

Protesting Racism

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Flashpoint

- George Floyd arrested then killed by police
- Four officers involved, one delayed arrest
- Pattern of white cops killing blacks
- Protests in USA, Europe
- Police arrest press

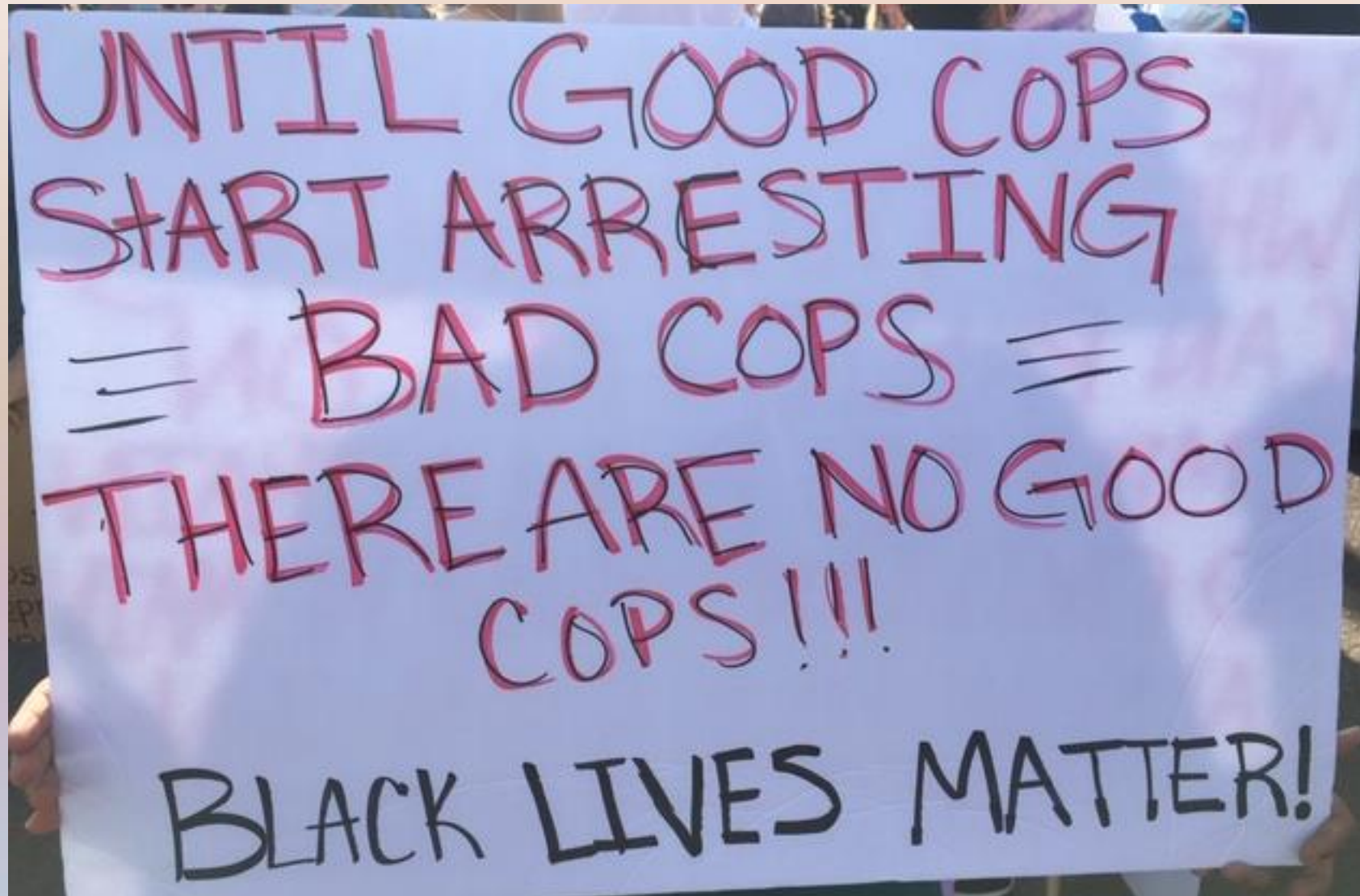
Some Protests Get Ugly

- Hoodlums looting
- Angry vandalism
- Spontaneous displays of pain, rage
- Right wing agents of trouble
- Government agent provocateurs
- Great excuse to crush a protest movement

Sunday's Protest Sign

WE LIVE IN A WORLD
WHERE TRAINED COPS
CAN PANIC + ACT ON
IMPULSE BUT UNTRAIN-
ED CIVILIANS MUST REMAIN
CALM WITH A GUN IN
THEIR FACE

Another Sign



Underlying Issues

- Police culture has problems
- Too much loyalty to colleagues
- The thin blue line is a stone wall
- Legal to lie to suspects
- Official fear promotes dominance
- Dominance prompts abuse
- Abuse masks and protects systemic corruption
- Must reform law, environment, politics

City Statement

- “We also fully support and will protect every citizen’s right to peacefully protest and assert their Constitutional rights.”
- Nice!

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Mayor TenHaken and Chief Burns Issue Statements on Events in Minneapolis

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Today, Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken and Police Department Chief Matthew Burns issued the following statements in response to recent events in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Statement by Mayor TenHaken

“Like many, I was shocked by the video footage and saddened by the death of Mr. Floyd. While outrage is understandable, peaceful protest and constructive dialogue is the best path forward for reform. I am thankful the Department of Justice is making this case a priority as we wait for the results of the investigation. Sioux Falls is fortunate to have an incredible police department. We will continue to provide them with proper training and resources to protect our community with professionalism and respect that preserves our rights and liberties.”

Statement by Chief Burns

“As we watch the situation in Minneapolis unfold, we are deeply saddened by what has happened, on numerous levels. Our officers are regularly trained on safe, respectful due process and proper arrest protocols, and we continue to make that training a priority. We also fully support and will protect every citizen's right to peacefully protest and assert their Constitutional rights. We remain vigilant and focused on effectively serving the public safety needs of Sioux Falls.”

Failures To Protect Rights

- Sioux Falls maintains unconstitutional laws
- See my multiple city council presentations
- Police like to display intimidating force
- City protects police perjury
- Supposedly no inherent responsibility for police
- See Zokaite vs City of Sioux Falls

Announcing A Rally

- **RALLY for GEORGE FLOYD**
- **RALLY against VIOLENCE**
- Sunday June 14 at 4:00 PM
- Van Eps Park, Sioux Falls, SD
- Police invited. **Be nice y'all.**

- Government speakers welcome
Other speakers invited
Call me at 605-251-0691

Enjoy Nature And Beauty

