

James "Jimmy" Dillon
(D-SD-5)
Pennsylvania



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BACKGROUND

Dillon is a resident of Northeast Philadelphia and works as a grant compliance officer at the School District of Philadelphia and owns his own small business, Hoops 24/7 Basketball Academy. "Basketball took Jimmy Dillon all over the world, but northeast Philadelphia has always been his home. Like all of us, Jimmy is no stranger to hard work. When he's not on the clock for the School District of Philadelphia as a grant compliance monitor, he's growing his own small business, the acclaimed Hoops 24/7 Basketball Academy. From its launch with 50 kids in one gym in 2007 to more than 500 kids in over 27 gyms in the region, Jimmy's business is a real success story. Hard work and a commitment to northeast Philadelphia - that's what we need in Harrisburg. That's why we need Northeast Democrat Jimmy Dillon for PA State Senate." ([Dillon for PA Senate](#), Accessed 4/14/22)

According to Dillon's personal financial statement, he receives income from his position as a legal clerk for the First Judicial District Family Court.

13 Office, Directorship, or Employment in any Business

Did you hold any office, directorship, or employment in any business for the calendar year for which you are reporting? *

Yes

Business Entity

Name *	School District of Philadelphia	
Address *	Street Address 440 N Broad St Address Line 2 City Phila Postal / Zip Code 19130	State / Province / Region PA Country
Position Held *	grant compliance monitor	
Name *	First Judicial District - Family Court	
Address *	Street Address 1501 Arch St Address Line 2 City Phila Postal / Zip Code 19102	State / Province / Region Pa Country
Position Held *	legal clerk	
Name *	Hoops 24/7 Basketball Academy	
Address *	Street Address 1559 Village Greene Blvd Address Line 2 City Bensalem Postal / Zip Code 19020	State / Province / Region PA Country
Position Held *	President/Owner	

(Pennsylvania Ethics Commission, [James Dillon Personal Financial Statement](#), Signed 4/3/22)

From 1996 to 2000, Dillon attended the University Notre Dame and played basketball. “Jim Dillon, 43, a grant compliance monitor for the Philadelphia School District, played basketball for Notre Dame from 1996-2000 and now also runs a basketball training academy.” (Steve Ulrich, “PA 5th Senate: Shawn Dillon Withdraws; Younger Brother Fills Spot,” [Politics PA](#), 4/5/22)

Jimmy Dillon

Position: Guard

6-2 (188cm)

School: [Notre Dame](#)

SUMMARY	G	PTS	TRB	AST	FG%	FG3%	FT%	eFG%	WS
Career	122	2.6	1.3	3.2	39.8	32.3	66.7	47.9	2.7

([Sports Reference](#), Accessed 4/18/22)

- **Dillon’s trainer biography on his company website states he was captain of the Notre Dame basketball team in 2000 and set multiple records during his career.** “Jimmy Dillon is the Director of Hoops24-7. A former player and graduate from the University of Notre Dame, while there, he captained his team to the NIT championship game in 2000, along with setting single season records in assists, steals and games played.” (Trainers, [Hoops 24-7](#), Accessed 4/18/22)
- **Dillon was contracted after his senior year season to play basketball in Finland and played around Europe for a few years.** “After his senior season, Jimmy earned a contract to play professional basketball in Finland. After traveling around Europe for a few years, he returned home and has worked on player development in the game of basketball for over 10 years now.” (Trainers, [Hoops 24-7](#), Accessed 4/18/22)
- **Dillon’s biography states he has trained multiple professional athletes.** “As a point guard and floor general, he helped develop First-Team All Americans Pat Garrity & Troy Murphy, as well as current NBA star Matt Carroll, and expand their talents at the collegiate level.” (Trainers, [Hoops 24-7](#), Accessed 4/18/22)

Marriage Records

On December 4, 2009, Dillon married his wife, Jaclyn Erin Obrian.

JAMES DILLON	JACLYN ERIN OBRIEN	Dec 4, 2009	94832
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(Philadelphia Register of Wills, [Marriage License Search](#), Accessed 4/18/22)

Voting Record

Dillon is a registered Democrat in Philadelphia County.

