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## Autopsy: Michael Brown repeatedly shot

By Alan Scher Zagier

FERGUSON, Missouri (AP) An unarmed black 18-year-old hose fatal shooting by a white olice officer has sparked a week f protests in suburban St. Louis iffered a bullet wound to his ght arm that may indicate his

hands were up or his back was turned, a pathologist hired by his

But the pathologist said the independent team that examined Michael Brown can't be sure yet exactly how the wounds were inflicted, citing the need for more information

The autopsy determined that he was shot at least six times, including twice in the head, according to the pathologists and the family's attorneys. Another autopsy conducted by St. Louis County also found Brown was

was shot six to eight times, and that he was hit in the head and

Brown's death heightened racial tensions between the predominantly black community and the mostly white Ferguson Police Department. Civil rights activists have compared the shooting to other racially charged cases, especially the 2012 death of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager shot by a Florida neighborhood watch organizer who was later acquitted of murder. Both cases have fueled nationwide debates on the treatment of young black men in

After nightfall, police and protesters were again in a tense standoff Aug. 18 crowds filled the streets. Officers used bullhorns to order people out of the street and deployed noisemakers and armored vehicles to push demonstrators back. There were no immediate reports of vio-

In Washington, President Obama said in a news conference that Attorney General Eric Holder would arrive Aug. 20 in Ferguson to meet with FBI and other officials carrying out an in-dependent federal investigation into Brown's death.

The Aug. 9 shooting touched off rancorous protests in the St. Louis suburb where police have used riot gear and tear gas. Gov. Jay Nixon ordered the National Guard to Ferguson to restore order Aug. 18, while lifting a midnight-to-5 a.m. curfew that had been in place for two days.

Obama said he told Nixon he wanted to ensure the use of National Guard reservists to help calm tensions must be limited in scope, and said he would be monitoring that operation in the coming days to see whether the guard's involvement was helping

or hurting.
Guard units with armored vehicles were waiting at a staging area about a half-mile from the portion of West Florissant Avenue that has been the scene of the largest protests

Police have said little about the encounter between Brown and the white officer, except to say that it involved a scuffle in which the officer was injured

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The 55th Boule of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. was held in Detroit, Michigan, July 22 - 26. Ms. Judy B. Dillard was elected to serve as National President. See story on page 3.

## Jesse Jackson Calls Michael Brown Shooting `Crime of Injustice'

The St. Louis American

ST. LOUIS - Jesse Jackson told The American he hopes that the U.S. Department of Justice sees the Ferguson Police shooting of Michael Brown on Aug. 16 and resulting community violence as "systematic of a national crisis."

Jackson said, "It was a crime of injustice." Jackson said. The injustice, he said, was two-fold: a police shooting of an un-

armed black teen followed by black youth from high-unemployment neighborhoods erupting in rage.

"Black men should not be the objects of target practice," Jackson said of the shooting. "It's not a unique situation. It's a prototypical American situation. Police departments do not reflect the population. It's partial but it's not unique." It's awful, but it's not unique.

The resulting community violence on Sunday, following a non-violent candlelight vigil to commemorate Brown, should be seen in the context of a chronic urban crisis, he said.

"Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction," Jackson said. "Poverty is in the community, guns are in, drugs are in, jobs are out. Banks are bailed out without meaningful community reinvestment. Too many people have no stake in the culture."

Jackson said that chronic urban problems remain to be addressed after the shooting of Michael Brown and the community's outrage

"These kids need educations, skills, job training, jobs, scholar-ships to college," Jackson said. "We need a national forum on urban policy, justice and repression. This is a national crisis that has manifested in Ferguson.



Lamont Lilly speaks to a crowd of 300 meeting to protest the death of Michael rown. The crowd packed the area outside Durham's old courthouse for a vigil to rotest police brutality in Ferguson Mo., Durham and the country, August 14. See ictures on page 2.

## Obama on Ferguson: Time to listen, not just shout

By Jim Kuhnhenn

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama said Aug. 18 that the vast majority of protesters in a St. Louis suburb were peaceful, but warned that a small minority was undermining justice for he unarmed black man shot and killed by police.

During a brief pause in his summer vacation, Obama expressed sympathy for the "passions and ger" sparked by the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, but said giving in to that anger through looting and attacks on police only stirs tensions and leads to further chaos le said overcoming the mistrust endemic between many communities and their local police would equire Americans to "listen and not just shout."

"That's how we're going to move forward together, by trying to unite each other and understand each other and not simply divide ourselves from one another," Obama told reporters at the White

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The ongoing confrontation, with military-style vehicles rolling through suburban streets, has left Americans and others wondering how such a war-like scene could play out in the country's s heart-

Brown was unarmed when he was fatally shot by a police officer on Aug. 9 in Ferguson, a predominantly black community that long has been at odds with the mostly white police department. Results of an independent autopsy released Aug. 18 by Brown's family determined that Brown was shot at least six times, including twice in the head.

Obama also weighed in for the first time publicly on the militarization of some local police departments, saying it probably would be useful to examine how federal grant dollars had been used to allow local police to purchase military-style equipment, an issue that's come to the forefront amid the violent protests in Ferguson. Obama said the distinction between the military and domestic law enforcement was one of the great things about America.

Appearing in the White House briefing room in a dress shirt but no tie, Obama also spoke for the first time to the racial tensions and grievances perceived by African-Americans in Ferguson. In previous comments about the situation, Obama had avoided talking directly about race, wary of rushing judgment or further inflaming the situation.

Weighing his words carefully, Obama said it was clear that disparities in how blacks and whites are treated and sentenced must be addressed, calling for more safeguards and training to prevent missteps. At the same time, he acknowledged the difficult situation that police officers sometimes face.

There are young black men that commit crime. We can argue about why that happened - because the poverty they were born into or the school systems that failed them or what have you- but if they commit a crime, then they need to be prosecuted," Obama said. "Because every community has an

Obama's remarks on the crisis were the first since the situation in Ferguson escalated over the weekend, with Nixon, the Missouri governor, ordering a midnight curfew for Ferguson and ordering National Guard troops to help restore order. Nixon lifted that curfew on Aug. 18, but tensions remained high the morning after police once again deployed tear gas in response to what they said were reports of gunfire, looting and vandalism by protesters.

Shortly before speaking to reporters Aug. 18, Obama received an update from top advisers includng Holder and White House Counsel Neil Eggleston. Obama has asked the Justice Department and FBI to investigate Brown's death, and Holder over the weekend ordered a federal medical examiner (Continued On Page 2) perform a third autopsy on Brown.



NCCU Chancellor Debra Saunders-White welcomed the newest Eagles during Eagle Move-In, Aug. 13 and 14. The two-day tradition welcomes first-time and new transfer students and kicked off a series of student-focused events known as "Week of Welcome." See pictures on page 6. PHO-TO BY NCCU PUBLIC RELATIONS