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Pictured are Samaria Rice and police shooting 12-year-old Tamir Rice, and Tamir Rice himself

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By Kathy Wray Coleman, editor-in-chief

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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio-The Cleveland NAACP is pretending to want the grand jury transcript as to the Tamir Rice Cleveland police fatal shooting to cover up that it has not and will not seek criminal charges against the White cops that killed the 12-year-old, data show. (Editor's note: The Cleveland NAACP is accused of harassing Black Cleveland activist Kathy Wray Coleman, also a local journalist who edits Cleveland Urban News.Com. A dues paying Cleveland NAACP member, Coleman says the harassment is routine and has been going on for years in retaliation for her writings and community activism. Other Black women, including a former Cleveland NAACP official and retired judge, have been demeaned by branch leaders, the retired judge of whom the branch president allegedly and allegedly wants to "go f--- herself.")

Samaria Rice, Tamir's mother, wants the cops that killed her 12-year-old son criminally charged, and the NAACP will not back her on the issue, the city settling a wrongful death and excessive force federal lawsuit last year for \$6 million in an alleged effort to quiet the issue before the Republican National Convention, which was held last summer in Cleveland.

Greater Cleveland community activists support Rice's mother on the issue and say the NAACP is selling out on the matter.

"The NAACP should join us in demanding criminal charges against police," said longtime community activist Art McKoy of Black on Black Crime Inc.

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Kathy Wray Coleman, an activist and a journalist who edit Cleveland Urban News.Com, Ohio's most read digital Black newspaper, agrees and says " the Cleveland NAACP is a fraud that has lost its focus and will not truly stand up for Black people against the White establishment when necessary."

Today (Jan 31, 2017), Cleveland NAACP president and vice president, Cleveland attorneys Michael Nelson Sr and James Hardiman, appeared for a hearing before Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Nancy McDonnell seeking parts of the Tamir Rice grand jury transcript, though it is unlikely that the transcript will be released since such grand jury proceedings, which are often corrupt against Black people, are secret per state law.

Hardiman and Nelson, however, do not want the state law changed to allow open grand jury proceedings and access to testify before a county grand jury hearing cases for possible indictments, the process now of which allows the county prosecutor to pick and choose the persons that testify, police of whom often get free reign to lie on Black people to influence indictments.

The two White Cleveland police officers involved in the 2014 recreation park shooting of Tamir, who was carrying a toy gun, Timothy Loehmann, the shooter, and his partner, Frank Garmback, were not indicted by a county grand jury after former county prosecutor Tim McGinty lobbied the grand jury not to indict, a successful effort that contributed to his reelection loss last year to current county prosecutor Michael O'Malley.

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Only McGinty's comments before the grand jury have been sought by the NAACP, which some say lends credence to the absence of any real effort to get data.

Witness testimony, also allegedly compromised by McGinty before the grand jury, is also pertinent, but Hardiman and Nelson say they do not want the testimony for public consumption, if their petition for the transcript is granted by Judge McDonnell.

It's all a scam, sources say, and the local Civil Rights organization for Black people has never wanted the cops at issue prosecuted, or any other Cleveland cops that erroneously gun down innocent Black people.

Hardiman and Nelson are on the take, say sources, and want monies for their law firms and favors from corrupt judges.

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Hence, they must do exactly like they are told to do by establishment types, sources say.

Meanwhile, its president, Michael Nelson Sr., is being accused of harassing Black women and Black reporters while kissing up to White reporters at the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper.

He allegedly said that former Cleveland NAACP officials and retired Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals judge Sara J. Harper, 90-years-old and who ran against Nelson for branch president in 2015, to " go f--- herself."

Nelson has also allegedly targeted Kathy Wray Coleman, a 24-year-journalist who trained for 17 years at the Call and Post Newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio, and a dues paying member of the Cleveland NAACP who interviewed former president Barack Obama one-on-one.

Coleman says she has been harassed by Cleveland NAACP officials for years.