

LASD Gives Press Conference on Natalie Wood, No Press Conference Planned for 16-year-old Anthony Jacob Webber Who They Killed Last Night

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Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department held a private press conference at the Hall of Justice in downtown Los Angeles today to talk about the death of actress Natalie Wood that happened 37 years ago, but have no plans to address the death of unarmed Black 16-year-old Anthony Jacob Webber who was shot to death by the LASD last night.

Patrisse Cullors, founder and board chair of Dignity and Power Now (DPN) – a local grassroots organization dedicated to the dignity and power of all incarcerated people, their families, and communities – showed up at the scene last night to support Anthony’s family and attempted to attend today’s press conference with other DPN members, but was denied access. A deputy told them the press conference was not open to the public and that they were “even cracking down on press.” DPN posted a series of live videos on Facebook outside of the Hall of Justice, including one where they confronted Deputy Hellmold about lack of communication and accountability.

“We are disturbed that we live in a county and a city that continues to kill our people over and over again. There’s no accountability and there’s no recognition of the lives that have been lost.” Patrisse Cullors continues, “I was at the scene last night where family members and community members sat there on the corner trying to figure out what happened. They left Anthony’s body on the concrete until the coroner came. It took a few hours for the coroner to get there.”

DPN Civilian Oversight Campaign Lead Michele Infante says, “We need to put an end to sheriff violence and to do that the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission needs legal powers. It is clear from what happened last night and the choice of press conference today that the LASD does not value L.A.’s Black communities.” Michele and DPN advocate for the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to be empowered with the ability to subpoena the sheriff’s department. She continues, “We support Anthony’s family and want them to receive justice.”

In another blatant example of neglect, the LASD’s website is down and when questioned a deputy said that “it will be in and out until the new one is up.”