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What we know about Brian Quinones, the man shot dead by police in Richfield

The 30-year-old died after police said he confronted officers with a knife.

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The fatal, officer-involved shooting of Brian Quinones in Richfield Saturday night has subsequently led to protests and complaints of excessive use of police force.

The 30-year-old died after he was subject of a police chase between Edina and Richfield, which he live-streamed in his car.

Twelve minutes into the video, Quinones got out with what appears to be a knife in his left hand. Moments later shots are heard, with police firing about 12 times.

In a statement on Sunday, Edina and Richfield Police Department said Quinones "confronted officers with a knife" at 77th Street East and Chicago Avenue in Richfield.

His death sparked protests at the scene and a march on Sunday night, that briefly led to the shutting down of I-494 in Richfield.

Quinones worked the night-shift at General Mills, per his Facebook page, but was an aspiring hip-hop artist known as [Blessed The MC](#), citing influences including Kanye, DMX, Kid Cudi, Nas and Eminem, among many others.

Posts he made on his Facebook page in the days before his death provided a foreshadowing of what would occur.

One of his final Facebook posts stated: "So sorry," and he also uploaded his entire album, "T.I.M.E.: This Is My Everything."

This album featured lyrics that some of his friends suggest referred to what was going to happen, including the line: "Get ready, cuz it's gonna hurt, right?" and "They killed him. This ain't the way it's supposed to go. They killed him, and I'm just supposed to be here."

A married father of a 12-year-old boy, Quinones was a barber as well as a musician, his brother, Joshua Quinones, [told KSTP](#).

His brother also told the TV station that Quinones had been having suicidal thoughts, and he had grown concerned having spoken to him just before the chase and shooting, and tried to reach out to him when he saw his Facebook stream.

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Friends [described him to the Star Tribune](#) as a loving family man, though one noted he had struggled in the recent years with "finances, his living situation and relationships."

Quinones lived in Richfield, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. His Facebook page states he was originally from Ponce, Puerto Rico, though he has lived in Minnesota for a long time and attended high school in the Twin Cities.

The City of Edina said that the investigation into his shooting will be conducted by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, with more information expected to be released in the coming days.

"The City of Edina grieves alongside the family of the deceased, the officers involved and their families, and the Richfield and Edina communities," its statement said.

[KARE 11's Lou Raguse notes](#) that Quinones' family is being represented by attorney Robert Bennett, who recently secured a \$20 million settlement from the City of Minneapolis over the shooting of Justine Damond.