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The Real Heroes of Ferguson

Did you hear about the four black men, armed to the teeth, who pulled up to a white-owned gas station in Ferguson, Missouri, a week ago? They weren't there to join the rioters, who burned and looted stores and vehicles up and down the streets that night. No, they were there to [protect the gas station](#) from the vandals.

One of the men, who was identified only as "R.J.," explained the reason for the men's actions. He said the owner, Doug Merello, had given many of them jobs over the years. "He's a nice dude," R.J. said. "He's helped a lot of us."



Merello said how grateful he was for the men's actions: "We would have been burned to the ground many times over it if weren't for them," as were many of the black-owned businesses nearby.

In fact, one of the saddest images from the riots was that of [Natalie DuBose](#), a black single mother with two children who begged the rioters to spare her cake shop. "If I can't open my doors every morning, I can't feed my kids in the evening," she said. "Just don't burn my shop down. Don't destroy it." Sadly, her appeal was ignored and her shop was vandalized.

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But those four armed guardians were just one example of genuine heroism that has taken place in Ferguson ever since a grand jury found that there was not enough evidence to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown, Jr.

In fact, among the people who demonstrated extraordinary courage and integrity in Ferguson, you have to include the 12 members of that grand jury. The nine whites and three blacks who comprised it conducted their investigation in the midst of an incredible media fish bowl. They heard hundreds of hours of testimony by more than 50 witnesses, including some who claimed they saw Wilson shoot Brown in the back or while he had his hands in the air and was trying to surrender.

Other eyewitnesses, including several blacks, contradicted these inflammatory charges. So did three different autopsy reports, which proved that Brown had not been shot in the back.

Yes, I think those 12 grand jury members deserve our commendation for calmly and courageously doing their duty. So do the half-dozen black witnesses who confirmed that Brown attacked police officer Wilson.

We should also praise Wilson for the way he has handled himself in these incredibly trying circumstances. The beleaguered police officer has seen his career destroyed. Fearing for his life, he had to flee his home and go into hiding. Then, over the weekend, he faced the inevitable and resigned from the Ferguson police force.

In his letter of resignation, Wilson wrote, "I have been told that my continued employment may put the



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residents and police officers in the City of Ferguson at risk, which is a circumstance that I cannot allow.” He said he hoped his departure will help calm the community.

Maybe it will, but not if Al Sharpton has anything to do with it. The racist agitator is still trying to stir things up in Ferguson. His latest demand is that Wilson be indicted on federal charges. “I believe justice will come,” he proclaimed.

Hey, Al, what about the poor blacks who’ve seen their businesses and jobs destroyed by the rioters you’ve encouraged? What about justice for them?

And can we hope that maybe someday there will be justice for “witnesses” who lie — and the agitators who encourage them?

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

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