

Hey everybody

My name is Paige-Symone Scott-Cooper. I'm a junior here at Hampton University from Philly. I am also the Founder, President, and Lead Organizer of a youth activism organization called Action Activists. In collaboration with Freedom March NYC we called upon **you** today, Hampton Students, to come out, stand up, and speak out for justice for Tyre Nichols.

"Tyre was a good boy" as his mother described him. She says "My son loved me to death and I loved him to death." Those words bear truth. Because RowVaughn Wells is now a mother that has to live without her son. This is the reality they created for his mother.

His friends describe him as fun and free-spirited. He loved skateboarding and photography. Two passions that could have taken him far so that the whole world saw his talent. Two passions that brought a smile to his face that they can't see anymore. Two passions he will not get to practice again. This is the reality they've created for his friends and loved ones.

He was a father to a 4 year old son whom he loved. You know, 5 months ago, I lost my own father. People always have some of the best tips and advice on how to be a parent. But people never seem to have the right words for when you lose one. They'll tell you it'll get better. It doesn't. You just learn how to move on with your life while still feeling the grief. Since the murder of my father, I don't go a day without questioning "Did I spend enough time with him?" "What if I had been there that day, would he still be here? Would that somehow change the situation?" "Did he even know how much I loved him?" Tyre won't get to teach his son to drive a car. He won't see him graduate high school and college. He won't see him get married and grow to have kids of his own. This is the reality that these six officers have created for his son.

People who don't get it seem to think that only the Tyre Nichols, George Floyd's, Breonna Taylor's, Keenan Anderson's are personal to us because those are the ones that have made it to mass media. They're wrong. The truth is they are all personal to us. Each name that doesn't make it into mass media. The Fanta Bility's, Walter Wallace Jr.'s, and Tyler Jones' and the list goes on and on. Each name is personal because each name is a person. A parent, child, or cousin. Each name is personal because each name could easily be one of us or someone we know and love. Each name is personal because each name meant something in this world.

There is no longer time for negotiation. There is no longer time for you to sit on your hands and not do your jobs. The time for change is now. Right now. So:

We stand in solidarity with the family of Tyre Nichols and we are calling for:

- Conviction of Preston Hemphill the 6th officer involved in the murder of Tyre Nichols Responsible for tasing Tyre and the other unidentified officer

- Conviction of the two EMTS who arrived to the scene and left Tyre to repeatedly fall to his side while waiting 13 mins for an ambulance

Action Activists mission is for youth to take charge of their future through activism and advocacy to ultimately make a difference for themselves and generations to come. This is why our fight does not end here. Our four other chapters will be leading their own sit-ins this Saturday February 4th. We encourage you all to support them as they stand in solidarity with the family of Tyre Nichols as well. In addition, please be sure to scan the qr code to donate to Tyre's gofundme and write to his photography website.

To all the authority figures in this nation, Youth Activists everywhere are closely watching every move you make now. We have a duty to ourselves and the generation that will come after us. And it will be a cold day in hell before we let anything get in the way of it being anything less than all it could be.

Thank you