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Kathy Wray Coleman, editor-in-chief, and who trained for 17 years at the Call and Post Newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio. We interviewed former president Barack Obama one-on-one

when he was campaigning for president. As to the Obama interview,

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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio-Cleveland grassroots community activists, led by the Cleveland-based Imperial Women Coalition and the family of murder victim Christine Malone, will host the 4th Anniversary of the Cleveland East 93rd Street Murders, the annual vigil and rally relative to the unsolved murders of four women on the city's east side, which will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 4:45 pm-6:30 pm at the intersection of East 93rd Street and Bessemer Avenue.

(Contact Kathy Wray Coleman of the Imperial Women Coalition, the annual hosting group, at (216) 659-0473 for more information. As to directions, take Kinsman Avenue from downtown Cleveland to East 93rd Street

, make a right turn, and go about a mile to Bessemer Avenue where the event will be held at the intersection of the two streets. Other activist groups include Stop Targeting Ohio's Poor, and

and Protecting Our Children and No More Violence Against Women

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The four murder victims are Jasmine Trotter, 20, Ashley Leszyeski, 21, Christine Malone 45, and Jameela Hasan, 37.

Their killer remains at large and police have no suspects.

Also included for remembrance is 14-year-old Allianna DeFreeze, who was murdered in January of this year, also in the Kinsman neighborhood, an area that transcends the wards of Ward 2 Councilman Zack Reed and Ward 6 Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell, both of whom have been invited to attend.

Activist Kathy Wray Coleman, who spoke against violence against women at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in 2016, during the Jan 21 Women's march in Cleveland and as the leader of the march and rally for International Women's Day in Cleveland on March 8, said that activists will also include Aliza Sherman, who was murdered outside 75 Erieview Plaza in downtown Cleveland on March 24, 2013 after leaving her attorney's office.

The 53-year-old Cleveland Clinic nurse, Beachwood, Ohio resident, and mother was in the middle of a divorce.

Her killer remains at-large.

Speakers include community activists, Angelique Malone, who is a daughter of Christine Malone, who is survived by eight grown children, Cleveland Ward 4 council candidate Arnold Shurn, and the mother of murder victim Alianna DeFreeze.

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Proposed budgets cuts to the Black community pushed by President Donald Trump will also be addressed, activist saying that eliminating after school program for poor children and minimizing federal resources to large urban cities like Cleveland will heighten violence against women and children.

Malone, Jasmine Trotter, 20, and Ashley Leszyeski, 21 were all three found murdered between March and May of 2013, their bodies discovered in various places along a mile- long strip beginning at East 93rd Street and Bessemer Ave and extending to Harvard Ave.

Malone's body was discovery on March 28, 2013 in a field of an abandoned home, Trotter in the basement of an a vacant home, on March 24, 2013, and Leszyeski body was discovered on May 28, 2013 in a vacant lot.

A fourth woman, Jameela Hasan, was also killed nearby, her body discovery by police iwith multiple stabbed wounds.

Hasan was murdered on December 12, 2012.

All four of the Cleveland women were Black but Leszyeski, who was White.

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Fourteen-year-old Allianna DeFreeze was last seen on January 27, 2017 at the 3400 block of East 149th Street as she was getting off the RTA bus headed to school.

DeFreeze never arrived at school, and her family, notified some 10 hours later, subsequently filed a missing person's report.

Her body was discovered days later by police in a vacant home in a vacant home at the the 9400 block of Fullmer Avenue, near where the bodies of the other four women, aside from Sherman, where found on Cleveland's largely Black east side.

The Cuyahoga County medical examiner's office identified her through dental records.

Christopher Whitaker of South Euclid, Ohio, a convicted sex offender who served time in prison for sexual battery, among other convictions, has been charged with aggravated murder, among other crimes, and is being held in jail on a \$3 million bond.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Police say that DNA links Whitaker to the crime, but cannot put him with the girl at any point to date, other than allegedly through DNA evidence.

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Her family says she did not know him

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