

2025 Local News Monitoring Project

Misinformation, omission, denial and the failure to serve the public good

In 2025, GRIID conducted a study of four local daily news agencies - MLive, WOODTV8, WZZM13 & WXMI 17 - from January 1st of 2025, through the end of June 2025.

In this 6 month news study, I looked at three critical community issues:

- The Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Climate Change/Environmental Justice
- Public Safety/GRPD

I tracked these three themed news stories from the online portals of each of the four news agencies. All of the hyperlinks to those stories are part of Appendix #1. In addition to monitoring all of these stories, I monitored the sources used in each story, the racial and gender make up of the sources used (only for TV stories) and how the stories were framed. All of this data is included in Appendix #2.

For the Public Safety/GRPD stories that I monitored, I also tracked images of crime suspects that appeared on the three local TV stations, which I include as part of Appendix #3

What follows is a breakdown of each of the three critical community issues that I monitored, with some content analysis.

Monitoring local news media is an important tactic that can help us all think about what kind of information we are receiving. The way stories are reported (or not reported) can influence public opinion, just as the sources that are used and the way local news stories are framed.

It is true that we live in an information saturated world, but what is different about local news media is that they might be the only sources of information we have access to regarding what is happening in our community. Understanding this fact can help us see the tremendous responsibility local news agencies have to serve what the Federal Communications Commission refers to as, “serving the public interest.

In addition, it is important that we not just focus on individual news stories and what they mean. What media analysis have been saying for years is that we need to pay attention to the cumulative effect of coverage around issues like policing, public education, and climate change.

Summary of Findings

- The local news media primarily rely on sources from systems of power and privilege - the courts, the GRPD, GRPS administrators, instead of utilizing more community based sources for stories.
- Crime coverage dominates local news coverage and takes priority over public education and Climate Change.
- Local news coverage of the issues monitored in this study, received superficial reporting, with very little investigative reporting, especially around public policy matters.
- Local TV news often reported on crime using suspect images, which were disproportionately images of BIPOC people, thus perpetuating racist stereotypes. See Appendix #3.
- Despite the fact that the first half of 2025 was one of the hottest on record, in the 9 local news stories that deal with extreme heat and extreme weather, only **once** were the words Climate Change used.
- A disproportionate amount of crime/community safety coverage also centered around the courts, especially since there was the before, during and after coverage for the trial of former GRPD cop Christopher Schurr, who shot and killed Patrick Lyoya. The total number of crime/community safety stories was 432, with 199 of them related to Patrick Lyoya’s death and the Schurr trial.

Local News Coverage of the Grand Rapids Public Schools

Over the first 6 months of 2025, there were a total of 31 stories related to the the Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS). Here is a breakdown by news agency:

MLive - 18 stories
WOODTV8 - 7 stories
WZZM13 - 2 stories
WXMI17 - 4 stories

MLive not only had the most stories about the GRPS, they did the best job out of the four news agencies monitored. The three local TV stations generally reported on issues like building construction, weather-related school closures or specifics programs happening in some of the GRPS schools. (See Appendix #1)

MLive did provide coverage of policy related issues, such as:

- * School performance and graduation rates
- * GRPS policies on Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) matters and whether or not they would adopt a Sanctuary policy
- * Teacher salaries and contract negotiations
- * Homeless student population
- * A Statewide Ballot Initiative
- * GRPS annual budget meeting

However, in most of the more policy related stories, MLive still relied heavily on the GRPS Superintendent, School Administrators, GRPS Board members and other GRPS spokespersons. GRPS students were only cited once and other local community members, which included the local teacher union, were cited only three times. However, the issues that these kinds of stories addressed were not covered adequately and there were too few stories that I could find that would be considered investigative. This was especially true in regards to stories that were not event specific, such as School Board meetings or the Budget hearing. Local news

agencies need to devote a great deal more time to investigate issues like the annual budget, teacher salaries, community feedback and other policy matters that the public needs to know about, especially since public money funds the Grand Rapids Public Schools. (See Appendix #2)

Local News Coverage on Climate Change

Of the three issues I monitored during the 6 month study, Climate Change received the least amount of coverage. There were only 9 related stories during the 6 month study combined for the 4 local news outlets that I monitored. Here is a breakdown of the stories by local news outlet:

MLive - 4 stories

WOODTV8 - 2 stories

WZZM13 - 2 stories

WXMI17 - 1 story

Many of the first few months of 2025 have been the hottest in recorded history, based on several of the following independent studies:

State of the climate: 2025 close behind 2024 as the hottest start to a year
<https://www.carbonbrief.org/state-of-the-climate-2025-close-behind-2024-as-the-hottest-start-to-a-year/#:~:text=The%20first%20three%20months%20of%202025%20have%20been%20unusually%20warm,shown%20in%20the%20figure%20below.>

Yale Climate Connections report for January 2025
<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2025/02/unexpectedly-january-2025-was-earths-hottest-january-on-record/#:~:text=NASA%20also%20rated%20January%202025%20as%20the,best%20estimate%20for%20when%20preindustrial%20temperatures%20occur red.>

Yale Climate Connections report for May 2025
<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2025/06/may-2025-was-the-planets-second-warmest-on-record/>

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None of the data reflected in these climate reports are communicated in the local news coverage besides one story on WZZM 13, which aired on January 9th. (See Appendix #1) The channel 13 story centered on the research of a GVSU Professor, which not only provided solid data, good sourcing, and the using a local expert.

