DIE-IN BLOCKS

SUNRISE HWY.

Hundreds fill roadway to decry what they consider police brutality

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About 400 people in Long Be-
side a crowd of around 500 people as-sembled in front of the police sta-
tion on Hartsdale Avenue to protest
the deaths of Breonna Taylor and Da-
erek Chauvin.

The group was led by a represen-
tative from the Black Lives Mat-
ter movement, who spoke about
the importance of remaining peaceful
in the face of police violence.

They also held signs reading "Justice for Breonna Taylor," "End Police

The protest ended with a march
towards the nearby police station,
where they chanted slogans and
planted flowers in memorial of the
victims.

The event was organized by local
activists and received support from
several community members.

― @NewsDayWriters

NO PROBE

NYPD starts probe on Garner case

BY MELINDA G. O'NEILL, ON LOCATION

The New York Police Depart-
ment (NYPD) has launched an in-
vestigation into officers' ac-
counts of the death of Eric Garner
during an arrest in 2014.

The department has decided to
reopen the case after receiving in-
multiple allegations of misconduct.

The investigation includes a re-
view of the original footage from
the day of the arrest and may in-
clude interviews with witnesses
and other officers.

The probe is being led by Inter-
im Commissioner Adria Di Giorno,
who replaced Ray Kelly as head
of the department.

Garner, 43, was stopped on a
street corner for allegedly sell-
ing cigarettes. He was put in
a choke hold, known as the "L"
choke, and was eventually sus-
pected of asthma.

Garner was later taken to a
hospital, where he died.

The department initially claimed
Garner's death was caused by a
heart attack, but a recent review
of the evidence suggests otherwise.

The probe will look into the
actions of the officers involved
in Garner's arrest and whether
they followed proper procedures.

The investigation is expected
to take several months.

― @NYPD Comm.

PASTORS

Pastors: Speak out with words, wallets

BY RONAN Farrow, @TheNewYorker

Pastors in Long Island and New York City churches yester-
day called on congregants to take action through protests and
financial contributions against a crim-
i nal justice system they say has
been used to silence white police officers.

They cited the deaths of Breonna
Taylor and George Floyd as motivat-
ing factors behind their calls for
change.

"We are tired of the silence," one
pastor said. "We need to be heard.
We must stand together to make
a difference.

The pastors called for a mor-
eation of all police funding and
the defunding of police departments.

They also called for the pro-
cessing of all criminal justice cases
in a timely manner and the imple-
mentation of de-escalation train-
ing for police officers.

Several churches held vigils and
prayer services to honor the mem-
ors of the victims.

The pastors' calls were sup-
ported by a number of orga-
nizations and community leaders.

"We stand with you," said one
leader. "We will not be silen-
ted. We will continue to fight
for justice.

The pastors' messages were
met with a mixed response from
some members of the community.

"I don't think this is the way," one
attendee said. "We need to focus
on reforming the system, not
against the officers.

― @TheNewYorker

CONGREGANTS

Congregants hear sermon yesterday on Eric Garner at Union Church

BY JENNIFER M. SMITH, @TheNewYorker

A sermon given yesterday at
Union Church of Pocantico Hills,
yearning for justice, with a focus
on the black experience in Amer-
iculture.

"Eric Garner was a symbol of
the struggle for justice," said the
pastor. "He was killed by a cop
who was simply trying to make
an arrest.

"We must remember that sys-
emas of power and privilege
exist in our society that lead to
systemic racism and inequality.

The church plans to continue
providing a platform for con-
versations about race and justice.

― @TheNewYorker