



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Moore Omokunde Statement on Officer-Involved Shooting

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde released the following statement in response to Sunday's officer-involved shooting at the lakefront.

"I'm concerned by the fact that Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies would choose to aggressively pursue a vehicle so close to a crowd of people along the lakefront, which could have resulted in serious injury to innocent bystanders.

"Like my constituents, I want answers. A lot of people are saying "If a white person was driving that car, the deputies wouldn't have shot them."

"Whether or not this is true, this is the public perception and we have to acknowledge this, because we can't have constructive community-police relations with this kind of dynamic.

"It's time for a review of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office policy for pursuing suspects who flee in a vehicle, especially when that pursuit is going take place in a densely populated area like Milwaukee's lakefront on a hot summer afternoon.

"With the Milwaukee Police Department, we know that police pursuits only occur when someone in the car is actively committing a violent felony or is "a clear and immediate threat to the safety of others."

"We do not know what the written policy is for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, which is required by Chapter 346 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

"I'm calling on Sheriff Clarke to immediately release his written guidelines for officers engaged in vehicular pursuit of suspects.

"We may have to wait for all the facts to come in regarding this incident, but we should not have to wait one more day to see the sheriff's policies on pursuing suspects."

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