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POLICE MOVE IN ON HOLDOUTS WHO STAYED AFTER MIDNIGHT

NIXON HAD DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN FERGUSON • SMOKE BOMBS HIT LAST OF CROWD



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Protesters run from smoke as police enforce a curfew in Ferguson on West Florissant Avenue early Sunday. A curfew of midnight was in effect, and police moved in just before 1 a.m.

UNDER A HARD RAIN, A TENSE STANDOFF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FERGUSON • Hard rain fell upon a small group of defiant protesters on an otherwise empty West Florissant Avenue as the midnight curfew went into effect after a week of demonstrations and occasional violence. Police officers, many in helmets and body armor, warned them to disperse. At 12:45 a.m., police put on their gas masks.

All through the evening, there was concern that some protesters would ignore the curfew, which was imposed by Gov. Jay Nixon after looters raided businesses in the early hours Saturday. Protesters marched up and down the main street earlier Saturday evening, but

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SHIFT IN STRATEGY CAME AFTER RIOTS FLARED ANEW

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FERGUSON • Some protesters defied a curfew that began at midnight this morning, as police tried to maintain calm on the city's tense streets. Through the day and into the night Saturday, some protesters had vowed to ignore the curfew and be arrested.

Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency Saturday and ordered a curfew of midnight to 5 a.m. as a new peacekeeping strategy after protests the night before unraveled into looting

and clashes with police.

The curfew has no expiration date. "If we're going to achieve justice, we must have and maintain peace," Nixon said. "We cannot allow the ill will of the few to undermine the goodwill of the many."

Nixon's order came during an awkward and contentious press conference Saturday hijacked by furious residents who lashed out with demands for justice for Michael Brown, an 18-year-old now known around the world after he was fatally shot by a Ferguson

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WHY DID IT HAPPEN HERE?

IN HIGH-CRIME CORNER OF FERGUSON, NEIGHBORS SAY CONDITIONS WERE RIPE FOR POLICE SHOOTING

Deidre Spottsville, 37, said Thursday that she moves her bed closer to the window at night in her Northwinds apartment, when the shooting starts. With Spottsville is her daughter, Mackenzie, 2. "It's scary," Spottsville said of the violence. "You never know."

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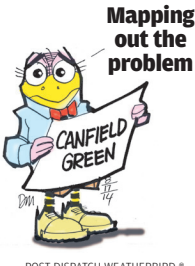
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Long before the nation rested its collective conscience on the protests along West Florissant Avenue, there was a different mobilization going on.

Hundreds of people were moving out of their urban neighborhoods to this north St. Louis County suburb seeking a safe and affordable place to live.

They found it in an isolated corner of Ferguson that was flush with sprawling apartment complexes. Far from Ferguson's leafy residential streets and quaint downtown, many people didn't even know the apartments were part of the city until young Michael Brown was shot and killed there Aug. 9.

But not the police. They knew.

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