DILLON, JAMES R	
YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	
11718 MILLBROOK RD PHILADELPHIA PA 19154	
Is your information up to date? If you need to update your voter registration, please visit vote.pa.gov/Register and submit your information.	
VOTER RECORD DETAILS	
Status:	ACTIVE
Date of Birth:	01/15/1979
Party:	DEMOCRATIC
Are you an annual mail-in or absentee voter?	NO
Do you have an approved mail ballot request for the upcoming election?	:NO
VOTING DISTRICTS	
County:	PHILADELPHIA
Precinct:	PHILA WD 66 DIV 30
Municipality:	PHILADELPHIA
United States Congress:	2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
State Senate:	5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
State House:	170TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

(Pennsylvania Department of State, Accessed 4/12/22)

Business Entities

On September 20, 2013, Dillon registered his business, Hoops 24/7 Basketball Academy LLC, with the Pennsylvania Department of State.

Business Name History	
Name	
HOOPS 24/7 BASKETBALL ACADEMY LLC	
Business Entity Details	
Name	HOOPS 24/7 BASKETBALL ACADEMY LLC
Entity Number	4215606
Entity Type	Limited Liability Company
Status	Active
Citizenship	Domestic
Entity Creation Date	09/20/2013
Effective Date	09/20/2013
State Of Inc	PA
Address	1559 Village Greene Blvd Bensalem PA 19020 Bucks

(Pennsylvania Department of State, "Business Documents Entity 4215606," Accessed 4/14/22)

- According to the Nexis Public Records, Hoops 24/7 Basketball Academy disclosed making \$124,000 in 2022.

Commercial Credit Bureau Records

This data is for informational purposes only.

Business Information	
Company Name:	HOOPS 24 7 BASKETBALL ACADEMY
Address:	1559 VILLAGE GREENE BLVD BENSALEM, PA 19020-3682
Company Phone Number:	215-431-9634
File Number:	114020058
Company Year Established:	2013
Record Date:	03/14/2022
Record Update Date:	01/27/2022
Sales:	124,000
URL:	HOOPS24-7.COM

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/26/22)

Property Records

On March 30, 2006, Dillon purchased his first home at 10920 Modena PL, Philadelphia, PA 19154-3919 for \$195,000.

03/30/2006	\$195,000	DILLON JAMES	CROWE ELIZABETH; MCLAUGHLIN EDWARD	51420456
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(City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)

- On April 11, 2008, 10920 Modena PL, Philadelphia, PA 19154-3919 was foreclosed on.

PENNSYLVANIA JUDGMENT AND LIEN FILINGS

This data is for informational purposes only.

Debtor Information	
Name:	DILLON, JAMES
SSN:	194-72-XXXX
Address:	10920 MODENA PL PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154-3919 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Creditor Information	
Name:	US BANK NA
Filing Information	
Filing Date:	04/11/2008
Amount:	\$164,587
Filing 1	
Filing Number:	071204540
Filing Type:	FORECLOSURE (JUDGMENT)
Filing Court:	PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PROTHONOTARY
Filing County:	PHILADELPHIA
Filing Office:	PA

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/12/22)

- On May 6, 2014, Dillon added his wife, Jaclyn Dillon, to the deed for \$0.

05/06/2014	\$0	DILLON JACLYN E; DILLON JAMES R	DILLON JAMES; DILLON JAMES R	52780768
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(City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)


- **On August 22, 2019, Dillon relinquished the deed to Jaclyn Dillon for \$1.**

08/22/2019	\$1	DILLON JACLYN E	DILLON JACLYN E; DILLON JAMES R	53562047
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(City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)

- **Since 2006, taxes on 10920 Modena PL, Philadelphia, PA 19154-3919 have been fully paid.** (City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)

On August 18, 2020, James and Joan Dillon, his mother, purchased his current residence at 11718 Millbrook Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154-3618 for \$270,000.

 **11718 MILLBROOK RD**
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154-3618
 PRINT

Sales History (4)

Date	Adjusted Total	Grantees	Grantors	Doc Id
08/18/2020	\$270,000	DILLON JAMES; DILLON JOAN	GILLON NICOLE R; GILLON STEVE	53707940


(City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)

- **Since 2020, taxes on 11718 Millbrook Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154-3618 have been fully paid.** (City of Philadelphia, [Property Records](#), Accessed 4/13/22)

On January 15, 2022, Dillon's house caught fire causing extensive damage to 11718 Millbrook Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154-3618, according to a GoFundMe page that raised over \$40,000.

