Fight Oppression of People with With Disabilities!

Every day the police commit acts of murder in communities of color across this country. This year alone, cops have killed over a thousand people, disproportionately people of color. Approximately half of those killed by police have a mental or physical disability. Police routinely misinterpret a person’s inability to comply with their demands due to a mental or physical disability as an intent to resist. The cops then apply unwarranted, brutal force that leads to yet another senseless death.

One of the countless examples of police murder of a person with a disability is the tragic case of Jeremy McDole. Mr. McDole was shot by police in Wilmington, Delaware on September 23, 2015. Video of his shooting has been widely circulated, and clearly shows that Mr. McDole was in no way a threat to the officers. Despite clear video evidence, no officer has been charged for murdering Mr. McDole, which is all too common in cases of police violence and murder.

Today, we gather in solidarity with the McDole family, and all families who have been affected by police violence. We remember Natasha McKenna, tased to death by officers in the Fairfax County jail, Virginia. We remember Shareese Francis, smothered to death by police in her own home in Queens, NY. We remember Eric Garner, choked to death in Staten Island. One year ago today it was announced that the officer responsible for Eric Garner’s death would not be charged. And we remember the countless other people with disabilities killed by police. The racist police war on oppressed communities across this country must come to an end, and it will only end with thousands upon thousands in the streets demanding it. Join us as we chant:

Black Disabled Lives Matter!

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Join us in the fight for justice for all! PPA meets every Weds. at 7pm at 147 W. 24th St, 2nd floor.