

# Reflections on Resistance: The Community Alert Patrol and the Struggle against Police Terror

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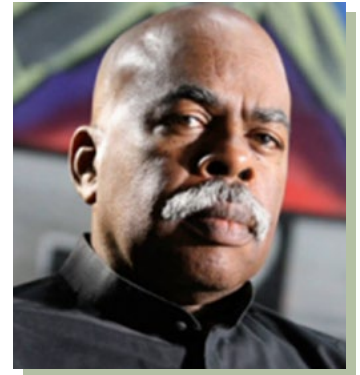
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The Community Alert Patrol began in the aftermath of the 1965 Watts Rebellion. Armed with two-way radios and an intimate knowledge of their neighborhoods, CAP worked to monitor the racist LAPD. Using the 1965 rebellion and CAP as starting points, this conversation will address community-based efforts to resist police terror from the 1960s to the present day.

[Ron Wilkins](#) has been a force in the struggle for the liberation of Black people for more than 50 years. A former member of Slauson Village, Wilkins led the first police monitoring project in California, the Community Alert Patrol. As a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Wilkins was the target of extensive police harassment and surveillance. Later, he was active in a variety of Pan-African causes, including support for the revolutions in Grenada and Zimbabwe. During the 1980s, he played a critical role in solidarity work around South Africa and Namibia. He has conducted extensive research and political work around the themes of Black/Brown unity and has produced an extensive photographic library on African people, both on the continent and throughout the diaspora.



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