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## Who is Antwon Rose? Video shows police fatally shooting unarmed black teenage boy

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17-year-old boy was shot and killed Tuesday night by police officers who were responding to a nearby nonfatal shooting in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Antwon Rose, who was unarmed, was a high school student.

The Allegheny County Police Department responded to reports of a vehicle fleeing from a scene where a 22-year-old was shot around 8:20 p.m. The police officers stopped an automobile that matched the police report and then detained the 20-year-old driver of the vehicle. Local media reported the body of the vehicle had bullet holes when it was stopped.

While police detained the driver, Rose and another individual got out of the car and began running. An officer opened fire and killed Rose. The boy, who attended Woodland Hills School District, was shot multiple times.

Allegheny County Police Department Superintendent Coleman McDonough revealed that there were two firearms inside of the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle was released after he was questioned by police officials. The other person was not captured by police as of the time of this publication.

Eyewitnesses captured the video of the shooting and posted it on Facebook. In the recording, you can hear the person filming the shooting, saying, "Why are they shooting? All they did was run, and they're shooting at them."

The officer who opened fire was put on administrative leave and the department was investigating the killing.

Nickole Nesby, mayor of the neighboring city of Duquesne, was described as a friend of the family's by local media. She said Rose was well behaved, smart and athletic.

"He was a beautiful little boy," she said, adding, "He was full of life."

High-profiled deaths of black Americans such as Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Michael Brown in Ferguson, Michigan, and Trayvon Martin in Florida have fueled the national social justice movement Black Lives Matter, which in recent years has called for police training and diversity in law enforcement departments—with little success.

According to the Cato Institute's National Police Misconduct Reporting Project, only 33 percent of officers were convicted of wrongdoing after a study of over 3,000 criminal cases were analyzed.