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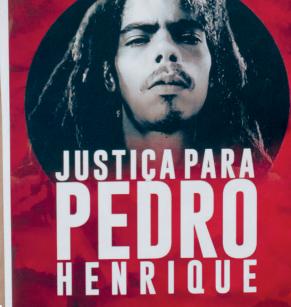
A MOTHER'S FIGHT

FOR JUSTICE



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CHALLENGE INJUSTICE.

## ANA MARIA SANTOS CRUZ

Brazil

Ana Maria Santos Cruz (she/her) is a loving mother. She enjoys attending concerts and cultural events with her daughter in Salvador, Brazil. However, since the death of her son, Pedro Henrique (he/him), Ana Maria feels like a part of her has been taken away.

In his short life, Pedro Henrique achieved a lot. An activist and advocate of racial justice and human rights, Pedro Henrique organized "Walks of Peace" in Tucano, Bahia, Brazil. These annual marches brought people together to speak out about police abuses primarily against Black communities.

These moments of solidarity were met with hostility and intimidation from the police.

Officers began to monitor Pedro Henrique. They threatened and violently attacked him for his activism. On 27 December 2018, Pedro Henrique was killed, aged 31. His house was raided by three hooded men as he slept next to his girlfriend. He was shot eight times in the head and neck. His girlfriend recognized the three men as police officers.

The officers suspected of killing Pedro Henrique were indicted in 2019. But almost five years on, they are still active in the police force. The investigation into the killing has not been concluded and the trial has yet to begin.

Despite ongoing threats and the grief of losing her child, Ana Maria has bravely sought the truth about his death, calling on the authorities for a thorough investigation and trial.

Support Ana Maria in her fight for justice.





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## **ACT NOW**

Contact the General Prosecutor and demand they take all necessary measures to ensure an independent, impartial and thorough investigation into Pedro Henrique's murder and bring those responsible to justice in fair trials.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails. There is also a template letter if you prefer.

You can also send the General Prosecutor a message on Twitter / X:

TWITTER / X: @MPdaBahia

HASHTAGS: #JusticeForPedroHenrique, #W4R23

## SHOW ANA MARIA SHE'S NOT ALONE

Print off the solidarity letter template and send your messages of solidarity to help keep Ana Maria's spirits strong

You can also send Ana Maria a message of solidarity on Instagram:

INSTAGRAM: @justicaparapedrohenrique
HASHTAGS: #JusticeForPedroHenrique: #W4R23

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia, Locked Bag 23, Broadway NSW 2007 Australia

Please send them to us by 31 January 2024.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in March 2024 and make sure that Ana Maria gets your solidarity messages.