is a special state legislative session to address the needs of Minnesota's minority community. To a standing ovation, Howell said: "Jamar, your life did and does have purpose."

The 24-year-old Clark died in what police say was a scuffle with officers responding to an assault in which he was a suspect. Some community members allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute.

Another rally is planned to mark Clark's death, despite pleas from some community members to avoid such actions on the day of his funeral.

Pastor Jayme Ali of God of All Truth Church says protesters will hold what she called an "emergency rally" on Wednesday at the city's north side police precinct near where Clark died.

Ali spoke outside the church hosting Clark's funeral. She says protesters respect the family's wishes but aren't going anywhere "until we get justice for Jamar Clark."

Some community members also say it's time for a protesters' encampment to shut down.

Protesters have demanded that authorities release video of Clark's death. Ali noted that it took more than a year before Chicago officials on Tuesday released footage of the police shooting death of a black teenager. She says Minneapolis protesters will stay "even if it takes 400 days."

Steven Belton, Interim President of the Minneapolis Urban League, says demonstrators camping at the local police precinct have already achieved much of what they wanted, including the names of the officers involved and a federal investigation.

Belton says the vigil must end and that it's time to allow investigations to take their course.

Rep. Keith Ellison released the following statement regarding the shooting on Monday night, Clark's funeral and the current state of the Fourth Precinct protests:

"Monday night's shooting at the peaceful protest in front of the Fourth Precinct was appalling. I pray for the victims, and hope their recovery is quick. I demand the shooters be brought to justice, and I am relieved that three suspects have been arrested. The shooting of five black men at a protest focused on racial equity should be investigated as a hate crime.

I attended Jamar Clark's funeral today, and I join in the community's mourning for Jamar Clark and for all of the Jamar Clarks who propel the protestors to demand meaningful change.

Since the occupation of the Fourth Precinct, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis has achieved a great deal. They asked for and received an independent investigation by the state and federal governments. They asked for and received the release of the officers' names. They met with Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, Governor Mark Dayton, and lawyers from the Department of Justice. They also received a commitment that the tapes of Mr. Clark's shooting will be shared with the family and made public as soon as it will not impede the investigation.

I stood behind Black Lives Matter Minneapolis with these requests and have echoed them at every opportunity.

They also held an impactful community march yesterday to raise awareness and show solidarity for justice.

I understand the power of exercising First Amendment rights. This activism has sparked a long overdue conversation about issues facing Black Minnesotans, which I know intimately as a North Minneapolis resident. As we continue our work on these critical issues, the safety of everyone at the Fourth Precinct must be our highest priority. Monday night's shootings are not the fault of the victims or the Black Lives Matter movement, which is committed to non-violence. But given the events of this week, there's no denying that conditions are unsafe. Protestors and activists should continue to push for systemic change in Minnesota, but it's time for the protest occupying the Fourth Precinct to evolve beyond the encampment.

The changes we seek will likely take years, not weeks or months. But together, as a community, we can move forward to ensure that we all have an opportunity to live in an equitable, just, peaceful society."

<http://www.fox9.com/news/54130146-story>

(with video)

MINNEAPOLIS (KMSP) - On Wednesday afternoon, Minneapolis police released the names of four men currently in custody after a shooting near the 4th Precinct Monday night where suspects supposedly fired into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters, injuring five people.

According to a Hennepin County search warrant, one of the men now in custody called a high school classmate and Mankato police officer and confessed to shooting five people.

The four men will remain in custody until at least Monday while charging decisions are being made:

-Allen Lawrence Scarsella, 23

-Joseph Martin Backman, 27

-Nathan Wayne Gustavsson, 21

-Daniel Thomas Macey, 26

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Photo Search warrant: Man confessed to Mankato officer he shot 5 people at 4th Precinct

A Hennepin County District Court judge granted an extension until noon on Monday before the county attorney's office has to make a charging decision. The investigation will continue over the Thanksgiving weekend, but no further developments will be released by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office until Monday.

Camo pants, jackets, guns seized in raid

When raiding Scarsella's residence, investigators looked for photos, phones, recording devices, weapons as well as "evidence of hate crimes or white supremacy paraphernalia."

According to the search warrant:

Several white men joined protests at the 4th Precinct at about 10:30 p.m., when protesters confronted them and "a large altercation" took place, and one of the men fired a handgun into the crowd. A Mankato police officer identified as "Officer Levin" called Minneapolis police and said Scarsella called him and told him he had shot five people, admitting what happened twice during their five-minute conversation.

