Two-year scorecard of Panther casualties

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This chronology is not complete; on December 5, Charles Garry, who has represented the Panthers in a number of legal cases, told newsmen that since January 1, 1969, 28 members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) had been killed by police. The attached chronology lists but 12 Panthers killed and 12 wounded since October 28, 1967. During the same period, three policemen were reportedly killed by Panthers and 24 wounded or injured in confrontations with members of the BPP.

1969

DECEMBER 8—Los Angeles: police raid Black Panther Party (BPP) Headquarters; 3 Panthers, 3 police wounded; 21 arrested at three locations in coordinated raid; $20,000 bail on 2 arrestees. Other arraignments in progress.
DECEMBER 5—Kansas City: 4 Panthers arrested after they "attempted to force" their way into Chief of Police press conference.
DECEMBER 5—Chicago: Bobby Rush apartment raided by police with warrant,
DECEMBER 6—Rush arrested for failure to register firearm.
DECEMBER 4—Chicago: 2 Panthers, Illinois Chairman Fred A. Hampton, and Peoria leader Mark

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Clark, killed in police raid on Hampton's apartment; 4 Panthers and 2 policemen wounded in what newspapers described as a "shootout." With warrant police seize 20 weapons. (This was the fifth such armed fight in six months.) 21 weapons, ammunition seized.
DECEMBER 3—Oakland: David Hilliard, national chief of staff, arrested for allegedly threatening life of President Nixon on November 15 at Vietnam Moratorium. Hilliard is ranking Panther officer remaining out of jail.

NOVEMBER 13—Chicago: 1 Panther, 2 police killed; 1 Panther, 8 police wounded in "shootout."
SEPTEMBER 20—Los Angeles: BPP member Wally Ray Pope killed by LAPD officer after Pope allegedly fired first at police.
SEPTEMBER 17—Chicago: Allen Holmes, national field secretary, arrested for murder of California Highway patrolman September 8.
SEPTEMBER 4—San Diego: Police raid BPP headquarters, ostensibly for murder suspect, Panther official Ronald Freeman, who was not there; 14 weapons, ammunition seized.
AUGUST 29—Berkeley: Police plans to raid BPP headquarters revealed by David Hilliard. Plan "part of the nationwide Nixon attempt to cut the head off the BPP"—Hilliard.
AUGUST 27—New Haven: Bobby Seale indicted for murder of Alex Rackley on May 21.
AUGUST 21—New York: 7 BPP members arrested for rioting, assault (on fireman and police); held on bail up to $50,000.
JULY 31—Chicago: Police raid BPP headquarters; 3 members arrested for attempted murder, aggravated assault, resisting arrest after 30-minute gun battle. Headquarters destroyed, 3 Panthers slightly wounded, held on $15,000-$20,000 bail; 4 policemen wounded; 6 weapons seized.
JULY 3—Santa Ana: District Attorney drops murder charge against Daniel M. Lymen, BPP lieutenant, in shooting of officer. Lymen held since June 5.
JUNE 6—Sacramento: Police use tear gas to raid BPP headquarters for sniper; no sniper; mayor (6/18/60) condemns wanton destruction of food and property.
JUNE 18—Denver: Police raid apartment, recover 32 stolen rifles.
JUNE 15—San Diego: During racial disturbance, police shoot way into BPP headquarters claiming snipers took refuge; no snipers arrested.
JUNE 10—Chicago: Grand Jury indicts 16 Panthers on charges from conspiracy to kidnap to illegal use of weapons.
JUNE 9—Chicago: Raid nets 11 Panthers on marijuana charge.
JUNE 7—Indianapolis: During race riot, police raid BPP headquarters, arrest 30 (Bruckson).
JUNE 6—Salt Lake City: Panther headquarters raid; another New Haven fugitive arrested.
JUNE 5—Denver: Using tear gas, police raid BPP headquarters, arrest 10; 2 held on federal war-

rants charging flight to avoid prosecution in New Ha[illegible] released.
JUNE 4—Detroit: Police raid BPP headquarters; warrant (indictment) denied on Anita Hartman, office worker, [illegible] possession of stolen goods; 2 others also freed.
JUNE 3—Chicago: [illegible] arrests 8 for harboring New Haven fugitive (not present); charges dismissed; agents confiscate money, membership lists, literature.
MAY 22—New Haven: 8 Panthers arrested for murder, subsequently indicted with 4 other Panthers, for kidnapping and attempted murder in coordinated police raids.
MAY 1—Los Angeles: Police raid Panther headquarters, seize weapons, arrest 11 on "false imprisonment" charge. All 11 released without charges being brought.
APRIL 28—San Francisco: Using tear gas, police raid BPP headquarters arrest 16, book 4 for "illegal use of sound equipment," release 12.
APRIL 11—Chicago: Nathaniel Junior, field secretary; and 1 other Panther, arrested by federal officers on federal firearms statute.
APRIL 2—New York: 21 persons identified by police as Black Panthers charged with conspiracy to blow up stores and public buildings, police station. Bail set at $100,000 each.
MARCH 25—San Francisco: Police visit "deserted Black Panther Party pad" after Party moves out; find instructions for making Molotov cocktails.

1968

DECEMBER 1—Jersey City: BPP headquarters firebombed; Panthers blame "2 white men in police-style uniforms."
NOVEMBER 28—Jersey City: Panthers arrested, bail set at $10,000, for carrying concealed weapons.
NOVEMBER 19—San Francisco: 8 Panthers arrested for shooting 3 police officers; charges against 7 dismissed; one of 7 charged with robbery of service station.
NOVEMBER 13—Oakland: 3 Panthers (Reginald Forte, Sherwin Forte, John Sloan) charged with attempted robbery of policeman.
SEPTEMBER ?—Denver: Colorado chairman of BPP cleared of arson charge. No evidence.
SEPTEMBER 12-13—Denver: alleged sniper killed; second Panther arrested on sniping charges. Pending.
SEPTEMBER 12-13—Denver: Police with warrant arrest 7 juveniles, 3 adults on contributing charges; adults freed by juveniles' failure to testify.
SEPTEMBER 12-13—Denver: 40 persons, including 7 Panthers, arrested in wake of shootout. One dead, "several injured including 3 police officers." Senate, 4323.
AUGUST 8—Los Angeles: 4 Panthers included among 8 arrested after firing seven shots at police.
AUGUST 5—Los Angeles: 3 Panthers killed when stopped by cruising squad car; 2 police uninjured in "shootout." One Panther escaped, later surrendered.
APRIL 6—Oakland: Cleaver, Hilliard, 6 others charged with attempted murder of 2 Oakland policemen. Charges dropped by district attorney. Bobby Hutton, Black Panther minister of finance, killed by police. Charles E. Bursey sentenced 1-15 years for attempted murder and assault on two wounded officers (8/29/69); Warren Wells guilty of assault, not guilty of attempted murder.
FEBRUARY 25—Berkeley: Bobby and Artie Seale arrested in home without warrant. Charge of "conspiracy to commit murder" against Seale dropped. January 21, 1969—arrests ruled illegal (for conspiracy to riot); 4 others also arrested in auto near Seale home after police claim neighbor neard of plot to murder; charges dismissed against two; other 2 dead.
JANUARY 16—San Francisco: police raid home, without warrant, of Eldridge Cleaver.

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OCTOBER 28—Police officer John Frey killed in shootout, another officer wounded. Huey Newton, BPP organizer, subsequently convicted of voluntary manslaughter; case on appeal.