

Attorney Ben Crump: Releases statement on Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul's briefing

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Nationally renowned civil rights attorney Ben Crump and co-counsels Patrick Salvi and B'Ivory Lamarr have released the following statement on Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul's briefing today:

“On behalf of Jacob Blake's parents, we echo calls for restraint in this highly emotional time. But we also call on local, state and national law enforcement to protect the people of Kenosha from outside vigilante forces who would take justice into their own hands. Jacob Blake didn't harm anyone or pose any threat to the police, yet they shot him seven times in the back in front of his children. But when a young white supremacist shot and killed two peaceful protestors, local law enforcement and National Guardsmen allowed him to walk down the street with his assault weapon. This is the grossly unfair picture that Black Americans and all Americans who seek racial justice, including the Milwaukee Bucks, see and passionately object to.

“Jacob did nothing to provoke police. He was a great father and was only intending to get his children out of a volatile situation. Witnesses confirm that he was not in possession of a knife and didn't threaten officers in any way.

“We agree that Attorney General Kaul and District Attorney Graveley must complete a full investigation and anyone with information should come forward. At the same

time, the video we've all seen is quite clear. This investigation should be completed quickly and decisively, not like the inquiry into the death of Breonna Taylor, which has dragged on for more than five months.”