Cop Killing Lobbyists come from all walks of life. In July 2009 Sgt. James Crowley responded to a call of a possible break-in at a Cambridge, Massachusetts home. The woman saw two Blacks trying to force their way into a private house. In reality, the person a neighbor thought might be a burglar was the homeowner, Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, with his driver helping him enter the house. Should the neighbor have told herself that it would be racist if she called the police because the men were African-Americans and should she have not dialed 911?

When Sgt. Crowley arrived at the home, he asked Professor Gates for ID. Gates copped an attitude “Why? Because I’m a Black man in America.” Gates initially refused to produce an ID. Once he did, the police report indicates Crowley left the home. But the entire episode was a charade. Gates knew his noisy neighbor would call the cops so him an his flunky made it seem as if they were breaking in.
Professor Gates followed him outside and continued to “scream” at Sgt. Crowley. Crowley claims to have warned Gates in front of several neighborhood witnesses before arresting Gates for disorderly conduct. Gates wanted to get arrested in order to prove his point that the cops in America are racist and so he staged a deliberate provocation. Gates later claimed the arresting officer was a racist who simply couldn’t believe that a Black man lived in a high-priced, Harvard-adjacent neighborhood. But Crowley had no history of bad behavior of any kind and numerous African-American officers on the force came to his defense. During a press conference Obama was asked:

"Recently, Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. was arrested at his home in Cambridge. What does that incident say to you? And what does it say about race relations in America?" Obama replied,

Now, I've – I don't know, not having been there and not seeing all the facts, what role race played in that. But I think it's fair to say, number one, any of us would be pretty angry; number two, that the Cambridge police acted stupidly in arresting somebody when there was already proof that they were in their own home. And number three, what I think we know separate and apart from this incident is that there is a long history in this country of African-Americans and Latinos being stopped by law enforcement disproportionately. That's just a fact.\textsuperscript{111}

Obama had no idea what transpired outside or inside Gate’s home but none-the-less he clearly came down on the side of the brother blaming racist cops for the incident. In a tribalistic society you defend the tribal member no matter what he does, in a civilized society you go by the rule of law. Obama had some bogus “happy

hour” event between Gates and Crowley at the White House despite the fact that Gates had yelled at the officer in a disrespectful and threatening manner. How many times does an officer have to drink beer with someone he arrested? Obama was putting the alleged perpetrator and the policeman on the same moral plane. By hosting this event Obama was implying that Crowley should not have questioned Gates despite the neighbor’s report of an attempted break-in, because Gates was Black and this would have constituted racial profiling. This event kicked off BLM.