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Henry Glover was last seen alive in the backseat of a white Chevy Malibu on Sept. 2, 2005, just days after Hurricane Katrina hit. Curled up and bleeding from a gunshot wound to the chest, Glover had been rushed to a temporary SWAT compound in the Algiers section of New Orleans by his brother Edward and a good samaritan, hoping to get medical attention from the police.

“When I got there, I thought they was going to help us,” Edward King says. “But all I hear is, ‘Get out the car, get out the car.’ So I’m hollering: ‘My brother’s shot. He’s shot.’ The first thing they did was put us in handcuffs. And I’m like: ‘Why? We’re coming for help.’” Glover would soon die. Later, his charred remains would be discovered on the banks of the Mississippi River, inside a car that had apparently been set on fire. The man who found the grisly scene tells FRONTLINE, “The magnitude of the way [that car] was destroyed, it was telling a story.”

Beginning with the death of Henry Glover, *Law & Disorder* digs deep into a number of incidents in which police shot civilians in the aftermath of Katrina, raising new questions about the actions of police officers—and their command structure—during the aftermath of the catastrophe.

“What happened here in the days after Katrina would call into question whether the mayor and others helped create a climate in which the police felt justified in taking extreme measures to regain control over the city, ultimately setting this chain of events in motion that has completely turned the New Orleans Police Department upside down,” says correspondent A.C. Thompson, whose initial investigation of Henry Glover’s death sparked the federal probe back in late 2008.

The Glover probe, which now involves charges of murder, obstruction of justice and civil rights violations, is one of at least eight ongoing federal investigations into the NOPD. Most involve police actions in the days after the storm, including the Danziger Bridge shooting, in which police shot six civilians, killing two. Five current and former officers have pleaded guilty to federal charges in connection with the Danziger case thus far, and more charges are expected.

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