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Some Civil Rights Groups Mark Today as 3rd Anniversary in Teen Bootcamp Death

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Three years ago Monday marks the death of Martin Lee Anderson.

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The 14-year-old Bay County Teenager was admitted to Bay Medical Center, and then transferred to the ICU in Pensacola Hospital where he died.

That death set off a chain of events that in no way has come to an end.

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Some civil rights groups will mark the third anniversary of Martin Lee Anderson's death Monday, in a graveside ceremony.

The case is still a divisive issue in the community and the nation.

If you remember-- the teen collapsed during a physical assessment in his first day at the old Bay County Juvenile Boot Camp.

Drill instructors initially believe Anderson was faking an illness and used what some considered to be physical abuse to make him complete the work-out.

In the first autopsy, then-medical examiner Dr. Charles Siebert found Anderson died as a result of sickle cell trait.

A second autopsy found the drill instructors suffocated the teen.

Two state entities settled with Anderson's family for a combined 7-million dollars.

But when the 7-drill instructors and the camp nurse were acquitted of aggravated manslaughter during the criminal trial, Anderson supporters called for a u-s justice department investigation.

More than a year later that investigation is still underway.

Organizers of today's memorial ceremony are asking anyone with new information to report about the case, to come forward.

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