

SWAT team fatally shoots activist in protest against Cop City Police Training Center

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Cop City Police Training Center

Atlanta, January 20 (RHC)-- In Atlanta, Georgia, protests against a planned police training center known as Cop City escalated, when police say they shot and killed an activist who was part of the demonstrations.

Police said they were conducting a major clearing of protesters who had occupied a wooded area outside the center when they were fired on, claiming they fired back after an officer was wounded by gunfire.

Hundreds gathered at a vigil Wednesday night to mourn the protester's death — where they disputed the police version. Longtime Atlanta activist Kamau Franklin tweeted: "We need an independent investigation on the killing of this protester. Why are SWAT teams in the forest w/ Georgia State troopers clearing a forest." Six protesters were arrested Wednesday and charged with domestic terrorism.

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