Chicago Mayor Lightfoot Calls for End to Police Foot Chase after Police Killed 13-Year Old Boy, New Video Shows He May Have Dropped a Gun.

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot called for police reform and an end to the foot-pursuit policy following the police shooting of 13-year old Adam Toledo on March 29, 2021. Police responded to a report of gunfire and Adam and 21-year-old Ruben Roman allegedly ran away from police when an officer chased Adam down an alley, telling him to stop, show his hands and to "drop it." Less than a second passed from the time Toledo was seen holding the weapon to when he raised his empty hands and was shot by a police officer, police said.

New enhanced video shows that Adam was holding an object police say was a gun, and a firearm was recovered near the body at the scene. Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said that Adam's right hand tested positive for gunshot residue. There is evidence that Adam may have belonged to a gang as tributes to him by his friends referred to him as "Lil Homicide' and 'Bvby Diablo'. The Latin Kings have reportedly instructed members to shoot at unmarked squad cars as revenge for Adam's death.

Warning: graphic video (this is the original video that was released, before enhancement)

The Chicago Police Department released enhanced bodycam footage it says shows that the 13-year-old who was shot dead by cops last month was holding a gun just before he was killed.

The bodycam footage released Thursday by the CPD shows Adam Toledo running in an alley before being ordered to stop and put his hands up, according to CBS 2 Chicago.

The enhanced video released later in the day — which is slowed down and paused at times — shows what cops say is a gun in the seventh-grader's right hand.

In real time, less than a second passes from the time Toledo is seen holding the weapon to when he is shot by a police officer, police said.

"Police, stop, stop right f--g now," Officer Eric Stillman is heard saying as he chases the teen down an alley. "Hands. Show me your f--g hands."

"Drop it, drop it," the 34-year-old cop yells, before Toledo is seen turning around and the cop fires a single shot.

Cops were responding to reports of gunshots in the area when they encountered Toledo and another suspect.

Police have maintained the Little Village incident was an armed confrontation, and a weapon was recovered.

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