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Statement on the Shooting of Jacob Blake

Milwaukee – County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde released the following statement in response to the shooting of Jacob Blake, an unarmed Black man, by Kenosha police:

“Before the inevitable dehumanization campaign begins—and while we ‘wait for more information’ to help us determine whether or not Jacob Blake’s dignity will be taken into consideration—I want to remind folks of the numerous incidents where white or white presenting men in predominantly white communities have pointed rifles at law enforcement officers and were taken into custody with little to no exchange in gunfire.

I would also like to remind folks that narratives about depression, alcoholism, the pressures of quarantining from COVID-19 and the like are used to capture the humanity of white men when interacting with law enforcement, which is a luxury not afforded to Black men in our society.

While our primary focus is on Jacob, his family and his full recovery, we must hold the officers involved and the Kenosha Police Department accountable for the assault on his life.

It is impossible for a Black man to be seen as unarmed when interacting with law enforcement if you have weaponized his Blackness.”

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