Unfortunately, out of the 9 stories about climate related extreme weather, only once were the words “Climate Change” ever used, which happened to be the same channel 13 story. So few stories about extreme weather and only one story that uses the words “Climate Change” are a kind of climate denial. In this case the denial is not that Climate Change doesn’t exist, but it is denial by omission. When news agencies choose to not report on Climate Change it becomes a form of denial.

Equally important is that the lack of coverage doesn’t contribute to greater public awareness or increased community action to address Climate Change at the local level. The lack of coverage also means that the communities most impacted by Climate Change, specifically BIPOC communities, is not being addressed, despite the significant human rights consequences.

Local News Coverage on Public Safety/GRPD

Summary of Findings

Compared to GRPS and Climate Change coverage, policing, the courts and public safety coverage dominated the 6 month local news study.

A disproportionate amount of crime/community safety coverage also centered around the courts, especially since there was the before, during and after coverage for the trial of former GRPD cop Christopher Schurr, who shot and killed Patrick Lyoya. The total number of crime/community safety stories was 432, with 199 of them related to Patrick Lyoya's death and the Schurr trial.

The local news primarily relied on the GRPD, Judges, and Lawyers as sources in public safety related stories.

There were very few stories that were investigative around policing and the courts, which could be understood that the local news internalizes and normalizes the values of those institutions.

There were a total of 9 stories that local news reported on the All Access GRPD TV Show, with no investigation or critique of what that show was designed to communicate to the public.

Out of the 433 stories that were about the GRPD, the courts or public safety matters, only once was there a story where the GRPD prevented a crime or violence.

As has already been noted, crime coverage, the GRPD and the courts dominate local news coverage and almost always from the perspective of those institutions. This has been a pattern during the last 25 years that I have been monitoring the local news.

What was different in this study, was the amount of coverage around the trial of former GRPD officer Christopher Schurr, who shot and killed Patrick

Lyoya in 2022. As noted in the Summary of nearly half of the crime/courts/public safety stories were devoted to the Schurr trial, before, during and after, with 191 out of 433 stories.

The 4 local daily commercial news agencies that I have been tracking have in the past 2 weeks spent a great deal of time reporting on the upcoming trial for ex-cop Christopher Schurr. I want to look at the number of stories, who may have initiated the coverage, the sources used, the omissions and what narratives these stories have created.

Amount of local news coverage

The number of stories varies regarding the coverage for the upcoming trial of Christopher Schurr, but the amount of stories reflects the larger political tension that exists in Grand Rapids over those that unconditionally support the GRPD and those who have been calling for greater police accountability, the defunding of the GRPD, even the abolition of policing. At the end of this post, I am including a link to all 46 stories that the 4 local news agencies collectively ran in the past two weeks.

MLive – 24 stories

WOODTV8 – 8 stories

WZZM 13 – 11 stories

WXMI 17 – 3 stories

Who initiated these stories?

Most of the news stories that have been generated over the past 2 weeks regarding the upcoming trial of Christopher Schurr for killing Patrick Lyoya has either been about the just selection and process or stories that came from either the legal team defending Schurr or the lawyer representing the Lyoya family. Of the non-jury stories generated, there were more stories that were initiated by the legal team representing Schurr than there were stories initiated by the lawyer representing the Lyoya family or community groups like the NAACP.

The legal team representing Schurr was definitely on the offensive with their own public statements and Press Releases, with MLive being the

primary news agency to generate stories based on Schurr's legal team. Here are several examples from MLive:

Former Grand Rapids officer's state of mind, not Patrick Lyoya's, focus of murder trial

Will ex-police officer testify at his own murder trial in Patrick Lyoya's killing?

Judge bars Taser demonstration at Grand Rapids police officer's murder trial

Former police officer accused in Lyoya killing wants U.S. Supreme Court to hear civil case

Christopher Schurr's attorneys experienced in police defense, high-profile cases

Ex-Grand Rapids officer seeks gag order for Patrick Lyoya's family, attorney in civil case

The lawyer representing the Lyoya family, the Kent County Prosecuting attorney and community groups demanding justice for Patrick Lyoya initiated fewer stories combined compared to the legal team of ex-cop Schurr.

Sources used in the coverage leading up to Schurr's trial

Considering that there were more stories initiated by the legal team for Schurr, it is no surprise that those lawyers were the primary sources used over the past 2 weeks of coverage. There were just a few times that local news consumers would hear from the lawyer representing the Lyoya family, very few stories with comments from the Kent County Prosecutor's office and only 3 times out of 46 stories I tracked during the past 2 weeks where community voices were included.

There were also several stories that included what the news media often referred to as "experts." Here are some examples:

Police experts clash over Patrick Lyoya's killing as ex-officer's trial nears

De-escalation expert explains actions former officer Christopher Schurr took before deadly shooting of Patrick Lyoya

SCHURR TRIAL: What to expect from jury selection to closing arguments

New story omissions and narratives

While there might have been 46 stories created regarding the upcoming trial of Schurr, there have been two things that stand out. **First**, the local news media missed opportunities to do a deeper dive or investigation into issues like whether or not the racial make up of juries will have any influence in the outcome of this trial. See the recent report, **Race and the Jury**, from the Equal Justice Initiative.

