

## Pharcyde

### "What Is The Law"

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[Pharoahe Monch]

Officer Frank Pagliarule, heh  
Shit I hate spics and moolies  
On the trains they be actin insane and unruly  
It's the "Planet of the Apes"  
These gorillas be blastin they tapes  
Out of they cars like a cinematic movie  
Respondin, to a domestic dispute, the culprit  
A younger monkey who went ape-shit and decided to  
shoot  
His older brother in the brain  
His baby's mother couldn't refrain  
Keepin sex out the family name  
And that keeps me smilin like racial profilin  
Forever nigga pilin inside Riker's Island  
New York's most violent, black wall of silence  
React with black talons when wolfpacks are wylin  
For a white cat, gotta admit I can rap-ta-tat-tat  
My nightstick, on the top of your cap  
My blackjack you'll be swallowin for protestin and  
hollerin  
The policy is quality of life and zero tolerance

[Chorus]

What is the law? Know you heard this before  
We find contraband in your car, we breakin your jaw  
What is the law? Nigga, mathematics for sure  
If they walkin in packs of four, they tryin to score  
For any - drug bust or cocaine that's raw  
Better believe we takin our twenty percent at the door  
What is the law? Wolfpacks, movin on all fours  
I'm flawless with weaponry, mentally ready for war

(What is the law?.. What is the..)

[Pharoahe Monch]

Any formalities in the case of police brutality  
I've escaped on finer details and minor technicalities  
Here's a verbal medley of deadly force used  
Readily abused in that old Ku Kluk pedigree  
You better be heavily armed, forever we ready your

song

Steadily ready to move and bomb

I'm like - Hercules, when I work my knees

It's a - search and seize that'll hurt indeed

God bless when the bullets hit the chest you'll backflip

SWAT - Special Weapons And Tactics; theatrics hot

On your block we lock down all shenanigans

When we roll you stand stiff like mannequins

Take the position for broomstick penetration (uh)

Legal under the Mayor's new administration

YOU - better forever have your identification

I broke the mold for holds that cause asphyxiation

[Chorus]

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