



## DeRay McKesson

DeRay McKesson was an educator and school administrator in Minneapolis when Michael Brown was killed by Darren Wilson on August 9, 2014. McKesson joined the protests in Ferguson, Missouri, and became one of several leaders who are contesting the over-policing of African-Americans, police brutality, and state violence.

With fellow-activist Johnetta Elzie, McKesson created the award-winning online newsletter, [This Is the Movement](#). The reporting and analysis of McKesson and Elzie has played a vital role in galvanizing the #BlackLivesMatter movement.

Using Twitter as his primary platform, McKesson continues his work as an educator, offering advanced social theory 140 characters at a time. He and his colleagues are redefining leadership and civil rights activism for the 21st century.