The local news also could have created stories by talking with people and organizations in the community that have been organizing fund raisers for the Lyoya family, marches, protests, even those who have been arrested by the GRPD for demanding justice for Patrick Lyoya.

Second, most of the 46 stories generated stories over the past two weeks have been recycling the same narratives about the GRPD killing of Patrick Lyoya some 3 years ago. This recycling of story narratives is a disservice to the public and it disproportionately reflects a bias that favors the GRPD and how policing is done in Grand Rapids. If I was someone who hadn't already formed an opinion about what happened the day that Schurr shot Lyoya in the back of the head, I would mostly likely be swayed by the most recent pre-trial coverage.

Once the Schurr trial had begun, I wrote a series of series of articles on the GRIID blog, that also centered aspects of the trial that the local news media either did not address or addressed in a superficial manner. Here are those GRIID blog posts:

As the jury prepares to render their decision in the Schurr trial, why is there so little attention around police killing civilians and cop convictions? <https://griid.org/2025/05/05/as-jury-prepares-to-render-their-decision-in-the-schurr-trial-why-is-there-so-little-attention-around-police-killing-civilians-and-cop-convictions/>

Responses to the mistrial of ex-cop Schurr who killed Patrick Lyoya – Part I <https://griid.org/2025/05/11/responses-to-the-mistrial-of-ex-cop-schurr-who-killed-patrick-lyoya-part-i/>

Responses to the mistrial of ex-cop Schurr in the death of Patrick Lyoya – Part II <https://griid.org/2025/05/12/responses-to-the-mistrial-of-ex-cop-schurr-in-the-death-of-patrick-lyoya-part-ii/>

Responses to the mistrial of ex-cop Schurr in the death of Patrick Lyoya – Part III <https://griid.org/2025/05/13/responses-to-the-mistrial-of-ex-cop-schurr-in-the-death-of-patrick-lyoya-part-iii/>

Chief Winstrom is now saying that Patrick Lyoya was killed because the GRPD was understaffed <https://griid.org/2025/05/15/42056/>

There are reasons why the Kent County Prosecutor will not re-charge Schurr for murdering Patrick Lyoya <https://griid.org/2025/05/22/there-are-reasons-why-the-kent-county-prosecutor-will-not-re-charge-schurr-for-murdering-patrick-lyoya/>

Mayor and City Manager statement after County Prosecutor's decision to not re-charge Schurr for the killing of Patrick Lyoya praises the GRPD and wants lawful and civil responses from the community <https://griid.org/2025/05/26/mayor-and-city-manager-statement-after-county-prosecutors-decision-to-not-re-charge-schurr-for-the-killing-of-patrick-lyoya-praises-the-grpd-and-wants-lawful-and-civil-responses-from-the-comm/>

I include these articles because they communicate two things. First, these articles demonstrate the reality that local commercial news agencies don't question systems and institutions of power. In fact, I would argue that they begin with the premise that the GRPD and the local courts are both necessary and provide essential services to the residents of Kent Count. The other conclusion to draw is that it underscores the point that when commercial news agencies don't hold power accountable, the public needs other sources and other news or news analysis sources, especially around critical issues like public safety.

Appendix #1

GRPD/Community Safety 2025

MLive

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Climate Change stories 2025

MLive

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<https://www.mlive.com/weather/2025/06/dangerously-hot-weather-ahead-feels-like-temperatures-will-soar-to-100.html>

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WOODTV8

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Appendix #2

GRPS Coverage

MLive

Focus of the story:

GRPS Zoo School closes because of water issues
Follow up story saying the water issue was resolved
GRPS schools listed in lowest performing schools report
GRPS immigration/ICE policy
Teacher shortage in MI
GRPS and Sanctuary
GRPS Teacher Salaries
Summary of GRPS state of the School address
GRPS renames school after first Black teacher
School graduation rates
New school design revealed
New school design revealed 5 take aways
GRPS teacher resigns
Data on how much GRPS spends on instruction
Ballot initiative to tax wealthiest
College destinations for GRPS students
GRPS students that are homeless
GRPS Board approved budget

Sources:

GRPS Spokesperson - 10
GRPS student - 1
Movimiento Cosecha - 1
GRPS School Board members - 2
Urban Core Collective organizer - 1
GREA - 1
MEA - 1
Superintendent Roby - 3
State Rep. - 2
Architect - 1
GRPS teacher - 1
Michigan Education Justice Coalition - 1
Student Advocacy Center of Michigan - 1

Framing:

Announcement of what happened
Follow up story saying the water issue was resolved
Listing schools from GRPS on the list, but with little analysis
Don't question the GRPS position and nothing about GR RR
A more investigative piece, but could use verification around GRPS claims
Fairly balanced around the effort to make GRPS a sanctuary district
Both sides, but no real investigation of larger context of teacher pay issues
No questioning or verification of Dr. Roby's statements
Summary of the school renaming
Overview of district graduation rates, GRPS was one of the few with a decrease
Based on Press Release
What GRPS said
Teacher said, but very limited and no exploration of the claims made
Both sides of this issue on funds for instruction
OK piece on statewide ballot initiative
Fluff piece
Mostly data about homeless students, with little analysis
GRPS Admin said