Replacing Necessities: The Dillon Family



 Kristen Pellegrino is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of James Dillon.

Hi, my name is Kristen and I am the niece of Jimmy Dillon.


On Saturday, 1/15/2022, my husband Frank and I waited outside of the restaurant where we had reservations to celebrate Jimmy's birthday. That celebration never happened. At 6:30pm, Jimmy called Frank to let him know he had just called 911 as smoke and flames erupted from his dryer. We were only 5 minutes away from Jimmy's house, and within that 5 minutes, the house was consumed and destroyed. THANKFULLY, Jimmy was able to ensure his daughters and my 85 year old grandmother were brought to safety!!


\$40,269 raised of \$50,000 goal


394 donations

Share

Donate now

 Anonymous
\$100 • 1 mo

 Carole Dalesandro
\$100 • 2 mos

 Anonymous
\$50 • 2 mos

 Colleen Cushman
\$20 • 2 mos

 Joe Ross
\$50 • 2 mos

See all

See top donations

(GoFundMe, [Replacing Necessities: The Dillon Family](#), Accessed 4/20/22)

Editor's note: Dillon's current voter registration places his residence at 11718 Millbrook Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154-3618.

Criminal Record

On January 9, 2019, Dillon pleaded guilty to driving an unregistered vehicle in the Magisterial District Court in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Court Report

Offender information

Name: DILLON, JAMES R
Address: PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Case Number: MJ-07201-TR-0000111-2019
Case Filing Date: 01/09/2019
Case Type: TRAFFIC
DOB: 01/1979
SSN: 194-72-XXXX
Sex: Male

Offenses

Case Filing Date: 01/09/2019
Offense Date: 01/08/2019
Court Description: MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
Case Number: MJ-07201-TR-0000111-2019
Court Offense: DR UNREGIST VEH
Court Statute: 75.1301.A
Court Disposition: GUILTY PLEA
Court Disposition Date: 02/14/2019
Court Level/Degree: TRAFFIC

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/12/22)

On July 5, 2018, Dillon pleaded guilty to missing a stop sign in the Magisterial District Court in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Court Report

Offender information

Name: DILLON, JAMES
Address: PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Case Number: MJ-07201-TR-0002272-2018
Case Filing Date: 07/05/2018
Case Type: TRAFFIC
DOB: 01/1979
SSN: 194-72-XXXX
Sex: Male

Offenses

Case Filing Date: 07/05/2018
Offense Date: 07/04/2018
Court Description: MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
Case Number: MJ-07201-TR-0002272-2018
Court Offense: DUTIES AT STOP SIGN
Court Statute: 75.3323.B
Court Disposition: GUILTY PLEA
Court Disposition Date: 07/12/2018
Court Level/Degree: TRAFFIC

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/12/22)

On October 23, 2018, Dillon appeared in the Magisterial District Court for an expired meter, the case was dismissed.

Pennsylvania Court Report

Offender Information

Name: DILLON, JAMES R
Address: PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Case Number: MJ-07202-TR-0003425-2018
Case Filing Date: 10/23/2018
Case Type: TRAFFIC
SSN: 194-72-XXXX

Offenses

Categories: TRAFFIC
Case Filing Date: 10/23/2018
Offense Date: 09/18/2018
Court Description: MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
Court Case Number: MJ-07202-TR-0003425-2018
Court Offense: EXPIRED METER
Court Statute: LO.15.410
Court Disposition: DISMISSED
Court Disposition Date: 12/17/2021
Court Level/Degree: TRAFFIC

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/25/22)

Bankruptcy Records

On June 18, 2008, Dillon filed for a chapter 13 bankruptcy in Pennsylvania's Eastern court.

1. Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Record

Petitioner Information

Name: DILLON, JAMES (PRIMARY)
Address: 10920 MODENA PL
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154-3919
SSN: 194-72-XXXX
Filing Type: INDIVIDUAL
Filer Type: INDIVIDUAL

Bankruptcy Information

Case Number: 0813926
Filing Date: 06/18/2008
Filing Type: Chapter 13
Filing Jurisdiction: Pennsylvania
Filing Status: Voluntary
Court: PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN - PHILADELPHIA
Court Location: PHILADELPHIA
Meeting Date: 10/01/2008
Meeting Time: 11:30 AM
Meeting Location: B104 BOURSE BLDG B104 LOWER LEVEL OBJECTION TO DIS
Judge: JFK; JEAN K FITZSIMON
Distributable Assets: YES
Corporation Flag: NO

Status Information

Status 1
Status: CLOSED
Status Date: 11/14/2013

Status 2
Status: DISCHARGED
Status Date: 11/07/2013

Comments

Filing Date: 06/18/2008
Description: SINGLE DEBTOR

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 4/12/22)

- **In 2008, Dillon reported making \$57,300 annually.**

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B22C (Official Form 22C) (Chapter 13) (01/08)

10	Subtotal. Add Lines 2 thru 9 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 2 through 9 in Column B. Enter the total(s).	\$4,775.00									
11	Total. If Column B has been completed, add Line 10, Column A to Line 10, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 10, Column A.	\$4,775.00									
Part II. CALCULATION OF § 1325(b)(4) COMMITMENT PERIOD											
12	Enter the amount from Line 11.	\$4,775.00									
13	<p>Marital adjustment. If you are married, but are not filing jointly with your spouse, AND if you contend that calculation of the commitment period under § 1325(b)(4) does not require inclusion of the income of your spouse, enter on Line 13 the amount of income listed in Line 10, Column B that was NOT paid on a regular basis for the household expenses of you or your dependents and specify, in the lines below, the basis for excluding this income (such as payment of the spouse's tax liability or the spouse's support of persons other than the debtor or the debtor's dependents) and the amount of income devoted to each purpose. If necessary, list additional adjustments on a separate page. If the conditions for entering this adjustment do not apply, enter zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="width: 35%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Total and enter on Line 13.</p>	a.			b.			c.			\$0.00
a.											
b.											
c.											
14	Subtract Line 13 from Line 12 and enter the result.	\$4,775.00									
15	Annualized current monthly income for § 1325(b)(4). Multiply the amount from Line 14 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$57,300.00									
16	<p>Applicable median family income. Enter the median family income for applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p> <p>a. Enter debtor's state of residence: <u> Pennsylvania </u> b. Enter debtor's household size: <u> 1 </u></p>	\$43,166.00									

(Case 08-13926-jkf, Chapter 13 Statement of Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period and Disposable Income, Filed 6/18/08)

- **Dillon reported owing an outstanding balance of \$243,400 for two mortgages on one home and a vehicle loan.**

SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND AN ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions Above.)	CODEBITOR HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT, OR COMMUNITY	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED, NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN	CONTINGENT UNLIQUIDATED	DISPUTED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL	UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY
ACCT #: ASC P.O. Box 10388 Des Moines, IA 50306	-	DATE INCURRED: NATURE OF LIEN: Mortgage COLLATERAL: 10920 Modena Place Philadelphia, PA 19154 REMARKS: VALUE: \$210,000.00			\$175,000.00	
ACCT #: ASC P.O. Box 10388 Des Moines, IA 50306	-	DATE INCURRED: NATURE OF LIEN: Various Mortgage arrears COLLATERAL: 10920 Modena Place Philadelphia, PA 19154 REMARKS: VALUE: \$19,500.00			\$19,500.00	
ACCT #: 1375 797 EMC Mortgage Corporation PO Box 141358 Irving, TX 75014	-	DATE INCURRED: NATURE OF LIEN: 2nd Mortgage COLLATERAL: 10920 Modena Place Philadelphia, PA 19154 REMARKS: VALUE: \$210,000.00			\$38,800.00	
ACCT #: Honda Financial Services P.O. Box 6034 Newark DE 19714-6034	-	DATE INCURRED: NATURE OF LIEN: Vehicle Loan COLLATERAL: 2004 Honda Acura REMARKS: Paid in Full in Plan VALUE: \$9,650.00			\$10,100.00	\$450.00
Subtotal (Total of this Page) >					\$243,400.00	\$450.00
Total (Use only on last page) >					\$243,400.00	\$450.00

No continuation sheets attached

(Report also on Summary of Schedules.) (If applicable, report also on Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)

(Case 08-13926-jkf, Chapter 13 Voluntary Petition, Filed 6/18/08)

On November 7, 2013, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania U.S. Bankruptcy Court closed Dillon's bankruptcy case.

