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# Watsonville students march through streets

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WATSONVILLE — A police officer was struck by a rock tossed by one of about 100 Watsonville High School students protesting the King verdict Friday morning outside City Hall.

The officer was not injured by the projectile, which "came out of the crowd," said Lorraine Washington, spokeswoman for the city. There were no arrests and no injuries or property damage, said Washington.

The students, carrying signs and chanting, "We want justice!" stormed off the high school campus at 10 a.m., following a zig-zag

route along city and residential streets to the county Court House Annex on Freedom Boulevard and City Hall on Main Street in Watsonville.

On East Lake Avenue, a girl near the front of the protest march turned, shrugged and asked her fellow students, "Where do we go now?"

With Watsonville Police and county sheriff's deputies acting as escorts, the students were eventually pointed back toward campus.

"C'mon you guys, let's go back to school," prodded a Watsonville police sergeant as the students made their way back on school grounds around 11:30 a.m., shortly before the lunch break.