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TEYONNA LOFTON, USA

**SHOT WHILE
WAITING
OUTSIDE OF A
GAS STATION**

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Teyonna Lofton, 18, graduated from high school the morning of May 31, 2020. She spent much of the day watching celebratory car parades and taking pictures with family. Excited to start college at Louisiana State University in the fall, Teyonna is a proud graduate and Vice President of the Honor Society of Chicago's Perspectives Leadership Academy. On the evening of May 31st, Teyonna decided to go out to get something to drink from a local gas station around the corner from her home. Due to COVID-19, the gas station had locked its doors and were allowing only one customer at a time. A line of patrons stood socially-distanced outside the store.



Security footage from the gas station shows a white vehicle driving onto the scene and an individual opening fire on the customers who were waiting in line. As people hit the ground, you can see Teyonna had been shot. The bullet ruptured a main artery in her left arm. Teyonna repeatedly called the police, but they hung up and no one came to the scene. She managed to reach her mother who drove her to a nearby hospital. Teyonna underwent numerous surgeries to treat her injuries and is in therapy to learn how to use her hand again. The recovery will likely push off her college plans but she is determined to attend in the near future. With medical bills mounting, this Chicago teen wants answers.

It's Teyonna's mission to ensure that her community receives the help it needs to prevent shootings like this in the future. She's channeled her advocacy through [BRAVE Youth Leaders](#), a violence prevention youth council of the Fatih Community of Saint Sabina whose mission it is to cultivate leaders and develop youth into leaders and agents of social justice.

Demand victim's compensation for Teyonna.

WRITE TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Tell him to provide Teyonna with the victim's compensation she is owed.

State Attorney General Kwame Raoul
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Attn: Crime Victim Services Division
100 West Randolph Street, 13th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Email: [cservices\[at\]atg.state.il.us](mailto:cservices[at]atg.state.il.us)

Twitter: @KwameRaoul

Salutation: Dear Attorney General Raoul

LET TEYONNA KNOW YOU CARE

Send her a message to let her know that you're thinking of her - we'll collect the messages through the Saint Sabina Church in Chicago.

Teyonna Lofton
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