Total stories - 18

WOODTV8

Focus of the story:

GRPS closing because of weather
State of GRPS event
GRPS renames school after first Black teacher
GRPS plans for Aberdeen school
New school design revealed
GRPS teacher had sex with student
New building construction at GRPS

Sources:

GRPS Superintendent - 2
GRPS Principal - 1
GRPS student - 1
GRPS Administration - 1

Representation:

BF - 2

BM - 1
LM - 1
WM - 1

Framing:
School closing
What the GRPS had to say
What the GRPS had to say
What the GRPS had to say
What the GRPS had to say
GRPS said

Total stories - 7

WZZM13

Focus of the story:

GRPS renames school after first Black teacher
GRPS Principle that uses play therapy

Sources:

GRPS Principle - 1
Therapist - 1

Representation:

WF - 2

Framing:
What the GRPS had to say
Therapist and Principle had to say

Total stories - 2

WXMI 17

Focus of the story:

GRPS Zoo school closed because of water pressure issues
State of GRPS event
GRPS renames school after first Black teacher
New school design revealed

Sources:

GRPS Spokesperson - 2
GRPS Superintendent - 1
Mayor of GR - 1
GRPS parent - 1

Representation:

BF - 1
WM - 3
WF - 1

Framing:

Announcement from GRPS
GRPS said
What the GRPS had to say
What the GRPS had to say

Total stories - 4

Climate Change Coverage

MLive

Focus of the story:

Continued drought in Michigan
Heat wave
Heat wave coming
Heat wave

Sources:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - 2
National Weather Service - 2

Framing:

Lots of data, with no mention of Climate Change
Data, with no mention of Climate Change
Lots of data, with no mention of Climate Change
Suggestions for staying cool,

Total # of stories - 4 with no mention of Climate Change

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Economic Development Corp on tour for Earth month
Extreme heat

Sources:

Business owner - 1
MEDC - 1
National Weather Service - 1

Representation:

WF - 2

Framing:

Business perspective for Earth Day
Data, but no mention of Climate Change

Total # of stories - 2

WZZM 13

Focus of the story:

Climate Change is impacting Michigan
Extreme heat

Source:

GVSU professor - 1
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - 1
National Weather Service - 1

Representation:

WM - 1

Framing:

Fairly informative story, even acknowledges that Climate Change might be impacting
LA fires

Data, but no mention of Climate Change

Total # of stories - 2

WXMI 17

Focus of the story:

What Mel Trotter is doing for unhoused people during heat wave

Sources:

Mel Trotter spokesperson - 1

Representation:

Framing:

Centered on charity services, but no mention of Climate Change

Total # of stories - 1

GRPD/Public Safety Coverage

MLive

Focus of the story:

Attempted bank robbery
Late night shooting with teen injured
Woman in court for possession of gun
Man who attempted bank robbery
Man sentence for bringing gun to graduation
Baby injured in gunshot case in GR
Winstrom claiming conspiracy in homicide case
Man charged in the shooting of 3 year old
Man sentenced in death of 2 year old
Mom charged with killing her children
Mom admits to attempted murder of children
Mom charged in house fire denied bond.
Woman that drowned in river believed to be suicide
Stabbing in downtown GR
Domestic assault case

Woman being evaluated for killing children
Men charged with murder go before judge
Man being charged for domestic murder
Woman who was murdered remembered by family
Man sentenced for shooting child
GRPD uses pepper balls against crowd
Suspect in court wanted to blame brother
TV show about GRPD
Man dies from car crash
Man sentenced for sexual assault
GRPD looking for help on 2023 murder case
3 years after Lyoya's death
Schurr might not speak on the stand during trial
Legal ruling on Schurr trial
Police experts weigh in on Schurr trial
Man wounded in shooting
Rep. Grant critical of GRPD TV show
Judge denied taser demo in court
Patrick Lyoya's family speaks
Schurr's lawyer concerned about jury selection because of video
Schurr wants the US Supreme Court to decide case
Profile of Schurr
Story about Patrick Lyoya
Supreme Courts denies civil case for Lyoya
Judge in Schurr trial
Video that led to death of Lyoya
Jury selection in Schurr case
Potential jurors questioned
Jury selection continues
Info about Schurr's legal team
Racial makeup of Jury
Jury completed
Stabbing at Riverside Park
Profile of Becker on Schurr trial
Video of Patrick Lyoya's death key in trial
MLive coverage of Schurr trial
MLive Editorial on Schurr trial
Schurr's lawyers want to censor Lyoya family's statements
Recap/timeline article
Protest before trial starts
Recalling what happened between Schurr and Lyoya 3 years ago
Prosecutor opening statement in Shurr trial
Jury sees photos from Lyoya killing
Witness in Schurr trial
Witness in Schurr trial
Expert witness in Schurr trial