Officer Levin and Scarsella were high school classmates, and Scarsella told him he and a group of friends had gone to the Black Lives Matter protest to livestream it. Officer Levin told police he knows Scarsella owns a .45 caliber weapon and lives in Bloomington, where he was taken into custody on Tuesday.

Police took iPhones, laptops, several camouflage jackets, a tactile vest, a pair of camouflage pants, ammunition, several gun cases, six pellet guns, among other items, from Scarsella's residence.

Monday night shooting

At 10:41 p.m. on Monday, Minneapolis police heard multiple shots fired at 1400 Morgan Avenue North. Several 911 calls came in reporting 5 people had been shot at 14th and Morgan, about a block from the precinct. Dozens of officers tended to victims, but the suspects fled.

"We got to 14th and Morgan and all you here is pop, pop, pop, pop," shooting victim Wesley Martin said. "My brother got shot in the stomach. And I got shot in the leg. Hit me right through."

Three victims were brought to North Memorial in a private vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries and two were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

Clark was fatally shot by police on Nov. 15; demonstrators began camping out at the 4th Precinct that day, and haven't left.

Police initially had five men in custody after the shooting. On Tuesday, they arrested two men and two turned themselves in, but one was released after investigation revealed he wasn't in the area when the shooting took place. Police are working in conjunction with the FBI and are not seeking any more suspects.

BackgroundClark was shot by police at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 outside of an apartment on the 1600 block of Plymouth Avenue N. Officers were responding to a request for assistance from paramedics who reported that Jamar Clark was disrupting their ability to aid an assault victim. Minneapolis police have said Clark was a suspect in the assault. At some point during an altercation that ensued between Clark and the officers, an officer discharged his weapon, striking Clark.

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-11-25/despite-being-shot-themselves-protesters-minneapolis-carry-seeking-justice-man>

Jaylani Hussein had a busy Tuesday.

In the morning, he took meetings and began crafting a press release to show solidarity with protesters who were shot at the night before. Then he went out to join them.

By about 1 p.m., he is standing in the bed of a red truck outside the 4th Precinct police station in Minneapolis. People fill the block, which protesters have turned into a camp as they seek justice for Jamar Clark, shot and killed by a police officer on Nov. 15. Hussein is in a line of speakers who rally the growing crowd. Midwesterners like to avoid conflict, he says through a loudspeaker, but now it's time to stand up. He cites the Quran.

"If you save an innocent life, it's as if you save mankind," he tells them. When people agitate against police brutality they are advocating for the rights all of us. Sure, "all lives matter," he says, "but if there is no justice for one group, there's no justice for all of us."

On Monday night, the camp was attacked by gunmen who fired into the crowd and wounded five people. Still, the group's numbers swelled to many hundreds Tuesday afternoon as residents and supporters reaffirmed that they would not be intimidated. One demonstrator who was shot in the leg joined the protests again the next day, this time using a cane.

"It's raw emotion here," says Jayson Morris, a 25-year-old veteran who completed his military service in February. He joined the protests last Wednesday. He grew up in the neighborhood and lives just a few blocks from where Clark was killed. On Monday night, he was trying to calm things down when the shooting at the camp occurred.

"I heard they were saying racist stuff, so I advised them to leave. I told them, I'd watch their backs so they could leave," he says. When he turned his back to the men — pop, pop, pop. Then he saw bodies on the ground. One demonstrator had an abdominal wound. Morris tried to stop the bleeding and keep him conscious until an ambulance came.

Jayson Morris stacks firewood for protestorsJayson Morris has been protesting the police shooting of Jamar Clark since Wednesday. On Monday evening, armed men shot into the camp. Morris says he will keep fighting. Credit: Angilee Shah/PRI

Monday evening, before the shooting, Morris spent time around a fire talking with four immigrants from Somalia. They discussed religion and society and what it's like to be black and Muslim in American. The hostility is so bad that some of them, he says, feel like going back to Somalia. Morris gives a small laugh and says he considered asking them to take him along. He is Muslim too, but he's never been to Somalia before.

Hussein immigrated to the US from Somalia with his family in 1993. He was in elementary school. As a child, he says, he learned very quickly what it means to be not just African in Minnesota, but an African American. He grew up in north Minneapolis, the largely African American neighborhood where the protests are happening now, and spent his freshman year at North High School.

"I felt welcomed. The only community that wanted me here, that accepted me here, were African Americans," he says. They greeted him with "Hey brother" and "How you doing, brother?" As a newcomer, he remembers, he really appreciated that kind of warmth.

