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Mom asks why

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Youth shot and killed in stolen vehicle after car chase

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A distraught mother, clutching a photo of her dead son, pleaded to know why he had been shot to death yesterday by York Region police.

"Because my son was spotted in a stolen vehicle, did he deserve the death penalty?" Shaheen Kamadia asked.

"He was 16 years old! We never happened to innocent or proven guilty?" she cried.

"We will be demanding answers. I want to know why? why?"

Earlier...

Police shooting

to wound no option:

Police shooting this year (1996)

1. Jan. 10: Tommy Barnett, 25, shot three times and killed after police say he lunged at an officer with a sword in Bathurst St. and St. Clair Ave. W. area.
2. Feb. 2: Douglas James Payn, 27, of Mississauga, shot in the neck by Peel Region police during a high-speed chase which ended at Erin Mills Pkwy., south of Hwy 401. At least 11 shots were fired. The man was treated and released from hospital.
3. March 14: Andrew Bramwell, 24, shot dead after police chased him on foot when he bolted from a car behind the Jane-Finch Mall.
4. May 27: John Braithwaite, 28, shot twice by a police officer investigating robbery at Main Drug Store on Yonge St. He was shot on Sherwood Ave., just north of Eglinton Ave. when police said he tried to attack them with a knife. He was later charged with robbery and attempted murder.
5. June 11: Wayne Williams, 24, killed when he was shot up to s...

Shooting to wound no option: Police

aim at 'centre of centre-mass' trainers say

It's absolutely ludicrous," said DeCaire, of Metro's Charles O. Bick Police College.

"What if the shots missed and hit an innocent bystander?" Officers often have only a split second to decide how to deal with a threatening situation and when the decision has been made to shoot, the decision to remove the threat has also been made.

The most effective way to remove that threat is to aim for the centre of the largest available target, DeCaire said.

Early Wednesday morning, a York Region plainclothes detective fired a single shot into the head of 16-year-old Faraz Suleman through the window of a moving Jeep Grand Cherokee, which police say was stolen and for which the officer just before he shot.

Last week, two Metro officers fired seven shots at Wayne Rick Williams, a 24-year-old college student, after, police say, he came at them with a knife. Four shots struck Williams, who suffered from clinical depression and had a mild form of schizophrenia, hitting him in the chest and neck.

In both cases, the families have demanded to know why police had to use such lethal force.

Generally — and depending on the situation — there are other options, police say.

They're called "response options."

They range from trying to calm the person into surrendering to using a firearm. In between are options of using physical force, baton strikes or pepper spray.

Every police force in the province adheres to Ontario Regulation 928 — a vaguely worded guideline that deals with the use of firearms.

The regulation re...

graduation photo of her son

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