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## COP SUES RADICALS

### Says Black Lives Matter rhetoric spurred mass shooting

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A former Louisiana cop is suing the radical black activist group Black Lives Matter, after one of the group's followers ambushed and shot multiple police officers in 2016 in a shocking domestic terror attack that received widespread condemnation around the U.S.

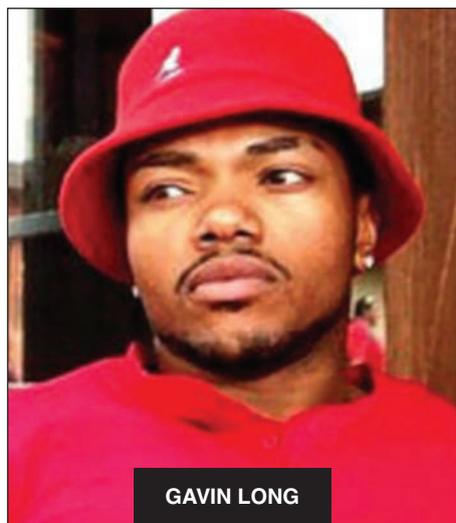
On July 17, 2016, Gavin Long, a former U.S. Marine sergeant who was motivated by the violent rhetoric of the Black Lives Matter movement, ambushed police officers in Baton Rouge, La., killing three officers and injuring three more. Long was eventually shot by a SWAT team sniper from 100 yards away, and died at the scene.

In a suicide note, Long lamented that he would be "vilified by the media and police" for his actions.

"Unfortunately," Long wrote, "I see my actions as a necessary evil that I do not wish to partake in, nor do I enjoy partaking in. But must partake in, in order to create substantial change within America's police force and judicial system." He also noted that he must "bring destruction" upon "bad cops as well as good cops in hopes that the good cops (which are the majority) will be able to stand together to enact justice and punishment



The three officers killed in Baton Rouge by former Marine Gavin Long (pictured below) were, from left to right, Matthew Gerald, Brad Garafola, and Montrell Jackson. One unnamed surviving officer, seriously wounded in the attack, is suing the Black Lives Matter movement, blaming their inflammatory rhetoric for inciting Long to go hunting for Baton Rouge cops and leaving him permanently disabled.



GAVIN LONG

against bad cops."

The horrific ambush came less than two weeks after a Baton Rouge police officer shot and killed Alton Sterling, a 37-year-old black man whose killing sparked outrage in the black community and amongst those who believe police routinely use excessive force against citizens, and Sterling in this particular case. Sterling was killed outside a local convenience store after he physically struggled with officers and refused to obey their commands. Philando Castile, another black man, was shot and killed by a police officer in a suburb of Minneapolis a day later.

The controversial police shootings sparked a number of protests across the country, many of which were instigated, organized, and led by the Black Lives Matter movement. A major protest in Dallas turned violent when Micah Johnson, a black Army veteran who was upset over the police shootings in Baton Rouge and Minneapolis, ambushed local law en-

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