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People In Baltimore Protest In Solidarity To Mourn Daunte Wright's Death

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BALTIMORE (WJZ) — Outraged at the death of Daunte Wright in Minneapolis, Baltimore residents are both mourning the loss and demanding change.

Emotions are running high after Wright, a 20-year-old Black man, was shot and killed during a traffic stop.

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"It's disgusting. You watch someone get murdered in front of you," said Alex Baier of West Baltimore. "It doesn't matter if I'm black or not. Everyone should support saving lives and not killing people. It's basic human decency."

Baier was one of about 100 people who gathered peacefully outside Baltimore Police headquarters, posters in hand and chanting. The group, calling themselves Good Kids Mad City, proceeded to President Street, at times stopping traffic and then to Harbor East.

Some participants also protested last summer about the death of George Floyd, 46, a Black man who died after a police officer placed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. That officer, Derek Chauvin, is on trial this week, charged with murdering Floyd.

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"Nothing changed," said Saquan Maxwell. "Nothing changed, so what do we do?"

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Maxwell also expressed frustration that police brutality is in the news only after someone dies.

"We got to jump through hoops just to save one life. It's so hard to do this work when we only get the attention when it's this deep or it's this many people outside," Maxwell said. "That's why I'm here... Wright, George Floyd any one of those boys couldn't been one of the kids I work with and it breaks me."

The group is marching down President street – police have blocked off part of 83 south @wjz #baltimore pic.twitter.com/Y8jXaB2oA4

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