



## America's Black Forum Episode Synopsis

**Episode Number: 23-09**  
**Week of December 29, 2025**

This week on **America's Black Forum**:

### **Washington DC Women Police Suit**

**DC Metro police officers have filed a lawsuit** against the department alleging a hostile work environment and retaliatory treatment. Two of the women, **Leslie Clark and Chantel Dickerson**, speak out about their stellar records and why they believe The District's police hierarchy needs to be repaired.

### **Every Voice with Terrance McKnight**

"**Every Voice with Terrance McKnight**" is a show that spotlights the vibrant stories and perspectives that reflect the whole of the American musical experience. Through interviews, historical investigation, and personal storytelling, Terrance McKnight unearths the hidden voices that have been shaping our musical traditions all along. The debut season examines the representation of Blackness in opera. While character flaws are universal, stereotypes often fall along racial lines. The show looks at the loneliness, jealousy, self-loathing, and cultural appropriation associated with African characters in 18th and 19th century operas, and introduce the African-American personalities found in the operas.

### **NY Times Photographer History with The Black Panthers**

As a young **photographer, Jeffrey Henson Scales**, was given a front row seat to the Black Panther movement in the 1960's. He took numerous historic photos of that era...and then lost them all. Decades later the photos reappeared. That led him to write a book about the Panthers. The photographer wants young readers to see how they can have a positive impact on society.