In sixth grade, Hussein's teacher assigned the 1971 novel "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," which helped him imagine African American history and the power of abolitionists through the Civil War. The book increased his appetite for history and poetry and writing. He came to love "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," which brought the Muslim and African American struggles together.

"I had an early wakening to history that taught me a lesson in identifying myself as an African American. As part of the history of this country," he says.

In January, Hussein, now 33, became executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. His focus is on educating people about extremism and continually dispelling myths about Muslims. He works on individual civil rights cases to ensure Muslims freedom to practice their faith. But the issue of police brutality and getting involved with other social justice organizations was already part of CAIR's work. And now, the Black Lives Matter struggle in Minnesota is coming to the fore.

Since last week, Hussein has spent at least one hour every day with the protesters. For the last two Friday prayers, he's given sermons that connect what is happening to Muslims in France with the Black Lives Matter cause. He is working to create regular roundtables to help local social justice organizations to communicate and mobilize together.

By 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Hussein has marched to downtown Minneapolis. Between City Hall and the courthouse, demonstrators are joined by office workers, in suits and heels, and high school students who walked out of class. They are flanked by police cars, the loud echoes of helicopters hovering overhead. He was surprised by the turnout. "I thought people would be afraid to show up because of the violence," he says. Organizers said the crowd numbered to as many as 1,000.

An hour later, we're in my car, going in circles around downtown traffic. Hussein's mind is running from topic to topic, but his voice is calm as he fields calls from colleagues who are worried that he won't make it to his next event. We're at least 20 minutes from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He makes

rough estimates of his arrival time — maybe 15 minutes? — and keeps his voice even. In between, he talks about his childhood, FBI activity in Minneapolis, and the case of a woman who was attacked for speaking in Swahili. He transitions into foreign policy and the nature of the media.

Just after 6 p.m., he's speaking in front of a crowd of several hundred people, mostly Muslim students and their classmates. It's the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, but the hall is still close to full. As Hussein talks, organizers open a balcony area of the auditorium to accommodate more people. Hussein discusses the lives of Muslims and the hate they have endured since the attacks in Paris last week — and in American history. Thomas Jefferson, he says, was the first president to be accused of being a Muslim. He says that everyone needs to speak up to counter misinformation.

Jaylani Hussein, executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, speaks to students about everyday Muslims and fighting hate at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, on Nov. 24, 2015. Credit: Angilee Shah "When we allow the extremes to dominate our narratives, that's how as a community we lose ourselves," Hussein says, referring to ISIS, but also the US government. "We have to get out of our comfort zones. We have to be accountable for the things our government is doing."

But he also implores the students to join the Black Lives Matter movement. "The way I look at Blacks Lives Matters is as Civil Rights 2.0.," he says. It's an iteration of history. That peaceful protesters were hit by gunfire should light a fire in our conscience, he says.

Back at the Fourth Precinct, Morris stays with the camp. He stayed through Monday night, before and after the shooting, and will remain again through Tuesday. He helps keep the fires going for warmth, as supporters drop off wood, hot beverages, food and supplies. He looks at the new people who have joined the protest, who he's never seen before and admits he is worried about how to keep everyone safe.

"It could be an Aryan [Nation person], it could be anyone," he says. But he does not want his fear to make him stereotype people. Morris stays because he wants to see justice for Jamar Clark, but he's also there for his own healing. There is a community at the 4th precinct, a group of people who understand the trauma of witnessing violence.

"If we leave this little street, am I going to get shot like Jamar?" Morris asks. "It's a damn shame, but we feel safe in the street. More than in our own homes."

By the end of the day, Minneapolis police say they have arrested three men in connection with the shooting.

It's almost 9 p.m. and Hussein is still fielding questions from students, even though the event has officially been over for an hour. He tells them they can join Morris and the other demonstrators at the Fourth Precinct, if they want. They would be welcomed.

<http://bringmethenews.com/2015/11/29/justice4jamar-protesters-hold-worship-service-at-4th-precinct/>

Two weeks after police shot Jamar Clark, activists and community leaders gathered outside of the Fourth Precinct to hold an interfaith service.

This comes as protesters continue to camp outside of the precinct as they demand justice for the 24-year-old who was killed by police.

Everyone in the community was invited to Sunday morning's "church without walls" worship, where local ministers preached on the theme "Justice in the Land: Is there a Balm in Gilead?," a post on the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP's Facebook page says.

