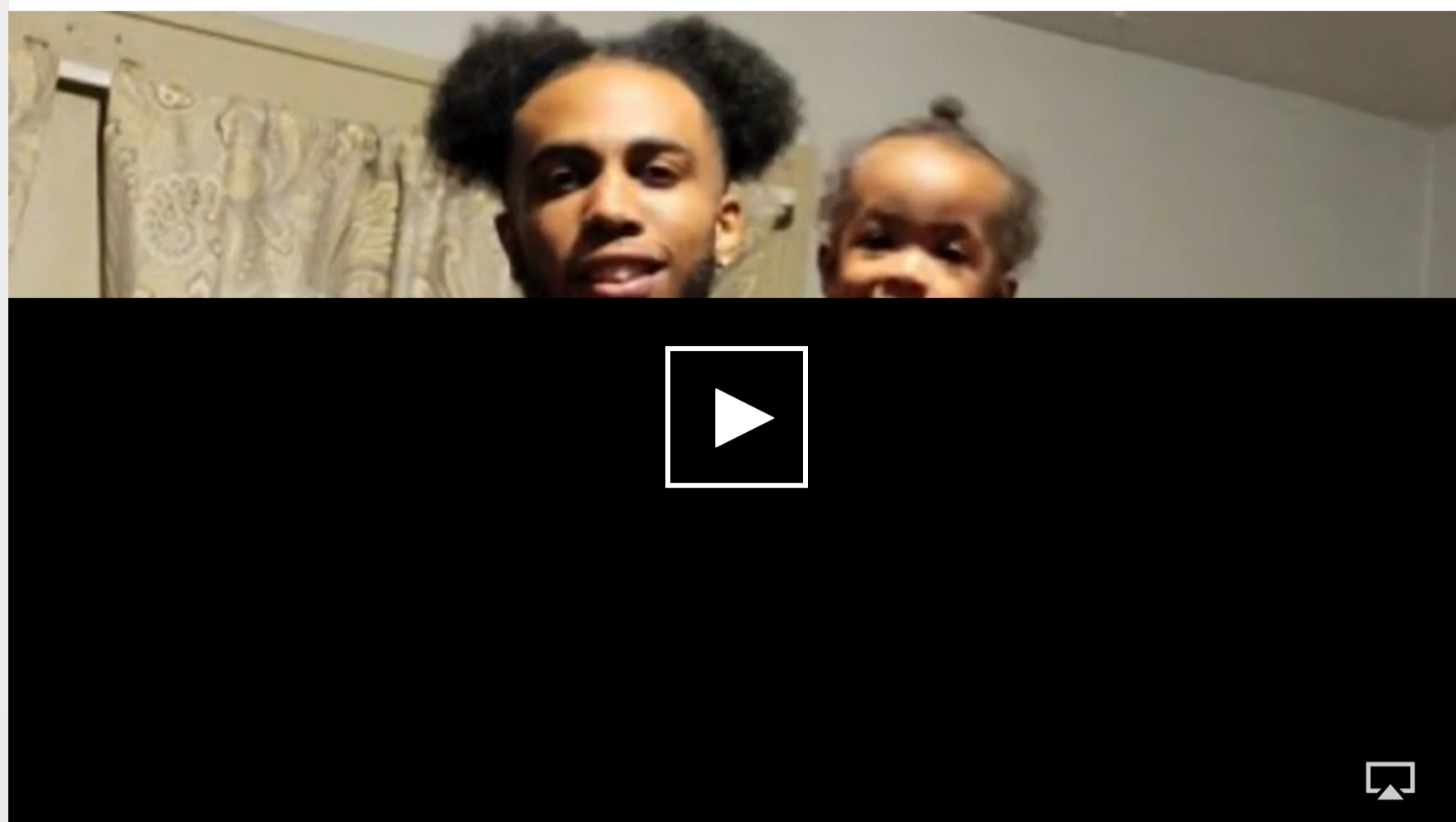


# Activists rally around family after 21-year-old father of two is gunned down

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Nazeer Winton, 21, was shot and killed Sunday night in southeast Columbus. (Family of Nazeer Winton)

