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1 Baton Rouge officer fired, 1 suspended in deadly shooting

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A Louisiana police chief said Friday he has fired the white officer who fatally shot a black man during a struggle outside a convenience store nearly two years ago, a killing that set off widespread protests.

Baton Rouge Police Chief Murphy Paul announced officer Blane Salamoni's firing less than a week after Louisiana's attorney general ruled out criminal charges in Alton Sterling's July 2016 shooting death.

Paul also suspended officer Howie Lake II, the other officer involved in the deadly confrontation, for three days. Lake helped wrestle Sterling to the ground but did not fire his weapon that night.

"My decision was not based on politics," Paul said. "It was not based on emotions. It was based on the facts of the case."

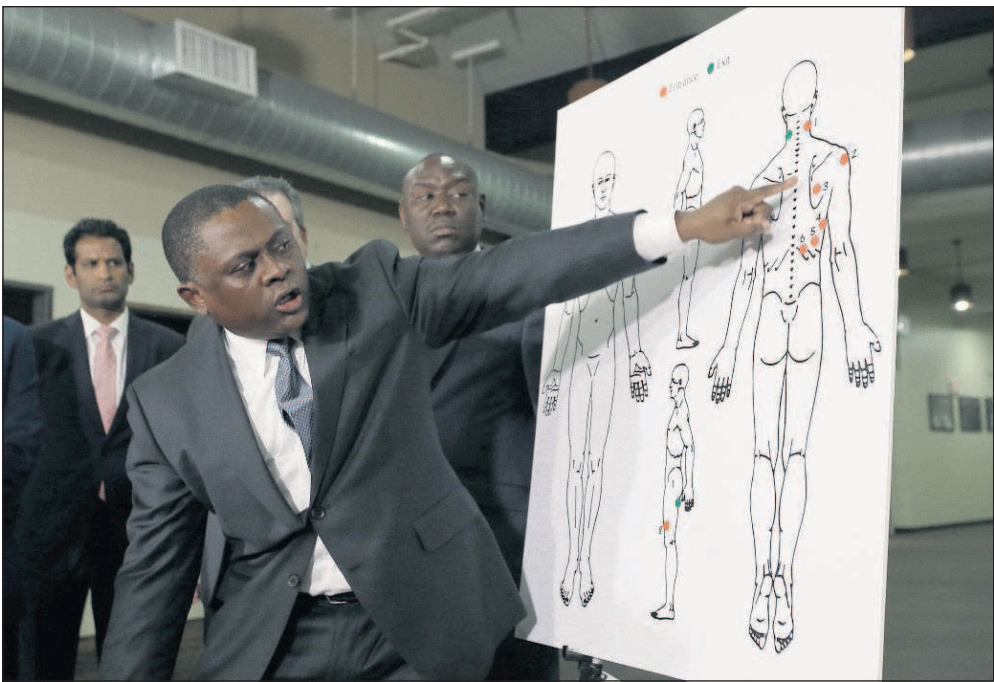
Schwarzenegger is stable after heart surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger is recovering in a Los Angeles hospital after undergoing heart surgery.

The 70-year-old former California governor had a scheduled procedure to replace a pulmonic valve on Thursday, according to Schwarzenegger's spokesman, Daniel Ketchell. He was in stable condition on Friday.

"His first words were actually 'I'm back,'" so he is in good spirits," Ketchell tweeted.

The operation was necessary to replace a valve that had originally been installed in 1997 for a congenital heart defect.



Pathologist, Dr. Bennet Omalu, gestures to a diagram showing where police shooting victim Stephon Clark was struck by bullets, during a news conference Friday in Sacramento, Calif. Omalu, who was hired by the family to conduct an independent autopsy, said Clark was shot seven times from behind and took up to 10 minutes to die.

Police shot Sacramento man 8 times, 7 times from behind

By DON THOMPSON and SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento police shot Stephon Clark seven times from behind, according to autopsy results released Friday by a pathologist hired by Clark's family, a finding that calls into question the department's assertion the 22-year-old black man was facing officers and moving toward them when he was killed.

