Journalists have a bad habit of using passive voice when they feel uncomfortable naming a perpetrator.

Active: U.S. drone strike kills 60 people.
Passive: 60 people were killed by drone strike.

Official government terms combine with passive voice to obscure the people who commit violence.

Cowards is for voice.

Grammar for death.

Passive voice is a language around police.

Official language writers interval biases and fear of backlash.

Active voice is more widespread and insidious than in our language around police.

Active voice is a language around police.

Unintentionally or intentionally.

Writing mistakes make our language obscure or diminish the actor in a sentence.

Active voice is a language around police.

A police officer shot a man.

There was an officer-involved shooting.

We see the world through our words. Our words matter.

Lesson: Grammar for death.

On a bike. A police, killed a person.

A truck: Passive voice was struck by a truck.

Passive: A truck was struck by a truck.

Sometimes you don’t know responsibility.

Passive voice makes our language obscure or diminish the actor in a sentence.

Officers involved in the arrest of a man who died after being handcuffed and pinned to the ground by an officer’s knee had been fired nyti.ms/5qm1rGq

Protest held on behalf of man who died during arrest in Minneapolis

Police insists in Chicago on following the death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man who was being arrested by police in Minneapolis.

4 Minneapolis Officers Fired After Death of Black Man

The man who died was identified as George Floyd. By Amy Plutti and Jeff Baenen. "..."