

## "VICTIMS"

### Script

An officer. Killed in the line of duty.

A father. Gunned down at work.

A student. Shot at school.

A mother. Murdered in cold blood.

Victims -- killed with deadly assault weapons.

Bill Clinton did something no president has ever been able to accomplish...

...he passed and signed a tough law to ban deadly assault weapons.

President Clinton: "Deadly assault weapons off our streets. 100,000 more police on the streets. Expand the death penalty. That's how we'll protect America."

### Background

On February 22, 1994, Officer Christy Hamilton, a rookie with the Los Angeles Police Department answered a domestic disturbance call in Northridge. Christopher Golly, a teen-ager, opened fire on Hamilton and other officers when they arrived. A bullet from the AR-15 went through the arm opening in the bullet-proof vest of Officer Hamilton and killed her. (San Jose Mercury News 2/25/94)

On November, 22, 1994, Michael Miller, a 44 year old father and an agent with the FBI's joint FBI-DC homicide task force, was gunned down in a squad room at the DC police headquarters by Bennie Lawson with a TEC-9. Two other officers were slain by Lawson as well. (Philadelphia Inquirer 11/24/94)

## "VICTIMS" (continued)

On March 23, 1994, Melissa Fernandes, a sixteen year old student at Ballard High School in Seattle, WA was shot in the head with a single bullet from a Mac-12 during a drive-by shooting. Fernandes was standing in the front of the school when she became caught in a violent conflict between rival gangs. She died the next day. Brian Ronquillo, a juvenile, was charged with the murder. (Seattle Times 3/94)

On July 1, 1993, Jody Jones Sposato, a mother of one, was killed at the San Francisco law firm of Pettit & Martin when Gian Luigi Ferri began a brutal rampage through their high-rise offices using two TEC-9's, a .45 calibre semiautomatic handgun, and a cache of ammunition. Seven others were also killed during the rampage that ended when the gunman took his own life. (San Jose Mercury News 7/2/93 & 'California Street March' memorial bulletin)

President Clinton fought for and signed the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322 on September 13, 1994. Title XI Firearms pertains to the ban on certain semiautomatic assault weapons. Title VI Death Penalty pertains to the over 50 new crimes that now call for the death penalty. Title I Public Safety and Policing pertains to deploying 100,000 police officers onto the streets and into communities. (PL 103-322)

## "DAYTON"

### Script

I started to walk up to the vehicle, that's when the shots rang out.

As quickly as he could pull the trigger, that's how quick the bullets were coming.

I had never heard a weapon that loud. When I saw Officer Whalen go down, I knew there was no way I could get up to him.

He died later that night.

President Clinton is right. It's not about politics. It's about a ban on deadly assault weapons. It's about a tough new death penalty law.

President Clinton is helping us make this a safer nation.

### Background

On March 21, 1991, shortly before 10pm, Dayton, OH police officers Steve Whalen and Randy Beane pulled up behind a truck that made an illegal U-turn on Xenia Avenue. The two officers were in separate cars. As they got out of their vehicles, Karl Vultee fired an AR-15 through the open window in the back of the truck cab. Two shots hit Officer Whalen, a 15-year veteran of the force, in the head, and he died on March 24, 1991. Officer Beane received fragment wounds in both legs, and was treated and released. (Dayton Daily News 3/23/91)

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## "GEORGE"

### Script

I was just terrified that that was it... that was the last day of my life.

Stopping the routine traffic on the north Freeway, approaching the vehicle, I noticed the driver very nervous.

In a matter of three seconds, he produced a semi-automatic weapon and shot at me five times.

Got to be some stiff penalties. Got to stop.

President Clinton is right, this is not about politics, this is about saving lives.

### Background

On March 30, 1994, about noon, Houston police sergeant George Rodriguez pulled over the driver of a car on the North Freeway after finding the vehicle had outstanding traffic warrants. As he approached the vehicle, Wayne Bunch, still seated in the car, fired a Mac-11, striking Rodriguez. Bullets from the gunfire shattered Rodriguez's clavicle and ripped through his liver, pancreas and small intestine. Rodriguez's condition stabilized after extensive surgery. (Houston Chronicle 3/30 & 4/4/94)

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