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Special thanks to Tom Puglisi and Mike Borrelli for securing and finishing another RMP for our club. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure you do....Thanks guys !!!!!. This year, of 125 incidents in which police killed an unarmed civilian, 25% (31) began on traffic stops, 65% (81) began as a response to a 911 call about a violent-crime. There were 9 people (7%) whom 911 callers described as being, "crazy," or, "on drugs", "covered with blood", and "yelling", or threatening people. Three (2%) were wanted fugitives in the act of escape? and one was unarmed when he died but was acting as part of a gang of three who were wanted in a recent homicide and were at the time in progress of a kidnapping a woman. One was a training incident in which one cop shot another accidentally. So in nearly three of four of cases, the police were called by someone else for help. These weren't pick-ups and the police didn't select the person who ultimately died. It's certainly not a case of police "targeting" any race or group other than "people committing crimes." To say otherwise, in the face of this data, is disingenuous. None of this suggests that these crimes on their face mean police have the right to use deadly force. Disagree with what you've read here? Have another take? Download the data @ <https://github.com/streetcredsoftware/PKIC> and perform your own analysis. Tell us what you would fix or how you would do it better. **Holiday season is coming. Pay your yearly dues before the holiday expenses pile up. Unpaid members will be dropped after Jan. 31, 2016.** Enjoy your meetings, now that food is served 1<sup>st</sup> and there is more time to socialize.

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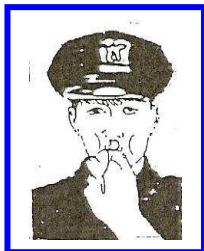
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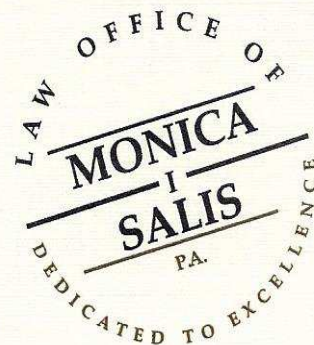
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***PBA president Pat Lynch, who was furious over editorials calling for the firing of the police officer involved in the stop of former tennis pro James Blake, sent an open letter) to all "arm-chair judges" slamming them for coming to conclusions with virtually no facts in the matter. His outrage was reported in USA today, the Daily News and the NY Post***



**Pat Lynch**

PhotoGregory P. Mango

In a scathing letter sent to reporters, the head of the police union declared that people who haven't endured the challenges that officers face are "not qualified" to judge cops' actions.

Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association boss Pat Lynch referred in his open letter to the mistaken-identity apprehension of retired tennis star James Blake and called those casting judgment on the officer who took Blake down “un-American.”

“If you have never struggled with someone who is resisting arrest or who pulled a gun or knife on you when you approached them for breaking a law, then you are not qualified to judge the actions of police officers putting themselves in harm’s way for the public good,” Lynch wrote.

“That is irresponsible, unjust and un-American. Worse than that, your uninformed rhetoric is inflammatory and only serves to worsen police/community relations.”

“It is mystifying to all police officers to see pundits and editorial writers whose only expertise is writing fast-breaking, personal opinion, and who have never faced the dangers that police officers routinely do, come to instant conclusions that an officer’s actions were wrong based upon nothing but a silent video.”

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# ***Condemning cops without all the facts is outrageously unfair.***

By **Michael Goodwin**      **September 16, 2015**

Bob Dylan’s haunting 1965 song “Desolation Row” begins with the line, “They’re selling postcards of the hanging.” It must have been the inspiration for [Tuesday’s editorial in The New York Times](#).

Braying like a lynch mob, the paper demanded the firing of the cop who mistakenly tackled tennis star James Blake. And that was just a warm-up.

The Times also asked, “Why shouldn’t Officer [James] Frascatore be arrested for assault?”

Hell, why bother with an investigation, the facts, the presumption of innocence and due process? Let’s hang the racist bastard now!

The paper’s shameful attack included drive-by smears of former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former top cop Ray Kelly for the unforgivable sin of making New York safe. It also concocted a link with the fatal Eric Garner case in 2014 to suggest the two incidents prove the NYPD is hopelessly brutal.

The Times’ inflammatory accusations are symbolic of the growing contempt for law enforcement on the fringe left. It’s more than simply refusing to give cops the benefit of the doubt. It’s an attitude that says all cops are guilty until proven innocent.

If you’re prejudiced against law enforcement, the Blake incident is an open-and-shut case of police brutality. A security-camera video of the scene outside the Grand Hyatt hotel on East 42nd Street shows Frascatore, a white, plainclothes cop, approaching Blake, throwing him to the ground and handcuffing him.

The silent video lasts only about one minute, and if that’s all you know and see, a rush to judgment is almost understandable. Blake, a biracial former tennis star waiting for a ride to the US Open tournament, did nothing wrong, yet didn’t get a chance to identify himself until he was on the ground in handcuffs.

But the more you know, the more complicated the case becomes. Start with the fact that Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton immediately apologized to Blake.

