

For Immediate ReleaseStatement of Support In Solidarity with Malton People's Movement

We at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Students' Union stand in solidarity with Malton People's Movement and all who have been affected by systemic police violence rooted in white supremacy, anti-Indigeneity, anti-Blackness, Islamophobia, Transphobia, and a system that demonizes those with disabilities, folks with mental illness.

Racism and violence are the history and foundation of policing in Canada. We want to reaffirm our stance in supporting community members who have been affected and continue to be affected by the racist and violent police agenda.

From January 2020 to November 30th, 2020 alone, police across Canada were responsible for 55 shootings and 34 deaths.

Jamal Francique, 28, on his way to pick up food, was stopped for a traffic check which ended his life. Jamal was shot in the back of his head by Peel Police. On January, 4th, 2021, the officer who was responsible for this murder was acquitted.

D'Andre Campbell, 26, was killed April 6th, 2020 by Peel Police, after calling for help during a mental health crisis.

Regis Korchinski-Paquet, died on May 27th, 2020, after Toronto police were called for a wellness check.

Ejaz Choudhary, a 62-year-old man living with schizophrenia, was killed by Peel Police on June 20th, 2020 when they were called to de-escalate a mental health crisis.

Chantelle Krupka was shot and violently tasered by Peel Police on Mother's day. Chantelle has survived what could have been another fatality at the hands of an institution that is responsible for the death and harm of many Black, Indigenous and racialized people, yet accountable to none.

These are only a few examples of fatal incidents that were caused by police in that last year alone. The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has done more to protect the police than be transparent with family members and the community. There have been very few to no answers provided for most of these cases. Families continue to grieve and search for answers.

We at SCSU stand in rage and solidarity with the Malton People's Movement, Chantelle Krupka and the families of those whose lives were unjustly taken at the hands of the police.

Until justice, and in solidarity,

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union