

Milwaukee Co. Supv. Nicholson: Statement on Sterling Brown incident

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MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson released the following statement on the release of the video showing the tasing and arrest of Sterling Brown.

“The criminalization of Black bodies has to stop, and the police must be held accountable for their abusive treatment towards Sterling Brown, who was attempting to comply with police instructions. In this instance, a parking issue that could have been taken care of with a simple ticket or request to move the vehicle escalated because of an officer’s lack of respect for a Black man. A slap on the wrist is an insult to the people of Milwaukee – the officers involved should be relieved of duty. Police officers who have shown an inability to remain calm and respectful when confronting someone over a parking violation should not be entrusted with the power and authority that comes with being a Milwaukee police officer.

Supervisor Nicholson is the First Vice Chair of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and serves as chair the Committee on Economic and Community Development.