

# *Activists demand arrest of Texas officers who severely injured two young protesters*

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Austin, June 11 (RHC)-- In Austin, Texas, Black Lives Matter activists are demanding the arrest of officers who sent two young people to the hospital with head trauma at recent protests.

On May 31, police shot 20-year-old Texas State University student Justin Howell in the head with a lead-pellet bag fired by an officer's shotgun. After he fell unconscious to the pavement, he was picked up by fellow protesters who tried to rush him past a police line for medical attention. The police then opened fire with another barrage.

Justin Powell was hospitalized in critical condition with a fractured skull and brain damage.

A day earlier, another Austin officer shot 16-year-old Brad Levi Ayala in the head with a bean bag round as the teen stood passively on a hillside near a line of riot police. Ayala's family says he is undergoing neurological testing at an Austin hospital and faces a long road to recovery.



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