

Letter to the Editor

More Black Men die than Cop:

Editor,

In response to the letters in ³Let The Public Speak² on March 24, I would like to say that I am also outraged by the murder of police officers. But Don Waltenspiel seems to want to keep all prisoners locked up forever. Chris Bates displays no outrage over the police killing of an unarmed, 22 year old black man lying face down on concrete. The president of the Sonoma County Sheriffs Assoc. offers

Statistics on the dangers of police work, but he could have mentioned that according to most surveys, police work is not among the Ten Most Dangerous Professions.

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