Tweets showed dozens of people were gathered outside the precinct for the service. Nekima Levy-Pounds, the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, said last week that the encampment has become a place where the community can gather and heal.

Fire chief talks snowstorm, safety issues

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and other organizations have vowed to stay outside of the precinct – no matter the weather – until they get justice for Clark – despite the pending snowstorm which could dump up to 10 inches of snow in parts of Minnesota on Monday into Tuesday.

Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel met briefly with protesters at the Fourth Precinct Sunday afternoon to talk about his concerns due to the upcoming storm, the Star Tribune reports.

One is that emergency vehicles and snowplows may not be able to get through the neighborhood because the protesters have been blocking all lanes of traffic on Plymouth Avenue, which is a main route through north Minneapolis.

The second is that protesters have had several wood fires and propane heaters going constantly for warmth, and Fruetel says they could pose a hazard if they're too close to structures or tents.

Fruetel gave the news media advance notice of the meeting, but protesters blocked reporters and photographers from covering it, WCCO reports.

One of the Black Lives Matter Minneapolis organizers, Mica Grimm, told KARE 11 the protesters wouldn't try to prevent emergency crews from getting through the street. She says the group has been moving the barricades out of the way for emergency vehicles.

She said the barricades were put up in the first place because several cars that drove through nearly hit some of the protesters.

Protesters call for more supplies ahead of snow

Protesters haven't been swayed to leave the area, and are calling for additional donations of supplies.

Organizers have created a website for the Fourth Precinct shutdown, which includes an updated list of items they need.

Black Lives Matter organizers have also planned hold a nonviolent civil disobedience direct action training on Sunday afternoon, according to an event on Facebook. Activists, who have been holding daily community meetings, also planned to canvass the neighborhood in an effort to engage more neighbors.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/11/29/grand-jurys-role-in-minn-cases/76517766/>

MINNEAPOLIS -- Protesters continue to camp outside the Minneapolis Police Department's Fourth Precinct.

Sunday marks two weeks since Jamar Clark was shot by police officers during an alleged altercation. He died from his injuries the next day.

Tuesday, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office released a statement saying once the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's investigations are complete, they will review the case file and present it to a grand jury for possible criminal charges against the officers involved.

But early on, Black Lives Matter (BLM) Minneapolis stated they did not want the case brought to a grand jury.

"We're trying to make sure that we're getting a direct prosecution to ensure justice for Jamar and his family," said Kandace Montgomery, an organizer with BLM Minneapolis.

Eric Nelson, a partner with Halberg Criminal Defense in Bloomington, said Minnesota requires a grand jury when it comes to first-degree murder charges. In a case like this, he said, "When an officer is involved in a shooting and where there is a death, almost all the time, particularly in Hennepin County, that case would get submitted to a grand jury to determine if there should be charges filed at all... any types of charges," Nelson said.

Hennepin County Attorney Spokesperson Chuck Laszewski said in an email to KARE 11 last week that in Hennepin County "all officer-involved shooting cases that result in death go to the grand jury."

A grand jury does not decide guilt or innocence, but they do see the state's evidence and decide if there is enough for someone to be charged with a crime. Unlike a trial, there is no cross-examination and no defense attorney. Grand juries in Minnesota consist of at least 16 people and up to 23. It takes a verdict of 12 to return an indictment.

Nelson said there is secrecy to a grand jury.

"That's really one of the protesters' concerns--is that the government may not try as hard to get an indictment as they would against someone who is not a police officer," Nelson said. He added, "But

again, I think that generally speaking, the grand jury is a very good system. I think prosecutors usually dump all the evidence on the table and let the grand jury sort it out."

"Grand juries are really where cases like this go to die and where they're sent so officers are not indicted," Montgomery, with BLM Minneapolis, said.

Nelson said it is rare that officers get indicted but cited the reason being police officers are authorized to use deadly force.

"So really the question in a case like this would be whether or not the officer's use of force was justified under the law and that's why they usually get submitted to a grand jury," he said.

BLM Minneapolis is pushing for federal prosecution.

"That would be a civil rights type of a case and it would be possible. But if there's no state charges, I think it would be fairly unlikely," Nelson said.

In a statement, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office said it will not make any further comments until after the deliberations of the grand jury are completed. It is unknown when that could happen.

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On Dec 15, 2015, at 3:58 PM, Seroka, Scott <Scott.Seroka@minneapolismn.gov> wrote:

PERFECT!