In re: : Chapter 13

James Dillon : Case No. 08-13926-jkf
Debtor(s)

ORDER

AND NOW, this day , November 7, 2013 , it appearing that the trustee in the above entitled matter has filed his report and that the trustee has performed all other duties required in the administration of the debtor(s) estate, it is

ORDERED that the trustee be discharged and relieved of any trust; and this case be, and the same hereby is, closed.

By The Court

Jean K. FitzSimon
Judge , United States Bankruptcy Court

(Case 08-13926-jkf, Certificate of Notice, Filed 11/09/13)

2022 CAMPAIGN

Issues

Dillon's campaign website states he supports increasing the state minimum wage to \$15 dollars an hour. ([Dillon for PA Senate](#), Accessed 4/14/22)

PHILADELPHIA 66A WARD

For over 30 years, James Dillon's Father, Francis J Dillon, was the 66A Ward Leader in Philadelphia, PA. "Long-time and well-respected 66A Ward Leader Frank Dillon passed away last week. His wisdom and advice helped many candidates navigate Philadelphia's political machine. His political partner was 66B Ward Leader Mike McAleer. They worked together as Ward Leaders for over 30 years and helped turn around the Democrats fortunes in the Far Northeast." ("CITY HALL SAM: Frank Dillon, Great Ward Leader, Passes," [Philadelphia Public Record](#), 8/8/13)

- **Francis Dillon's son Shawn Dillon was elected Ward Leader after the resignation of his father.** "For over 30 years Frank Dillon, 87, led Northeast's 66A ward, partnering his leadership with Mike McAleer, leader of 66B. He died last Thursday. Frank resigned his leadership due to ill health. His son Shawn Dillon was unanimously elected to replace his dad as ward leader. He was known as a man who kept his word when he committed the ward to candidates." ("CITY HALL SAM: Frank Dillon, Great Ward Leader, Passes," [Philadelphia Public Record](#), 8/8/13)

Shawn Dillon
66th (A) Ward Leader, Democratic Party

VOTERS (D)
9,578

TURNOUT (D)
34%

DIVISIONS
46

VACANCIES
0



Have a better photo?

Registered voters
9,578 democrats of 13,059 total (73%)

Turnout (2019 Primary)
3,241 democrats (34%)
4,226 total (32%)

Divisions
46

Committee Persons
92 (0 vacancies)

Address
3824 Chalfont Dr

Phone
215-637-6360

Age
57

Gender
Male

Occupation
Liquor Store Examiner

Email
shawndillon21@comcast.net

Social Media
LinkedIn
Know a link?

Sample Ballots
Upload a sample ballot

Campaign Finance Reports
2017
2016
2015

([Philly Ward Leaders](#), Accessed 4/19/22)

- **On April 4, 2022, Shawn Dillon withdrew from the State Senate special election after he failed to file a statement of economic interest with the State Ethics Commission.** "Shawn Dillon's candidacy was upended because he did not file a statement of financial interests with the State Ethics Commission. Bob Brady, chair of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia, said Dillon's paperwork was given to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC), which passed it along to Jason Henry, executive director of the state Democratic Party, to file in Harrisburg." (Chris Brennan, "Northeast Philly ward leader drops out of special election for state Senate," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 4/4/22)
- **Shawn Dillon and other leaders selected James Dillon as a replacement despite accusations that Democrats could not replace Shawn Dillon when he was never a qualified candidate.** "Dillon, Democratic leader of Ward 66A, withdrew from the race after Republicans challenged his candidacy in court Friday. He and the other ward leaders in the 5th District selected his younger brother, Jimmy Dillon, as a replacement in a weekend meeting. The question now: Will Republicans try to knock the new Dillon off the ballot? Sam Oropeza, the Republican nominee, argued on Twitter Monday that Shawn Dillon was never a qualified candidate, so the Democratic Party could not replace him with another candidate." (Chris Brennan, "Northeast Philly ward leader drops out of special election for state Senate," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 4/4/22)
- **James Dillon serves as a 35th Division committee person in the 66A Ward.**

James R Dillon

35th Division

10920 Modena Pl

([Philly Ward Leaders](#), Accessed 4/19/22)

FRANK RIZZO

On January 9, 2015, Dillon posted that former Pennsylvania Democrat Mayor and Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo was a close family friend.