How to watch Schurr trial
Overview of day 2 in Schurr trial
Expert witness in Schurr trial
Expert Witness in Schurr trial
Judge denies mistrial request
Prosecution rests in Schurr trial
How to watch Day 3 of Schurr trial
Number of commands Schurr gave the day he shot Lyoya
Schurr was exhausted
GRPD Captain defends Schurr at trial
How to watch Schurr trial
GRPD trainer speaks in support of Schurr
Schurr to take stand in trial
Crowd Cheers when Schurr arrives to court
Take aways from Day 4
How to watch Schurr trial Day 5
Schurr takes the stand in own trial
Lyoya family lawyer speaks
Prosecutor grills Schurr
Schurr says he feared for his life
Schurr says he gave Lyoya benefit of the doubt
Schurr wanted to tell his story
Schurr says it was self-defense
5 take aways from Schurr trial
Both sides rest in Schurr trial
Prosecution's closing statements in Schurr trial
22 witnesses in Schurr trial
Schurr's lawyer makes final statements
Judge in Schurr trial denies bias claim
Day 6 summary in Schurr trial
Jurors in deadlock in Schurr trial
Schurr lawyers use new tactic
GRPD abuses protesters
Day 7 Schurr trial summary
Schurr Trial juror still deliberates
Mother of Sterling supports Lyoya family
Day 8 take aways
Day 4 of Jury deliberations
Hung Jury
Michigan FOP said releases statement
Will Prosecutor charge Schurr again
NAACP calls for new charges against Schurr
Lyoya family demands new charges
Mayor LaGrand response to mistrial
Schurr Lawyer says majority of jurors want to acquit
Protesters hold rally after mistrial for Schurr

Day by day summary of Schurr trial
5 things we learned from Schurr trial
MLive answers questions about Schurr trial
GRPD arrests suspect in teen death
TV show helped in arrest of suspect shooting teen
Shooter ran home after killing teen
NAACP event post Schurr trial
Lyoya family is still fighting
NAACP post trial event
Man shot in NE GR
Trial for man accused of murdering wife
Trial for man accused of murdering wife
Trial for man accused of murdering wife
Trial for man accused of murdering wife
City releases statement after Schurr trial
Fraternal Order of Police statement on Schurr trial outcome
Lyoya family response to no re-charge
Becker to announce decision
Prosecutor Becker will not re-charge Schurr
How to watch Prosecutor announcement
Shooting in SE GR
Protest after Becker's no re-charge decision
Schurr lawyer comments on Schurr returning to work
Summary of response to Becker's decision
Man sentenced in shooting
Mistrial declared for man accused of killing wife
Police identify man killed in Grand Rapids shooting
A strange summary of police killings since 2020 and legal outcomes
Lyoya family press conference
MI Attorney General will not re-try Schurr
Teen injured in accident
1 shot during car meet-up
Town Hall announced by Commissioner Womack
Winstrom on car meet ups
Shooting in Southeast GR
Car meet up shooting now has suspect
Debate over changing street name after gun-violence victim
Winstrom defends cops in response to viral video
Man killed in overnight shooting
Teen girl injured in shooting
Teen girl that was shot has died
Man fatally shot in SE GR
Winstrom trying to control narrative about the viral video of GRPD assaults
Complaint filed against the GRPD
Civil suit against Schurr
2 men on trial for shooting

Sources:

GRPD - 6
Woman sentenced - 1
Judge - 8
U.S. Attorney - 1
MI Attorney General - 1
Chief Winstrom - 12
Kent County Prosecutor - 18
Family of victim - 2
Suspect in court - 3
TV show producer - 1
Lawyer - 22
Police experts - 2
Rep. Grant - 1
Patrick Lyoya's family - 7
Potential jurors - 2
Kent County Commissioner - 6
Defense expert - 1
People demanding justice for Patrick - 5
GRPD Crime technician - 1
Witness - 4
Expert witness - 8
GRPD Cpt who took the stand - 1
GRPD trainer - 1
Schurr - 6
Schurr supporter - 1
NAACP - 1
Mayor LaGrand - 3
NAACP - 1
Community member - 1
GR City Manager - 1
Fraternal Order of Police - 1
Protester - 2
GR resident - 1
GRPS Board member - 1
Person assaulted by GRPD - 1
Office of Oversight and Public Accountability - 1

Framing:

GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said

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GRPD said
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GRPD/Courts said
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GRPD/Courts said
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GRPD said
Courts said
TV Show producer says
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD/lawyer said
Lawyers said
Lawyers said
Police experts said
GRPD said
Rep. Grant critical of GRPD TV show
Courts said
Family of victim said
Schurr's lawyer said
Schurr's lawyer said
Lawyers said
Family of Patrick said
Courts said
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Courts said
Courts said
MLive said
Lawyers said
Courts said
GRPD said
MLive said/Becker said

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MLive said
Courts said
Protester said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Michigan FOP said
Courts said
NAACP said
Lyoya family said
Mayor LaGrand said
Schurr lawyer said
Protesters for Patrick Lyoya said
Courts said
Courts said
MLive said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Announcement of event
Lyoya family said, but more space to Schurr lawyer
NAACP event post trial
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Mayor said
Fraternal Order of Police said
Lyoya family lawyer said
Prosecutor Becker said
Prosecutor Becker said
MLive said
GRPD said
Protesters said
Schurr's lawyer said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Lyoya family said
MI AG said
GRPD said
GRPD said

Announcing Town Hall
Winstrom said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Those who spoke at City Commission
Primarily GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Winstrom said
Those filing the complaint
Lyoya family lawyer said
Courts said