From: Miles, Molly J
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 3:58 PM
To: Seroka, Scott
Subject: Re: 12/14/15 DP bullets

This work?

Fourth Precinct Officers were able to hand out approximately 45 pair of mittens thanks to the kindness of resident Mrs. Thelma. She stopped by the precinct with several bag of mittens and wanted officers to pass them out to people in need!

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On Dec 15, 2015, at 3:47 PM, Seroka, Scott <Scott.Seroka@minneapolismn.gov> wrote:

<4th Precinct Daily bullet template.docx>

From: Chandler, William (DPS)
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:00 PM CST
To: Rugel, Jeff
Subject: Fwd: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

Jeff - Making sure you are aware.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Campbell, Benjamin (DPS)" <Benjamin.Campbell@state.mn.us>
Date: November 17, 2015 at 22:48:22 CST
To: "Chandler, William (DPS)" <William.Chandler@state.mn.us>
Subject: **RE: The address to the SIC was just posted on line**

<http://hongpong.com/archives/2013/01/09/mpd-tracking-occupymn-facebook-bbqs-minneapolis-secret-strategic-information-cen>

The site above has been re-posted on Twitter. It is an old OccupyMN article that talks about the SIC. It names LT Rugel and gives his contact info (which I am sure has been changed but thought he may want to know). It has maps and pictures and the authors obviously bias explanation of what the SIC is.

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From: Chandler, William (DPS)
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 10:43 PM
To: Campbell, Benjamin (DPS)
Subject: Re: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

It is always best to get it multiple times than not at all! Keep them coming in...

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2015, at 22:24, Campbell, Benjamin (DPS) <Benjamin.Campbell@state.mn.us> wrote:

I knew you probably had a million things coming at you from Mpls so I thought I would mention it just in case

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2015, at 10:22 PM, Chandler, William (DPS)
<William.Chandler@state.mn.us> wrote:

I saw both but nothing from NOC or USDOT. Should have info in tomorrows CMC bulletin.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2015, at 22:12, Campbell, Benjamin (DPS)
<Benjamin.Campbell@state.mn.us> wrote:

Thanks unicorn riot. On a different topic have you seen the news about the air France flights out of LAX (I think) that were forced to land due to threats? I see open source reporting

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2015, at 9:58 PM, Chandler, William (DPS)
<William.Chandler@state.mn.us> wrote:

Not good for MPLs- We will need to monitor for threats...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gerlicher, Scott" <Scott.Gerlicher@minneapolismn.gov>
Date: November 17, 2015 at 21:51:08 CST
To: "'William. Chandler@state. mn. us'" <William.Chandler@state.mn.us>
Subject: Fwd: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

Commander Scott Gerlicher
Minneapolis Police Department
612-673-3522

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Taylor-Edwards, Kate" <Kate.Taylor-Edwards@minneapolismn.gov>
Date: November 17, 2015 at 9:47:13 PM CST
To: "Friestleben, Michael" <Michael.Friestleben@minneapolismn.gov>, "Arneson, Office of Janee Harteau" <Jane.Harteau@minneapolismn.gov>, "Arneson, Kristine" <Kristine.Arneseon@minneapolismn.gov>, "Arradondo, Medaria" <Medaria.Arradondo@minneapolismn.gov>, "Glampe, Travis" <Travis.Glampe@minneapolismn.gov>, "Gerlicher, Scott" <Scott.Gerlicher@minneapolismn.gov>, "Folkens, Bruce" <Bruce.Folkens@minneapolismn.gov>
Subject: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

Sent from my iPad

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From: Rugel, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 6:00 AM CST
To: Chandler, William (DPS)
Subject: Re: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

Ah good old HongPong.

From: Chandler, William (DPS) <William.Chandler@state.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 0:00
To: Rugel, Jeff
Subject: Fwd: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

Jeff - Making sure you are aware.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Campbell, Benjamin (DPS)" <Benjamin.Campbell@state.mn.us>
Date: November 17, 2015 at 22:48:22 CST
To: "Chandler, William (DPS)" <William.Chandler@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: The address to the SIC was just posted on line

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The site above has been re-posted on Twitter. It is an old OccupyMN article that talks about the SIC. It names LT Rugel and gives his contact info (which I am sure has been changed but thought he may want to know). It has maps and pictures and the authors obviously bias explanation of what the SIC is.

