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# Homework

## Bearing witness

- Laquan McDonald was killed on October 20, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois. He was 17 years old. Laquan was shot 16 times by Officer Van Dyke of the Chicago police. Van Dyke claimed Laquan was threatening him with a knife. But the video showed something different. Laquan was walking away from Officer Van Dyke when he was shot. Van Dyke was found guilty of murder and sentenced to six years in prison.
  
- Michael Brown was killed on August 9, 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri. He was 18 years old. He was shot by a White police officer named Darren Wilson. Wilson claimed that Michael attacked him while he was sitting in his police car. He said Michael was trying to get his gun. Michael's friend Dorian Johnson was also there. Dorian said Officer Wilson started it by reaching out his car window and grabbing Michael by the neck. Michael and Dorian ran away and Officer Wilson pursued them. Wilson said that Michael turned around and began running toward him, as Officer Wilson was shooting at him. A jury decided not to charge Officer Wilson with a crime.
  
- Jordan Edwards was killed on April 29, 2017 in Balch Springs, Texas. He was 15. He was shot by Officer Roy Oliver. The police were called to break up a party. Jordan and his brother got into his brother's car to try to leave. Officer Oliver tried to stop the car, but they drove away. Officer Oliver fired into the car, hitting Jordan in the back of the head. Officer Oliver was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Choose one of these stories. Bear witness by summarizing what happened to the young man in the story. Use the 5 Ws to summarize.

WHO is this about? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT did he/she do? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

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