Hoops 24-7 Basketball Academy is 🥰 feeling blessed.
January 9, 2015 · 🌐

Friday's With Frank Story #1

So as promised, I told you I would sort through the scrap books and articles and I wanted to figure out a proper way to start. So I couldn't think of any better way then the classics!!

My dad was a political figure in the city for over 50 years and had Frank Rizzo over my house numerous times. I was to young to even realize how often I had dinners with the mayor of Philadelphia. I had golden blonde hair until I was 5ish. I looked like Eddie Munster by the time I made my communion. You all already knew I was on the cover of sports illustrated. And last but not least, the classic trading card, which is so priceless it is not even listed in the Topps Basketball catalog.

These were all great memories of mine growing up and the best is yet to come!! So go ahead and please feel free to share, laugh, and insert comments as I reminisce with my dad throughout 2015.

RIP Dad. I love you & miss you everyday. P.S. I met another Jim Dillon during the holidays at Calvary. He said his dad was your brother!! Small World

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Like Comment Share

(Hoops 24-7 Basketball Academy, [Facebook](#), 1/9/15)

From 1963 to 1971, Philadelphia police commissioner Rizzo was known for his brutal police tactics and aggression toward Black Communities. "It was an image that perfectly summed up Rizzo, and the tone he set for the Philadelphia Police Department. His supporters saw a flamboyant leader who wouldn't tolerate crime. His detractors saw a man who was eager to use brute force to snuff out any hint of unrest, especially in the Black community, and who encouraged his thousands of officers to do the same, without having to worry about facing scrutiny about whether they'd gone too far. For years, Philadelphia wrestled with the question of which of these was the real Frank Rizzo. A careful look at his legacy, however, shows that federal officials, civil rights attorneys, community residents, and politicians all voiced consistently similar concern in the 1960s and 1970s that Rizzo had allowed the Police

Department to operate with little accountability, leading to an environment where police shot civilians at a rate of one per week between 1970 and 1978... He rose through the ranks, to deputy commissioner in 1963, and police commissioner in 1967... In 1971, when Rizzo decided to run for mayor, the Black community viewed him warily, but his supporters embraced him for being the 'toughest cop in America.'" (David Gambacorta and Barbara Laker, "Frank Rizzo leaves a legacy of unchecked police brutality and division in Philadelphia," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 6/4/20)

- **On May 1, 1965, a civil rights activist recounted an instance when police commissioner Rizzo allegedly ordered officers to beat and run over protesters outside Girard College.** "On May 1, 1965, Salaam was one of about 25 protesters outside Girard College, which at the time was a boarding school that only admitted poor, orphaned white boys. Salaam and the others, under the leadership of Cecil B. Moore, president of the NAACP Philadelphia chapter, marched for equality outside the 40-acre campus with 10-foot walls. Rizzo, as deputy police commissioner in charge of uniformed cops, was on the scene. Hundreds of cops were there, toe to toe, stopping protesters from jumping the wall. 'The second week, Rizzo ordered the cops to get on their motorcycles and run into us and run us over,' said Salaam, now 71. 'A lot of people were hit. People were injured,' he recalled. One time, when protesters lay in the street to stop traffic, Rizzo told cops to beat them — with fists, nightsticks, whatever. 'We never knew when they were going to rush us. People were bleeding.'" (David Gambacorta and Barbara Laker, "Frank Rizzo leaves a legacy of unchecked police brutality and division in Philadelphia," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 6/4/20)

In 1976, voters tried to recall Rizzo after he enacted the largest tax increase in the city's history.

Raising taxes: 1976

After promising to keep taxes down, he enacted the largest tax increase in city history to plug an \$80 million budget deficit. Angry voters launched an unsuccessful effort to recall the mayor.

(Tommy Rowan, "The moments that made Frank Rizzo Philly-famous," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 8/21/17)

In 1973, Rizzo was allegedly caught spying on political adversaries using the police force.

Spying on political enemies: 1973

Rizzo was caught operating a 34-man special police squad to dig up dirt and spy on his political enemies, including Camiel and a close Camiel ally, City Council President George X. Schwartz.

(Tommy Rowan, "The moments that made Frank Rizzo Philly-famous," [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 8/21/17)