Total stories - 158

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Focus of the story:

Man pleads guilty to assault and murder
Woman in court for gun possession
Mail in custody for attempted bank robbery
Bike rider killed by drunk driver
Man sentenced for murder
GR City adds more funds for victims services through GRPD
Man sentence for bringing gun to graduation
Baby injured in gunshot case in GR
Winstrom claiming conspiracy in homicide case
Man charged in the shooting of 3 year old
Mom charged with killing her children
Mom admits to attempted murder of children
Man sentenced for double murder
Man back in prison after Credit Union robbery
GRPD respond to assault
Another man sentenced in robbery
Stabbing in downtown GR
Domestic assault case
Man being charged for domestic murder
Body found near Burton & East Beltline
Man will be extradited for murder
Daughter of woman killed in DV case
GRPD fentanyl seizure
GRPD fundraiser
Man charged in stabbing

People hospitalized after fight
Man sentenced for shooting child
Suspect in court wanted to blame brother
GRPD training
Hit & run
GRPD TV series
GRPD TV series
Sentencing for someone charged with drug dealing
Teacher sentenced for sexual assault
Man dies in car crash
GRPD looking for help on 2023 murder case
3 years after Lyoya's death
Crime victim awareness event
GRPD hockey game
Father won't watch GRPD TV series
Man shot and wounded in SE GR
GRPD SWAT team outside home of shooter
Man sentenced on drug charges
Will Schurr take the stand in trial
Stabbing in GR
Timeline of Schurr trial
Jury selection is biased
Jury selection begins in Schurr trial
Jury selection
Racial makeup of jury
Stabbing at Riverside Park Schurr case
Jury set in
Opening statements in Schurr trial
Expert on use of force
Day one in Schurr trial summary
Pro-Schurr supporters rally ahead of trial
Day 3 summary of Schurr trial
Witness in Schurr trial
Witness in Schurr trial
Defense has witnesses in Schurr trial
Day 3 trial summary
GRPD trainer speaks in support of Schurr
Defense experts justify Schurr actions
Schurr takes the stand
Schurr questioned by Prosecution
Updates for Day 5 of Schurr trial
2 teens shot in SE GR
Closing arguments in Schurr trial
Summary of closing arguments in Schurr trial
Jury in Schurr trial begins
Jury deliberation and GRPD arrests protester

Judge tells jurors to keep deliberating
GRPD arrests one outside Schurr trial
No decision on 3rd day of jury deliberations
Judge tells jurors to keep deliberating
Still no jury decision
Protest after Schurr mistrial
Clergy call for new trial and police reforms
No news on whether or not a new trial will happen
Expert responds to mistrial
Lyoya family responds to mistrial
Reactions from mistrial
2 community events post Schurr trial
Winstrom PR story
GRPD said and Family of victim said
GRPD seeking info on someone shot in NE GR
Shooting in SE GR
Protestor respond to Becker's decision
Becker on his decision to not re-charge
Leaders commit to police reforms
Becker makes announcement
Man sentenced for shooting at cops
Will Michigan AG retry Schurr
GRPD IDs shooting victim
Suspect returned to GR from New Mexico
Man sentenced for attempted abduction of girl
Lyoya family press conference
GRPD involved in standoff
GRPD asks for help to locate man with dementia
Teen injured in accident
Town Hall organized by Womack
1 shot with no arrests
1 year memorial for 15 year old killed in SE GR
GRPD says car gatherings are not safe
GRPS coach sexually assaulted student
Man identified in first murder of 2025
Shooting in SE GR
Man shot on 28th St dies
City Commission public hearing to consider renaming street for shooting victim
Suspect identified in recent shooting on 28th St
More on suspect in recent shooting on 28th St
Teen girls dies after shooting
Man dies after being shot in GR
Winstrom responds to viral video and response to those assaulted
Schurr faces civil trial
GRPD add LGBTQ liaison
Stabbing in GR

2 Black men on trial for 2023 shooting
Update story on stabbing, with 2 injured

Sources:

Woman in court - 2
Judge - 7
Winstrom - 17
Mayor LaGand - 2
US Attorney - 1
Family of victims - 12
GRPD - 4
Business owner - 1
Lawyer - 12
Suspect in court - 1
TV Show producer - 1
Cle Jackson NAACP - 4
Neighborhood organizer - 1
Kent County Prosecutor - 7
County Commissioner - 3
Expert - 9
Protesters - 8
GRPD Technician - 1
Pro-Schurr spokesperson - 1
Witness - 7
GRPD training captains - 2
Schurr - 2
Schurr supporter - 1
Clergy calling for police reforms - 3
GR Urban League - 1
Ned Andre - 1

Representation:

BF - 14
WM - 53
BM - 29
WF - 9
ArM - 1
AsM - 1

Framing:

GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said

GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD/family said
Courts said
GRPD/Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD/Courts said
GRPD said
Courts/GRPD said
Family said
GRPD said - unedited GRPD Press Conf. 17:43
Uncritical fluff piece/fundraiser for GRPD
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
TV Show producer
Winstrom/GRPD
Courts said
GRPD SAID
GRPD said
GRPD said, with comment from NAACP
GRPD said
GRPD said
Family of shooting victim
GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD/Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said

