

# Milwaukee Co. Supv. Omokunde: Statement on Sterling Brown video

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MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde released the following statement regarding the release of a video in the Sterling Brown incident.

“Black folks are reminded daily about the violence that our communities suffer at the hands of the police in America. Because the mayor and the police chief warned us that the video would be “bad,” I was prepared for the agony we can hear in Sterling Brown’s voice as he bears the pain of being tased by Milwaukee police officers.

“What I was not prepared for in the Sterling Brown video was how quickly the officer chose to escalate the situation, compared to the calm way in which Mr. Brown conducted himself.

“What I was not prepared for was how the officer repeatedly provoked Mr. Brown, by falsely accusing him of either not complying with the officer’s ever changing demands, or of physically challenging him.

“Appropriate police recruitment and training yields committed men and women who protect and serve us daily. However, police officers who treat our citizens with this level of disrespect, and subject innocent citizens to this kind of excessive force should be held accountable and not be allowed to go back into the community with a badge and a gun.”