

Rep. Crowley: Calls for moment of reflection on justice in wake of Tony Robinson settlement

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MADISON, WI – State Representative David Crowley (D-Milwaukee), Chair of the Milwaukee Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement in response to the \$3.35 million settlement in the death of Tony Robinson.

“I want to send my deepest sympathies to the family of Tony Robinson, whose life was cut short at the hands of a Madison police officer. While I applaud the settlement and hope that it brings some peace of mind and closure to a grieving family, I would be remiss if I did not speak to the reoccurring injustice regarding police-involved shootings.

“It is time that our state and our country stop treating African American men, women, and children like property. Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland, Dontre Hamilton, and Tony Robinson all died at the hands of law enforcement. All either received wrongful death court settlements or are currently litigating and all resulted in zero homicide or manslaughter charges. Time and time again we see families awarded financial settlements with no real justice for the victims. This is unacceptable. We cannot allow the justice system to continue to price-tag victims as if they were a piece of property that the family lost. They are people, not property. I think for the sake of justice, we should all take a moment to reflect on that.”

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