

SHOTSPOTTER DOES LEAD TO FALSE ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENTS



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In 2021, a Chicago resident named Michael Williams was wrongfully imprisoned on murder charges for 11 months. A central piece of evidence was a Shotspotter alert, originally classified as a firework but manually changed by a Shotspotter employee. Michael nearly died from imprisonment.

WHAT IS SHOTSPOTTER?



SHOTSPOTTER DOES DISPROPORTIONATELY SURVEIL BLACK AND LATINE RESIDENTS

In Chicago, Shotspotter deployments were overwhelmingly seen in neighborhoods with high proportions of Black and Latine residents.

This means more police presence, more stop-and-frisks, and more dangerous interactions with police.

SHOTSPOTTER is a system of microphones placed on street poles and buildings that purports to detect the location of gunshots and dispatch police officers to the scene. What it truly does is surveil our communities, harass our neighbors, and imprison us.

SHOTSPOTTER DOES INCREASE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS INTERACTIONS WITH POLICE

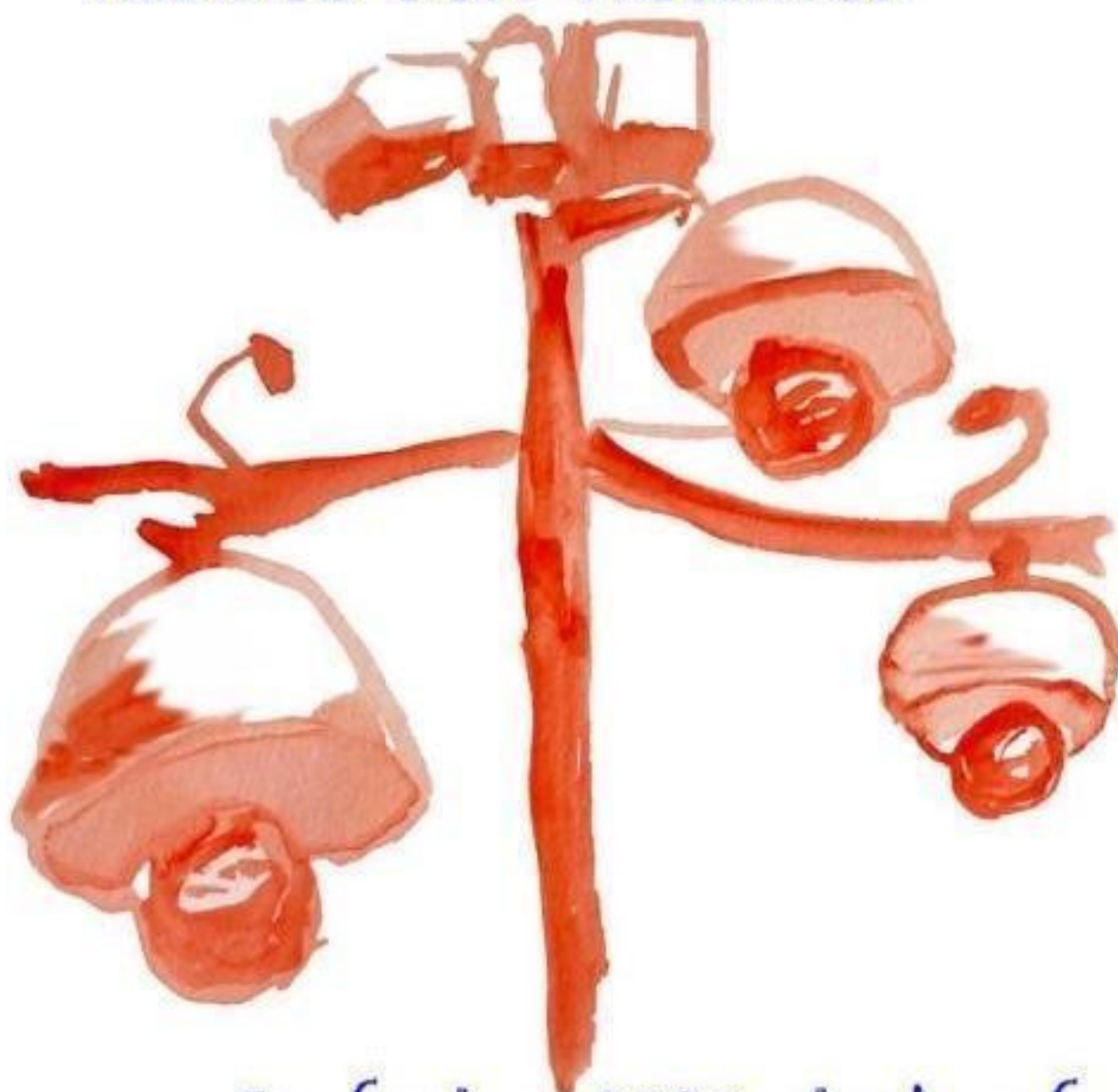


In the United States, any contact with police poses a threat.

If you are killed by a stranger in America, there's a **1 in 3** chance it's by a police officer.

And if you're black, you're **3X** as likely to be killed by police than if you're white.

SHOTSPOTTER DOES NOT REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE



In fact, a 2020 study of ShotSpotter in St Louis found no significant reduction in crime attributable to ShotSpotter.

SHOTSPOTTER DOES RECORD LOUD SOUNDS MADE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISPATCH POLICE



A 2021 study in Chicago showed that ~90% of the time police were deployed, there was no evidence of a gunshot.

Depending on city directives, they may arrive at an otherwise peaceful scene with guns drawn, conduct an armed search without a warrant, or do stop-and-frisks on anyone in the area.