Courts said
Expert said
Protesters said
Courts said
Pro-Schurr people said
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GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
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Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
Clergy said
Lawyers said
Expert said
Lyoya family responds
Mistrial in Schurr trial
Lyoya supporters said
GRPD said
GRPD said and Family of victim said
GRPD said
Protesters/Mayor said
Courts said
Various responses to Becker's decision to not re-charge Schurr
GR City's response to no re-charge decision
Prosecutor said
Courts said
Becker/GR Urban League said
GRPD said
Police said
Courts said

Lyoya family & lawyer said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Comm. Womack said
GRPD said
Family of shooting victim said
Winstrom said
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Family of victim said
GRPD said
Courts said
Winstrom said
Winstrom said
Winstrom said, those assaulted
Courts said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said

Total stories - 121

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Focus of the story:

Attempted bank robbery
Student threatened while walking home from cheerleading practice
Main in custody after attempted bank robbery
Bike rider killed by drunk driver
Baby injured in gunshot case in GR
Winstrom claiming conspiracy in homicide case
Man charged in the shooting of 3 year old
Man takes plea deal in store shooting
Mom charged with killing her children
Mom admits to attempted murder of children
Man guilty of murder now paroled
Woman stabbed in SE GR
Sentencing postponed in hit & run case
Man sentenced for robbery and murder
Stabbing in downtown GR
Domestic assault case

Man being charged for domestic murder
Man being extradited for murder
Family puts billboard up for murdered son
GRPD fentanyl seizure
GRPD fluff piece
16 year old sentenced
TV show about GRPD
Winstrom praising GRPD
Man dies in car crash
GRPD looking for help on 2023 murder case
Overview of Patrick Lyoya murder
Two separate shootings in SE GR
Winstrom scolding community after 2 teens shot
Patrick's family speaks
Supreme Court rules against Schurr appeal
How to watch Schurr trial
Jury selection for Schurr trial
Jury selection for Schurr trial
Jury selection
Jury process
Jury selection concluded
De-escalation expert on Schurr killing of Lyoya
NAACP on Schurr trial and Lyoya murder
Protest on eve of Schurr Trial
Day one summary of Schurr trial
Day 3 summary of Schurr trial
Day 4 of Schurr trial with more defense witnesses
Judge denies mistrial request
Summary of Day 4 in Schurr trial
Day 5 summary in Schurr trial
Schurr takes the stand
2 teens shot in SE GR
Judge addresses jury in Schurr trial
Summary of day 6 in Schurr trial
Protest outside courthouse one arrested
Summary of Day 7
Still no decision from jurors
Protest outside trial and one arrest
Mistrial declared
GR Urban League puts out statement on mistrial
Protest after mistrial
Jury selection and mistrial
Mistrial declared
Lyoya family responds to mistrial
Suspect arrested in teen shooting
GRPD looking for info on man shot in NE GR

GRPS principal sentenced
Shooting in SE GR
Civil Rights groups demand accountability after Becker's decision
Becker will not re-charge Schurr
Mayor LaGrand response to Becker's decision
Becker on how jury outcome influenced his decision
Man sentenced for shooting
Suspect returned to GR from New Mexico
GRPD IDs shooting victim
Lyoya family press conference
GRPD involved in standoff
GRPD asking for help locating man with dementia
GR has first gun death of 2025
3 shootings over weekend
Shooting at car meetup
Shooting in SE GR
Shooting on Division & Highland
Winstrom on car meet ups
Man shot on 28th street
Suspect identified in 28th street shooting
Car meet up shooting suspect
Teen girl shot has died
30 year old man shot and killed in SE GR
Boston Square neighborhood incident
Comm. Womack responds to Winstrom on arrest of two Black activists
Schurr faces civil trial

Sources:

GRPD - 3
Chief Winstrom - 18
Student who was threatened - 1
Kent County Prosecutor - 5
GRFD - 1
Man paroled - 1
YWCA - 1
Judge - 3
Family of victim - 8
TV Show producers - 1
Schurr lawyer - 3
Local lawyer - 1
De-escalation expert - 1
NAACP spokesperson - 2
Protester - 5
Witness - 1
Expert - 6

GRPD captains in Schurr trial - 2
Defense expert - 1
Lyoya lawyer - 3
Schurr - 1
GR Urban League - 1
Mayor LaGrand - 1
Commissioner Womack - 3

Representation:

WM - 44
BF - 8
LM - 1
WF - 4
BM - 12
AsF - 1

Framing:

GRPD said
GRPD said, student said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said/Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
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GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD/YWCA/family said
Family of victim said
Unedited GRPD Press Conference
GRPD said
Courts said
TV Show Producer said
Copaganda
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said/family of victims said

GRPD said
GRPD said
Family said
Courts said
TV station said
Courts said
Lawyer said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
De-escalation expert said
NAACP said
Protesters said
Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
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Courts said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
GRPD said
Courts said
Courts said
Protest outside trial
Experts said
Urban League responds to mistrial
Protesters said
Courts said
Courts said
Lyoya family responds
GRPD says, family of victim said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
Civil Rights groups said
Prosecutor said
Mayor LaGrand said
Prosecutor said
Winstrom said
Winstrom said
GRPD said
Lyoya family said
GRPD said

