***Advancing Justice  
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Detained!! Take a step back and imagine, actually taking the step.

Imagine the image! Now getting on the floor not voluntarily, but forcefully.

Having a knee stabbed into your back, just because you sped past a yellow light. You were taking your kid to his practice; he is to you the bright diamond that slowly shatters as he sees you being torn apart. As of now you’re going straight to jail because your son’s mother put a warrant on you because you took your kid on the wrong day. You go to the county jail, but then are transferred to a private jail where you are forced to live the next four years.

The time slowly passes and you finally get out. With no contact with family or friends and barely any money, you walk home. You’re finally out which makes you emotional, your next step is to go to your son, your kid who hasn’t seen you in four years. During your walk to your house, you see a prison bus, it catches your attention. Your baby boy is on the window seat with face tattoos. He was shattered that day in which you got arrested. He wanted revenge so he killed the cop that arrested you, he gets full life. Some injustice this world has, right!!

The officer arrested you not for the color of the light but for the color of your skin, which a few years later changed the color of your world. Why, why talk about this? I’ll tell you, people need to know that the injustice of the past is alive and well today against people of color and it needs to stop!

While this story is real, it also is not real for me; it is life as I have seen it around me, around my school, around my life.