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**Stockton City Hall**

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For Brutally Beating A 17-year-old African American Male**

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**COMPLAINT & PHOTOS:** <https://johnburrislaw.com/dc-stockton/>

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**WHERE: Stockton City Hall, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, Ca.**

**WHEN: 11 AM, Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**WHO: Civil Rights Attorney John Burris, and parents George and Jessica Carter, parents of the 17-year-old African American High School Senior**

**STOCKTON CA**--On December 30th, 2020, at 11 pm a 17-year-old African American High School Senior with no juvenile criminal record was followed and stopped by Stockton police, ostensibly for speeding on a dark road on the outskirts of Stockton. The young man was initially unaware that police were following him and because of the dark location and his fear of the Stockton police, he sought to reach his father's house which was nearby. The police pursued him, eventually using a maneuver to stop him with their car.

Once stopped the young African American male waited for the police to initiate contact. He had received "the talk" from his mother and father and immediately put his hands up above the steering wheel in plain sight. Suddenly a Stockton police officer jerked open the young man's door and violently yanked him from the car, then threw him to the ground without any warning or justifications. Instantly a large group of Stockton police officers gathered around the boy and as a group commenced to violently beat him with

their fist and feet. He was hit in the face a number of times, kicked on his side, kicked and kneed in his back by as many as six officers.

The boy did not fight or resist. He was certain that he was being beaten to death and tried to cover himself by getting into a fetal position. During the assault, officers kept yelling at him to stop resisting, despite the fact that **he was not resisting**. They continued to brutally assault the boy for three to five minutes.

Family Attorney John Burris says "The viciousness of the conduct reminded me of the Rodney King case that I worked on in the 1990s. While the officers were beating King, they were telling him to stop resisting." Burris goes on to say, "Here the young man was trying to save his life by rolling to a fetal position for protection as the officers shouted, "stop resisting." Burris further states, "What was equally disturbing is that an officer tried to justify the conduct by falsely claiming that this boy threw a gun out the window and also told the young man that he had killed two motorists while driving. Both claims were false

The Stockton police refused to allow the boy's parents to see him at the jail, or at the hospital. The 17-year-old African American boy received multiple injuries to his face and back. See the complaint and photos <https://johnburrislaw.com/dc-stockton/>

Burris charged that "The officers acted like a pack of wild wolves who had no respect for the safety and well-being of this young African American male. Here the officer tried to justify the assault by falsely claiming that the young man was resisting and even at the hospital, when asked by the medical staff about the cause of these terrible injuries, the police officer lied, claiming that the boy had been in a fight.

This Stockton high school senior with no juvenile records plays football and unfortunately as an African American young man had to find out the hard way about being Black in America.

The claim alleges that Stockton Police Officers violated the boy's state civil rights including assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress.

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