

# OFFICER KILLS FERGUSON TEEN

## A family in shock

Lesley McSpadden is comforted by her husband, Louis Head, on Saturday after her son, Michael Brown, 18, was fatally shot by police earlier in the afternoon.



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**FERGUSON** • The fatal shooting of a teen Saturday afternoon by a Ferguson police officer outside an apartment complex sent angry residents into the street, taunting police and firing shots.  
Michael Brown, 18, was shot at approximately 2:15 p.m. in the 2900 block of Canfield Drive.  
His mother, Lesley McSpadden, said the shooting took place as her son was walking to his grandmother's residence.  
Piaget Crenshaw, 19, said she was waiting for a ride to work when she saw a police officer attempting to place Brown in the rear seat of a squad car.

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## Outrage at scene, on social media

A crowd is blocked by police from the site in the 2900 block of Canfield Drive where Brown was killed earlier Saturday.



## Missouri teachers face new scrutiny

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Grading teachers is a tricky assignment.  
Studies show that teachers are the most important school-based factor in determining how much students learn, and that struggling students stand to benefit the most from highly effective instructors.  
But getting teachers and administrators to agree on how to use standardized test scores to rate teacher effectiveness has proven difficult in states across the country.  
Not so in Missouri.  
After decades of using evaluations that most educators felt were inadequate, Missouri school districts are rolling out new evaluations this year intended to help make good teachers better while at the same time flagging the bad ones.

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## Amendments to Missouri Constitution keep growing

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**JEFFERSON CITY** • If you thought five constitutional amendments resulted in a crowded ballot for last week's primary election, get ready for November.  
On the general election ballot will be four more amendments to the Missouri Constitution. They address subjects such as teacher tenure, the governor's budget-cutting authority and evidence in child sex offense cases.  
It's the first time since 2006 that more than five constitutional amendments have made the ballot in a single year. Usually, there are just two or three.

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Bobby Bostic has served almost 20 years of a 241-year sentence — in effect, life — for armed robbery in 1995 when he was 16.

Some juvenile offenders across the nation with life sentences are getting a second shot at sentencing thanks to a Supreme Court decision.

## But not Bobby Bostic.

He wasn't given a life sentence for armed robberies in 1995.

## He got 241 years.

# THE MEANING OF 'LIFE'

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**ST. LOUIS** • Bobby Bostic won't get much sympathy, given the nature of his crime.  
A St. Louis judge certainly wasn't feeling any when she sentenced him to 241 years in prison for a set of armed robberies in 1995.  
It was just before Christmas when Bostic and another young man held up a group delivering gifts to the needy in north St. Louis.  
Nobody was significantly injured, although two victims easily could have been killed by shots that were slowed by their heavy winter coats before the bullets broke skin.  
Bostic, 16, and his accomplice, Donald Hutson, 18, later kidnapped a woman, put a gun to her head, fondled her, stole from her, then dumped her back on the street.  
A jury convicted Bostic of 17 counts ranging from robbery to armed criminal action. Circuit Judge Evelyn Baker stacked jurors' sentencing recommendations one atop another.  
"You made your choice. You're gonna have to live with your choice, and you're gonna die with your choice because, Bobby Bostic, you will die in the Department of Corrections," Baker told him.  
Across the nation, many juvenile offenders who committed even murder are now getting a second shot at sentencing,

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