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Winstrom said
Town Hall summary
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Primarily Winstrom said
Winstrom and Womack said
Courts said

Total stories - 91

WXMI 17

Focus of the story:

Attempted bank robbery
Teen shooting follow up
Mom sentenced for gun possession
Man in custody after attempted bank robbery
Bike rider killed by drunk driver
GR City adds more funds for victims services through GRPD
Man sentence for bringing gun to graduation
Baby injured in gunshot case in GR
Winstrom claiming conspiracy in homicide case
Man charged in the shooting of 3 year old
Mom charged with killing her children
Family sets up reward for info on child murdered 8 months ago
Man sentenced for robbery and murder
Domestic assault case
Woman being evaluated for killing children
Man being charged for domestic murder
Body found near Burton & East Beltline
Man being extradited for murder
Man charged in stabbing
Man sentenced for shooting child
Father wants justice for son that was shot
GRPD using pepper balls on crowd
TV show about GRPD

Promoting TV show about GRPD
Silent Observer vigil for victims of crime
Man dies in car crash
GRPD looking for help on 2023 murder case
Lawyer representing Lyoya family
GRPD breaks up hundreds of cars that gathered in parking lot
Vigil for crime victims
GRPD TV series
GRPD TV series
Two separate shootings in SE GR
Judge denies taser demo & Patrick Lyoya's father speaks
Summary of GRPD TV show
Jury Selection for Schurr trial
Jury Selection for Schurr trial
2 teens shot in SE GR
Jury deadlocked in Schurr trial
Protest after mistrial declared
Family of shooting victim grateful for suspect arrest
GRPD TV show led to suspect arrest
Mayor responds to Becker's no re-charge decision
Lyoya family lawyer responds to Becker's decision
Lyoya family civil lawsuit
Shooting in SE GR
Lyoya family press conference
GRPD asks for assistance to find man with dementia
GRPD involved in standoff
Michigan AG will not put Chris Schurr on trial
3 Shootings over weekend
GRPD standoff at Fuller
Car meet up & Town Hall
GRPS athletic volunteer charged with criminal sexual content
Man shot on 28th Street
City Commission public hearing to rename street after shooting victim
Suspect in 28th Street shooting now in custody
Car meet up shooting suspect
Teen girl shot
Man shot in SE GR
Video of GRPD using force against 2 Black organizers
Family of shooting victim holds memorial
Schurr faces civil trial

Sources:

GRPD - 3
Chief Winstrom - 9
Anti-Violence NGO spokesperson - 2

Parent/family of victim - 9
Attorney - 5
Witness - 1
TV Show producers - 1
Silent Observer - 1
Judge - 1
Law Professor - 2
Protester - 1
Activist - 2
Mayor LaGrand - 1
NAACP- 1

Representation:

WM - 18
BM - 10
BF - 9
WF - 1

Framing:

GRPD said
GRPD said, parent said, NGO spokesperson said
Court said
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Courts said
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Family of victim said
Courts said
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Courts/victim's family said
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TV Show producer said
GRPD said/copaganda
Silent Observer

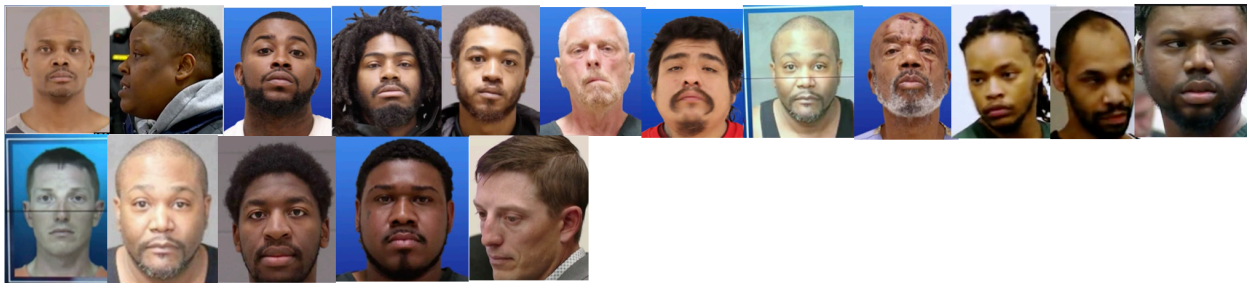
GRPD said
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Lawyer said
GRPD said
Family of victims
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said
Courts said
GRPD said
Legal expert said
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GRPD said
Courts said
Protester said
Victim's family said
GRPD said
LaGrand said
Lyoya family lawyer said
Legal expert said
GRPD said
Lyoya family said
GRPD said
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Michigan AG said
GRPD said
GRPD said
GRPD said, with a brief summary of the Town Hall
GRPD said
GRPD said
Family of victim said
GRPD said
GRPD said
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GRPD said
Family of shooting victim said
Courts said
Total stories - 63

Appendix #3

Every time that the local news media used an image of a crime suspect in their coverage during the first 6 months of 2025, I captured that image, just so you could see which faces appeared.

When it came to the Christopher Schurr trial, I did not capture his image for every story, as there would have been dozens from each TV station in Grand Rapids.

WOODTV8 Crime suspect images for 2025



WZZM13 Crime suspect images for 2025



WXMI 17 Crime suspect images for 2025

