


# Yet another “first contact” gone bad

The Bethlehem Gadfly George Floyd killing December 24, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts in the wake of the George Floyd murder  


*“There’s no compression on the wounds, no attempts at CPR, not even a hand on the shoulder and an encouraging word that medics were en route. To see him lying in the driveway minute after minute after minute after minute with no attempt to render aid and comfort. To be honest, I had never seen body worn camera footage like that.”*

*Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther*

*“Columbus voters in November also approved a city charter amendment to create a Civilian Review Board and inspector general, which will conduct independent investigations into police misconduct and policies. The city is currently accepting applications for the review board, which it hopes to seat early next year.”*

***NPR, December 23, 2020***

Gadfly gets no pleasure out of this.

And Gadfly makes no inferences about our police department, which, as far as he knows, has a fine record.

But the headlines read **“Ohio Officer’s Bodycam Shows He Shot Unarmed Black Man Within 10 Seconds Of Encounter”** and **“Columbus officer who fatally shot unarmed Black man has**

**history of excessive force, misconduct” and “Columbus mayor calls for termination of officer who killed unarmed Black man.”**

Something is wrong with the way these “first contact” situations are handled. And perhaps with the way officer misconduct is handled.

And Gadfly feels that there should be open discussion of such topics in the wake of the George Floyd murder.

And the sooner the better.

We don't want such occurrences to happen here.

The way the world turns, soon people will be saying, “George who?”

Consider this latest case of “first contact” gone wrong.

See news story here:

***Bethany Brunner, “Here’s video and a timeline of the Andre Hill shooting by Columbus police.” Columbus Dispatch, December 23, 2020.***

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