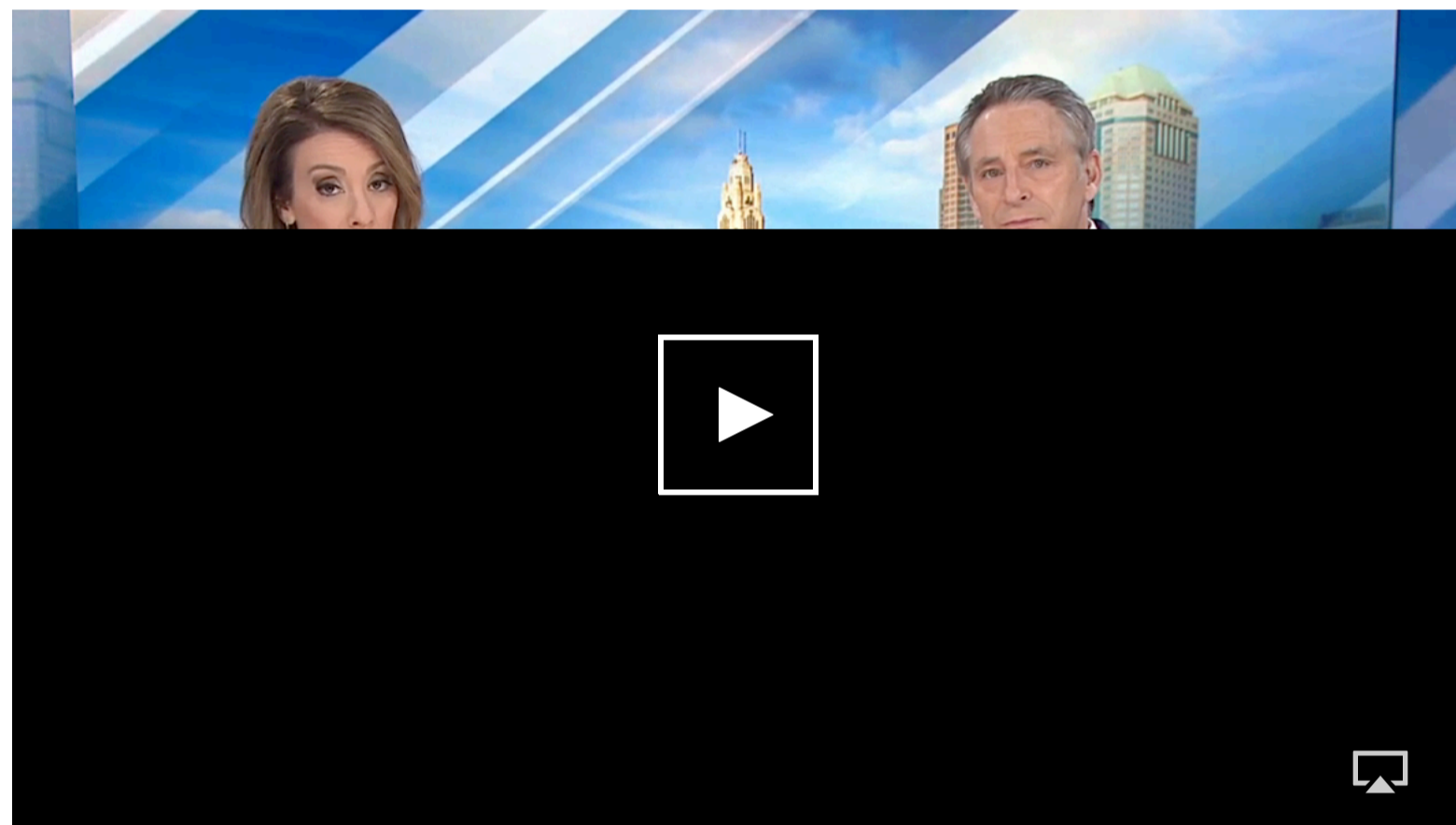
COLUMBUS, Ohio (WSYX) — A young father of two was gunned down last weekend as a group of activists was advocating for peace amid the violence.

**Nazeer Winton, 21**, was shot and killed steps away from his home Sunday night on Rabbit Hill lane.

Community activists have heard far too many stories of young lives that have been snatched in an instant. Many have decided they've seen enough and are stepping up to do all they can to help and make a difference in their community.

"Knowing that another child is out here fatherless is heartbreaking," Jacqueline Casimire said.

For Casimire, the mission is a personal one. She is one of the leaders of the group **Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children**. She knows firsthand the pain violence can cause for a family and an entire community.



