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**CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, Cleveland, Ohio**-Some 13 Black and grassroots activists spoke at the Free Stamp at Willard Park next to Cleveland City Hall at an impeachment rally and march against President Donald Trump on Sunday, activist Kathy Wray Coleman of the Imperial Women Coalition allegedly getting assaulted and unlawfully restrained by members and supporters of the Parma and Stongsville, Ohio group Indivisible Cleveland, which Black greater Cleveland activists say were angry because Cleveland area Black and grassroots activists had a separate speaking forum at the impeachment rally.

The rally and march were in cooperation with similar events in more that 10 cities across the country, including Los Angeles where thousands marched against Trump, and called for congress to impeach him.

The real estate mogul and actor- turned -politician took office in January and has angered a cadre of Americans, mainly Democrats, activists, and women's rights groups, relative to his Muslim travel ban that was partially upheld by the Supreme Court last month, and the slated repeal of Obamacare by congressional Republicans, among a host of other policy initiatives.

The assault and unlawful restraint on Coleman allegedly came because she held up an anti-police brutality sign against Cleveland police murders of Black people that angered Indivisible Cleveland, and police, who were there but at a distance in patrol cars and on bicycles to assist in a march all of the groups participated in later that afternoon.

One Indivisible Cleveland supporter, per the initiative of Muslim pro-White activist Khalid Samad and the White organizers of Indivisible Cleveland, including Suzy Scullin (Suzy Lee), attacked Coleman, stripping the anti-police brutality protest sign from her hands before the roughly 150 people at the rally, including the mainstream media, including Cleveland Fox 8 News and Cleveland Channel 5 News, Channel 5 saying later that they have the footage of the racially motivated incident.

**Coleman said she was also unlawfully restrained by the man that assaulted her in plain view, and**

The groups following Coleman's lead at the rally include the Imperial Women Coalition, the New Black Panther Party Cleveland Chapter, Black on Black Crime Inc, the Black Man's Army, Stop Targeting Ohio's Poor, BEMAD, Badass Teachers, the Fairfax Business Association, and the Carl Stokes Brigade.

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Speakers included Coleman, who is also a longtime journalist of the Call and Post Newspaper who now edits [ClevelandUrbanNews.Com](#) and the [KathyWrayColemanOnlineNewsBlog.Com](#), Alfred Porter Jr. of Black on Black Crime and the Black Man's Army, Abdul Qahhar of the New Black Panther Party Cleveland Chapter, activists the Rev Pamela Pinkney -Butts and Minister Gwendolyn Pitts, Valerie Robinson and Dr. Stewart Robinson of Stop Targeting Ohio's Poor, Melissa Svigelj-Smith of Badass Teachers, an out-of-town anti-war activist, a young Black male Cleveland resident, and a few in the audience eager to be heard.

Issues addressed by the speakers included articles of impeachment, violence against women and the violence against women act, illegal incarceration and the mass incarceration of Blacks subject to an unconstitutional grand jury system, racist and corrupt judges nationwide and in Cuyahoga County, the mis-education and under education of Black children, socio- economics, health care, racism, sexism, women's rights and voting and Civil Rights.

Also addressed were the Russian hacking issue that has Trump and his administration under scrutiny, and the president's Muslim travel ban, which activists say is intrinsically racist.

Khalid Samad, a former Cleveland assistant safety director under former mayor Jane Campbell whom Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson fired when he took office 11 and a half years ago, allegedly stalked, threatened, and menaced Coleman before the rally started after consulting with the police stationed across the street and said Black activists should fall up under Indivisible Cleveland.

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But Black on Black Crime President Alfred Porter, Abdul Qahhar of the New Black Panther Party, and other activists, including Whites, told Samad to back down and that they were not going up under a racist White group like Indivisible Cleveland.

About three Blacks followed Samad's lead and Coleman said that some talked to her later saying they wished they had stood tall like the other Black and White activists.

"Indivisible Cleveland was not inclusive and only slated Genevieve Mitchell to speak after we complained of them shutting out Blacks they did not handpick to say what they wanted to hear and I am appalled at the assault on and mistreatment of activist Kathy Coleman, a Black woman," said Porter of Cleveland, who has encouraged Coleman to file a police report.

Qahhar said that Indivisible Cleveland is part of the problem and wanted to subordinate Blacks with the help of a few weak Black activists that feel inferior to racist Whites.

Also a Muslim, Qahhar, 66, did not fall for the racist tactics of Indivisible Cleveland like Samad, an unemployed Muslim activist allegedly still angry for being fired by Jackson a decade ago who literally begged Porter and Qahhar to dump Coleman and follow his lead and ingratiate themselves with Indivisible Cleveland, obviously to no avail.

The stripping and stealing of the protest sign, said Coleman, is misdemeanor theft, along with what she says she believes was unlawful restraint and assault coupled with a hate crime against a Black woman activist raising concerns about heightened police killings of innocent

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people by Cleveland police and other issues of public concern facing the Black community, women, children and other disenfranchised groups.

Only one cop regarding the Williams, Russell shooting, since fired police officer Michael Brelo, faced charges, and he was acquitted in 2015 of two counts of voluntary manslaughter in a bench trial before Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge John O'Donnell.

Brelo's firing was upheld last month by an arbitrator, though five other cops fired relative to the 137 shots shooting were returned to work by the same arbitrator, the 30-day deadline in which the city can appeal the arbitrator's decision to the common pleas court of which is rapidly approaching.

At the rally Coleman called out the names of those erroneously killed by Cleveland police in recent years from Malissa Williams and Timothy Russell, to 12-year-old Tamir Rice, Tanisha Anderson, Brandon Jones and others.

Al Porter called out the names of murdered greater Cleveland women and girls in recent years, while activists demanded more resources locally, county and statewide, and nationally as to increased violence against women and girls across racial lines, and disproportionately as to Black women and girls.

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