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SURVEILLANCE: Professional Wrestling Holds

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"We didn't know anything about a chokehold or hands to the neck until the video came out," said a former senior police official with direct knowledge of the investigation... "We found out when everyone else did." – New York Times (June 13, 2015)

An Arm-hook Sleeper an Anaconda Vise or an Arm Triangle Choke A Bay Street swing and a Black out or a Corner Foot Choke Maybe a Danny Dance Double Choke Dragon sleeper Figure-Four Necklock We saw a Garner mount and immediately knew that move The Gogoplata sounds ancient like a Guillotine Choke Half Nelson Choke or a Hangman's Choke and Koji Clutch or Leg Choke Call it a Last Loosie a New York noose (a Nigger noose) and a Pantaleo Press A Pentagram Choke or a Rear Naked Choke or a Single Arm Choke and a Sleeper hold The Staten Island Squeeze and the Straight Jacket or a Three-quarter Nelson A Thumb Choke Hold a Tongan Death Grip for assorted Blacks or a Triangle Choke or a Two-handed Chokelift and an arena of bystanders (Previously published in Prairie Schooner, Vol. 89, No. 4. Winter 2015) ***

For 10 weeks, we will feature one poem per week from *Surveillance*, the new chapbook forthcoming from Writ Large Press. These poems by Ashaki M. Jackson explore police killings of Blacks captured on video and the public's consumption of these videos. Previous poems: 1

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