And that the NYPD itself released the video and Frascatore was stripped of his gun and placed on modified duty — a move the police union criticized as “premature,” adding, “No police officer should ever face punitive action before a complete review of the facts.”

Yet, instead of citing those swift actions as proof of the city’s good faith, the cop-bashers cry for blood. The video is too good to waste and, with Blake giving interviews, the case has become fodder in the national campaign against police.

The mitigating facts include that a team of undercover officers was stationed near the hotel to bust a man accused of a scam involving phony credit cards. Just before four officers arrested the target, a courier from the company that made the complaint who was with the cops saw Blake and said Blake, too, had used the bogus cards.

The officers didn't expect a second target, so they radioed Frascatore, who was serving as a lone backup across the street. They reportedly told him to arrest Blake and keep him from running. If he hadn't been alone, Frascatore might not have felt the need to tackle Blake.

The two apprehensions, I am told, happened almost simultaneously, though little information has been distributed by the NYPD because it is still gathering the facts.

As soon as the cops realized that Blake was not who the courier said he was, they went into the hotel and arrested the second man, a Brit who happens to look remarkably like Blake. Not incidentally, Blake said he thought the case had nothing to do with race, though he, too, called for Frascatore to be fired.

Frascatore apparently never filed paperwork admitting his mistake, which he should have. And he might have been too aggressive in his takedown. He has been the subject of previous complaints and lawsuits, but he's also regarded as a remarkable cop and certainly deserves the presumption of innocence.

Indeed, his biography paints him as a highly educated, exemplary officer. An insider tells me that in addition to a BA degree, Frascatore, 38, has a master's degree in education and taught grammar school for four years. He was a decorated police officer in two Florida cities before entering the NYPD academy in 2010.

He clearly made a mistake, and might have crossed the line in the Blake case, but condemnation without the facts is outrageous. Or is simple fairness too much to ask if you are a cop?





# ***Despite de Blasio diss, Ed Mullins front-runner for police commish***

By [Richard Johnson](#)

Ed Mullins, president of the NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association, could be the next police commissioner — despite once calling Mayor de Blasio a “nincompoop.”

Current commish Bill Bratton has said that he doesn’t intend to stay for an entire second de Blasio term, should the mayor get re-elected.

Mullins is a front-runner for the job, sources say. Earlier this year, he had some meetings with the mayor and ended up changing his tune, referring to de Blasio as “a gentleman.”

The two men [seemed friendly in February](#) when they announced a new \$252 million labor contract for the sergeants.

One insider told me, “The NYPD remains a central issue — and problem — for de Blasio’s re-election, and with Mullins, he gets someone rational and someone he has done business with.”

Mullins also has good relationships in the African-American community, including with Bishop T. D. Jakes, whose church Mullins has spoken in, and members of the Martin Luther King Jr. family.

The mayor will be under pressure to appoint a minority candidate, but former NYPD Chief of Department Philip Banks — who left the force after a power struggle with Bratton — has taken himself out of the running by working for a medical marijuana-distribution business, Compassionate Care Center of New York.

“For the cops, it’s like going to work for the cartel,” said one source of Banks’ career move.

Former First Deputy Commissioner Rafael Piñeiro, who was also a candidate for police commissioner, left the department last year.

Mullins didn’t help his cause last month when he urged New Yorkers to use their smartphones to photograph the surge of homeless people on the streets.

A spokesman said Mullins would not discuss the commissioner’s job: “He’s focused on being president of the SBA.”

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# Bratton seizes woman's morning joint, tosses it down sewer

By **Reuven Fenton** October 9, 2015 | 11:25am

New York's top cop knows "that smell," and he's not having it on Wall Street — even if it is just a girl enjoying a joint on her way to class.

NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton sniffed some weed in the air as he walked the financial stretch on Thursday morning, and quickly, he swung into action.

Bratton and one of his officers scoped out the college-aged culprit as he left a meeting, approached her and soon removed the joint from the young woman's mouth and tossed it down a sewer.

"Directly in front of us is this young woman, happily puffing away on her way to one of the local schools," recalled Bratton at a New York Law School breakfast on Friday.

"All of a sudden, there it is, that smell," he said. I thought, "What the hell — 8:30 on Wall Street?"

He continued, "So my security officer came up on one side, I came up on the other and tapped her on the shoulder and she looked over. And I wish I had a photograph of that face. She instantly recognized me."

The commissioner-turned-narc “politely” took the weed and threw it down a “local sewer,” and then he “suggested” to the stunned woman “that she might have a better academic day without the influence of [pot.]”

The keen-nosed commissioner could have made an arrest, as well, because the joint – even though a small amount – was lit.

But Bratton told the audience that he wants officers to use discretion before arresting New Yorkers for certain minor offenses.

“If you’re smoking it in public we will potentially arrest you, but we encourage officers to use the scale they are authorized to use – warning, admonitions, summons, arrest if necessary,” he said.

Added the commissioner of encountering the morning smell, “What is that Cindy Adams says? Only in New York, kids.”