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"This is a pain that nobody wants, especially a mother. My son left two kids of his own and it's hard for me to even see them, knowing the pain that they go through," she said.

She said her heart breaks every time another young life is cut short.

"What can be done? I'm going to say this until I'm blue in the face. We have to check out kids. We have to check on the progress of our kids. We have to know what our kids are into. When I see kids I don't mean 18 and under, I mean if your bore a child, that's your kid and you need to check on our kid. You need to be in your child's life. You need to understand what your child does. You need to understand who your child is around," Casimire said.

Not long before Winton was shot, Casimire and her group hosted an event aimed at getting kids off the streets and out of dangerous situations.

"Our children need to be taught a momentary action has a lifetime of consequences," she said.

Peace activists stress it's going to take a community approach to deal with violence.

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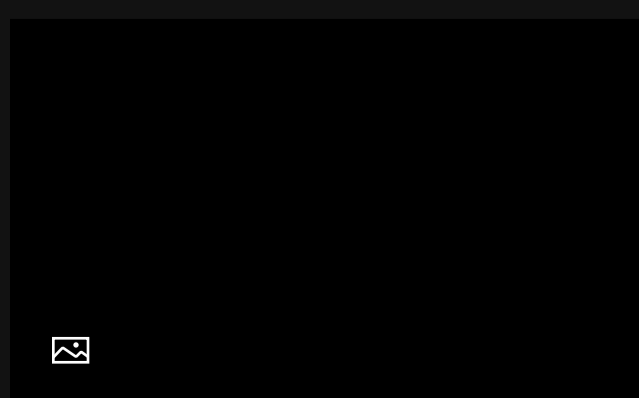


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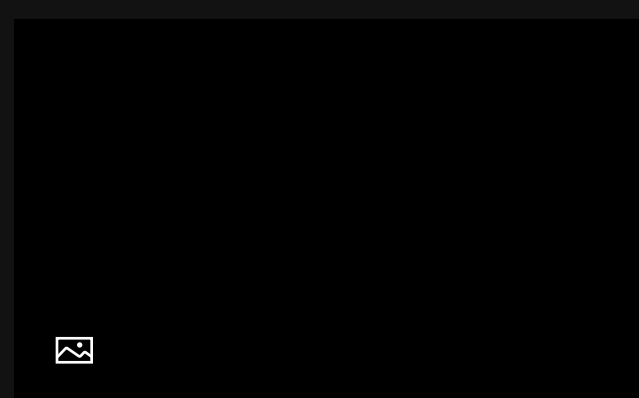
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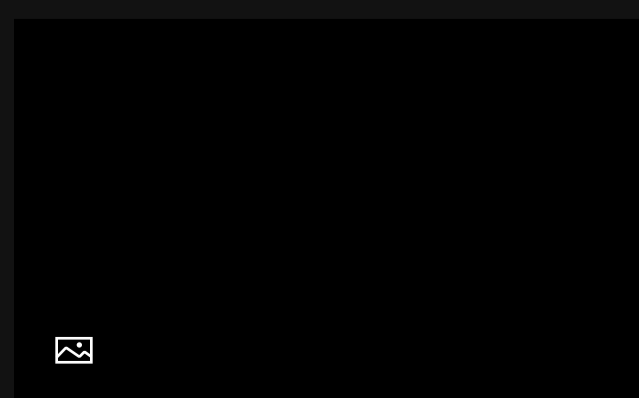
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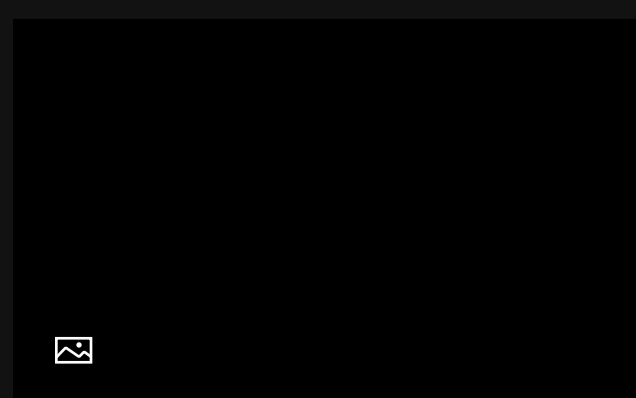
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