

Media Advisory: Thursday, May 4, 2006 - Toronto, ON
Coalition hosts 2nd major rally, marking beginning of inquest

The Justice for Jeffrey Reodica Coalition (J4J) will host a peace march and rally on Saturday, May 6th, 2006 to welcome the start of the Coroners Inquest into the killing of 17-year-old Jeffrey Reodica by a plainclothes Toronto Police officer.

Participants will gather at Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queens St W) at 1:00pm. They will head north on Yonge Street by foot and bicycle towards the province's Coroners Courts (15 Grosvenor St) near Yonge & College. At approximately 2:00pm a rally will take place in front of the Coroners Courts with community groups and family members speaking out.

On May 21, 2004, several teens as young as 14, witnessed Jeffrey Reodica get shot 3 times in the back by a plainclothes officer. Witnesses attest Jeffrey was not armed.

A Coroners Inquest set to begin on Monday, May 8th, 2006 9am, Courtroom #A will look further into what exactly happened, why plainclothes officers responded to 911 calls and why Jeffrey had to be shot 3 times in the back. The inquest proceedings are open to the public and J4J encourages all to attend.

This may be one of the most controversial inquests looking into police brutality to ever take place in Ontario.

J4J is a grass roots organization consisting of concerned parents, concerned youth, local activists, and family members advocating for police accountability, civilian oversight, and better police practices when dealing with children and young people throughout the province.

May 6 also marks Jeffrey's birthday – he would have turned 19.

View the animated Flash E-Vite here: <http://reodica.com/jeff/j4jrally-evite.html>

For event details please visit Jeffrey's Memorial Website at: www.reodica.com/jeff

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