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Who was Keith Porter Jr.? Keith was a 43-year-old father of two living in Los Angeles.

How was Keith Porter killed by an ICE agent? Keith was celebrating New Year's Eve outside his apartment complex in Los Angeles when he was fatally shot by an off-duty ICE agent. An L.A. police department (LAPD) spokesperson said after the incident that Porter had fired gunshots into the air, something that is understood to be a form of celebrating the coming of the new year.

What happened after the murder of Keith Porter? After the shooting death of her son Porter's mother, Franceola Armstrong, spoke at a city council meeting where she recalled how her son had called her every morning to say "I love you." "Keith Porter was a wonderful soul. His heart was big," his mother said.

In a video of Porter before his death he said, "I got two beautiful young girls and I'm going to raise them the way I'm supposed to . . . I pray. I talk to God. I talk to family. Because at the end of the day, that's all I really got. But I feel rich . . . It's gonna be hard to break me, because I have a strong spirit and I grew up with a whole lot of love."

In justifying Keith Porter's murder, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesperson said the off-duty immigration officer was "forced to defensively use his weapon" while responding to an "active shooter." They further claimed that the ICE officer identified himself as law enforcement, but that Porter pointed his weapon at the ICE officer. However, witnesses present at the time dispute that version of events.

"I'm heartbroken and I know that ache will never go away," Wanda Turner, a longtime friend of Porter's family, who considered herself to be a second mother to him, said in an interview. "The officer needs to surrender and do what's right. I want him charged. Even if he thought Keith was doing something wrong, it wasn't his place to just shoot and kill him." "You took our loved one from us. You murdered our loved one, and it's not fair. It's not right," said Porter's sister, Chanita Fata.

DHS says that the LAPD is investigating the incident and that ICE's Office of Professional Responsibility is also coordinating with the police department as part of the investigation. At the time of the writing of this report, no actions have been taken against the ICE officer who killed Keith Porter Jr. and then lied about it.

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