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From: Megan J. Spear
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:12 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
CC: SH.CISA
Subject: Unicorn Riot FYI

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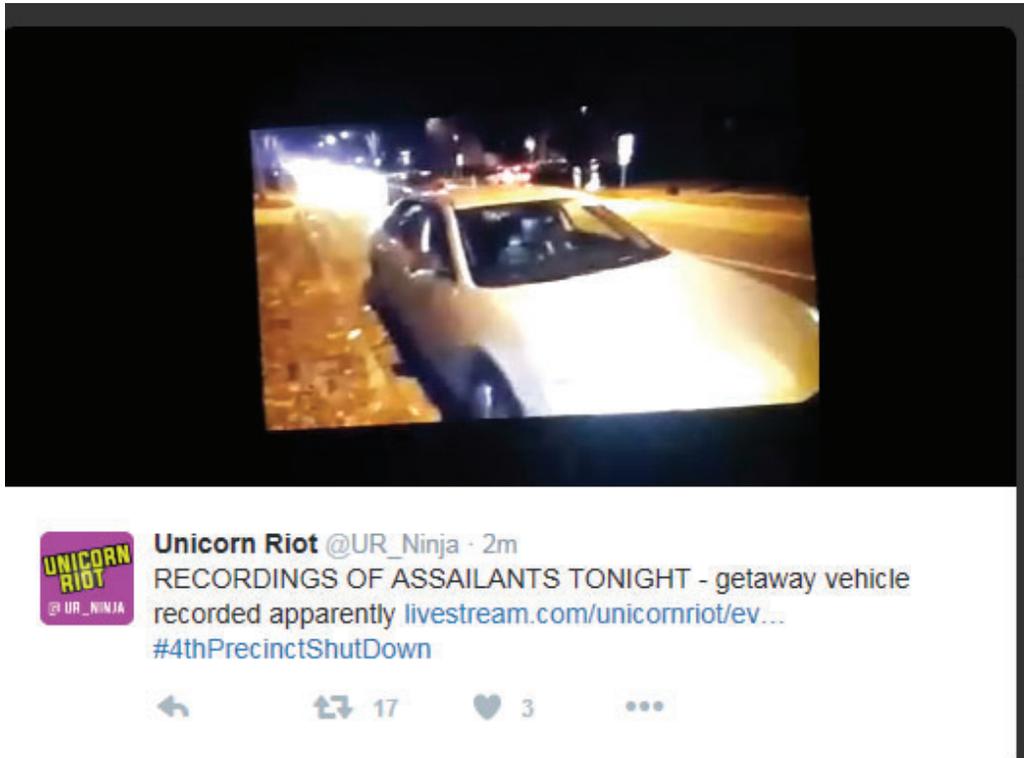
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From: Murphy, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 3:05 AM CST
To: Police - SICM Intel
Subject: FW: Unicorn Riot FYI

Did not see this until just before leaving tonight....it has not been looked into yet FYI.

From: Megan J. Spear [mailto:Megan.Spear@hennepin.us]
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Subject: RE: more links to download

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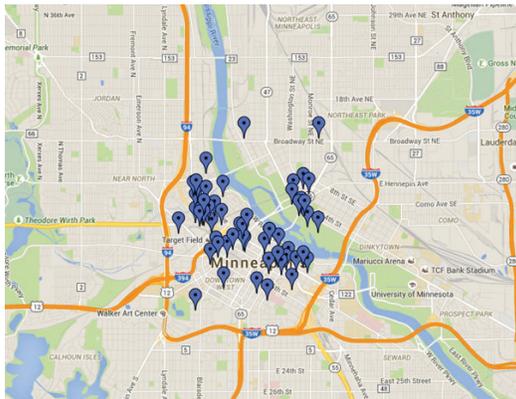
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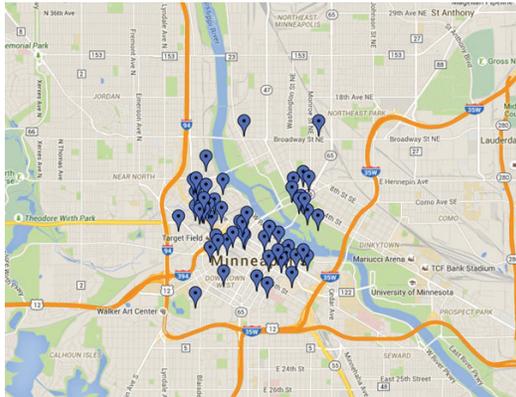
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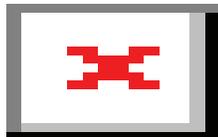




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