

ACLU Wisconsin: Statement on latest Milwaukee Police Department video regarding Sterling Brown arrest

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MILWAUKEE, WI – Another video of the Milwaukee Police Department officers involved in the arrest of Milwaukee Bucks player Sterling Brown was released today, highlighting the officers' plans to defend their inappropriate treatment of Brown.

Chris Ott, Executive Director of the ACLU of Wisconsin, issued the following statement in response:

“We are outraged that the police officers involved in Milwaukee Bucks' player Sterling Brown's arrest were focused on planning damage control for their excessive use of force, instead of treating Mr. Brown with the dignity and professionalism that everyone—whether a Bucks player or not—deserves from the police. These officers refer to public concerns about racially biased policing with disdain, providing further proof that the culture and conduct of the Milwaukee Police Department toward people of color and their concerns need to change.

These officers must be held accountable to reinforce that police have a duty to protect and serve all people equally regardless of the color of their skin – including people of color. And to people who think that basketball players – or other athletes – shouldn't concern themselves with what happens off the court, take note that this type of policing impacts ALL people.”