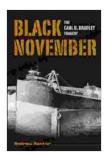
# **Black November: The Carl Bradley Tragedy**

#### Unveiling the Untold Story of a Life Lost in the Shadows of Injustice

In the annals of history, certain events stand as grim reminders of the deepseated wounds that divide our society. The Black November riots of 1967 in Detroit, Michigan, are one such instance, a chapter marked by violence, tragedy, and the loss of innocent lives.



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Amidst the turmoil, the name Carl Bradley emerged as a poignant symbol of the shattered dreams and broken promises that plagued the city. A young, promising African American man, Bradley's life was cut short at the tender age of 22, a victim of police brutality at a time when the city's racial tensions were at a boiling point.

### A City on the Brink of Disaster

Detroit in the 1960s was a city grappling with profound economic and social disparities. The city's once-thriving auto industry was in decline, leading to

widespread unemployment and poverty. African Americans, who comprised almost half the city's population, faced systemic discrimination in housing, employment, and education.

These simmering resentments had been bubbling beneath the surface for years, and a series of incidents in the summer of 1967 ignited the powder keg. On July 23, a police raid on an unlicensed after-hours club resulted in a violent confrontation with patrons, leaving several injured.

The simmering rage exploded into a full-blown riot that spread across the city. For five days and nights, Detroit was engulfed in a maelstrom of violence and looting. The National Guard was called in to quell the unrest, but the damage had already been done.

## A Fateful Night in Paradise Valley

On November 1, 1967, the final day of the riots, a group of National Guardsmen and Detroit police officers ventured into Paradise Valley, a predominantly African American neighborhood near 12th Street.

Amidst the chaos and tension, a confrontation erupted between the authorities and a group of residents. As the situation escalated, a Guardsman named Ronald August opened fire, his bullets tearing through the crowd. One of those innocent victims was Carl Bradley.

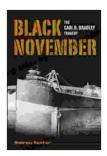
## **An Unjust Death and Its Tragic Aftermath**

Bradley was unarmed when he was shot. He had been standing on a porch with his hands raised when August's bullet struck him in the chest. His death sparked further outrage and violence, exacerbating the city's already perilous state.

In the aftermath of the riots, August was charged with murder but was later acquitted. The Bradley family was left shattered, seeking justice for their murdered son. The city of Detroit was also left with a profound wound, the scars of Black November forever etched into its collective memory.

#### Legacy of a Lost Life

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