Dr. Bennet Omalu also determined Clark took three to 10 minutes to die. Police waited about five minutes before rendering medical aid.

"The proposition that has been presented that he was assailing the officers, meaning he was facing the officers, is inconsistent with the prevailing forensic evidence," Omalu said at a news conference with family attorney Benjamin Crump.

He said it was not clear if Clark would have survived had he gotten immediate

medical attention.

Sacramento police responded with a brief statement that said the department had not yet received an official autopsy report from the Sacramento County coroner's office. It said the coroner's death investigation is independent from the investigation being conducted by police and the state Department of Justice.

A day after the March 18 shooting, police distributed a press release that said the officers who shot Clark "saw the suspect facing them, advance forward with his arms extended, and holding an object in his hands."

Police video of the shooting doesn't clearly capture all that happened after Clark ran into his grandmother's backyard. He initially moved toward the officers, who are peeking out from behind a corner of the house, but it's not clear he's facing them or that he knows they are there when they open fire after shouting "gun, gun, gun."

After 20 shots, officers call

to him, apparently believing he might still be alive and armed. They eventually approach and find no gun, just a cellphone.

The shooting has produced almost daily angry but peaceful protests in the downtown area of California's capital city. The autopsy heightened calls for justice and skepticism toward police among community activists.

"Generally speaking, part of the outrage in the community is not only for this shooting but it's for all police shootings that are happening of unarmed people," said Dale Galipo, another Clark family lawyer. One of the big questions we all have to ask is: 'What do we need to do for these shooting to stop?'"

Black Lives Matter Sacramento planned a protest Friday night outside City Hall and other actions were possible.

"You'll probably see a little bit of everything," said Berry Accius, a community activist. "But that's not for me to say, it's for the people to decide."

AP-NORC/MTV Poll: Young people run from Trump

NEW YORK (AP) — A majority of young people believe President Donald Trump is racist, dishonest and "mentally unfit" for office, according to a new survey that finds the nation's youngest potential voters are more concerned about the Republican's performance in the White House than older Americans.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV found that just 33 percent of Americans between the ages of 15 and 34 approve of Trump's job performance.

That's 9 points lower than all adults, who were asked the same question on a separate AP-NORC survey taken this month.

"Trump doesn't care about us," said 27-year-old Nicole Martin, an African-American graduate student in Missoula, Montana. "I'm not going

to say he's unfit like he has schizophrenia. I do kind of think he's twisted in the head. He just comes off as disgusting to me."

The survey is the first in a series of polls designed to highlight the voices of the youngest generation of voters. The respondents, all of whom will be old enough to vote in 2020, represent the most diverse generation in American history.

They would occupy the largest share of the electorate — if they vote at the same rate as older Americans. But history suggests they are also the least likely to vote this fall. In the 2014 midterm elections, for example, only about 20 percent of 18-29 year-olds cast ballots.

There is widespread agreement among young people about Trump, with more than 7 in 10 saying he "doesn't reflect my personal values."

Widow of Orlando nightclub gunman is acquitted in attack

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

The widow of the gunman who slaughtered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, was acquitted Friday of helping to plot the attack and lying to the FBI afterward — a rare and stinging defeat for the U.S. government in a terrorism case.

Noor Salman, 31, sobbed upon hearing the jury's verdict of not guilty of obstruction and providing material support to a terrorist organization, charges that could have brought a life sentence. Her family gasped each time the words "not guilty" were

pronounced.

On the other side of the Orlando courtroom, the families of the victims of the June 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting sat stone-faced and silent.

Within hours, Salman was released from jail after 14 months and got into a waiting car without answering questions.

"Noor is so grateful. Her belief in the process was shown. She wants to get back to her son," her attorney Linda Moreno said. Family spokeswoman Susan Clary said Salman's family "always thought that Noor was the first victim" of her husband, Omar Mateen.

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