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Voces de la Frontera Statement on Video of Police Brutality Against Sterling Brown

MILWAUKEE — On Wednesday, May 23rd, the Milwaukee Police Department [released bodycam footage](#) of the violent assault, tasing, and arrest of Milwaukee Bucks player Sterling Brown by Milwaukee Police Department officers. Milwaukee Police Chief Alfonso Morales said that 3 unidentified officers had been disciplined, although he did not say how. Voces de la Frontera issued the following statement from Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz:

"This latest incident of police brutality is a tragic reminder of the urgency to demand accountability for law enforcement who abuse their power. We must end policies that legalize and justify the use of lethal force that leads to the loss of life, traumatizes victims and their families, and undermines public trust. We support the African-American Roundtable in calling for Chief Morales to take a strong stand for zero tolerance for this behavior in the ranks of MPD, and for the officers who abused Sterling Brown to be fired. Discriminatory, violent behavior like what is shown in this video will never end unless officers face accountability for their actions. This is a reminder that until we address issues of racial profiling and excessive use of force, this could happen to any Black or Brown person, no matter how famous you are or how much money you make."

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Voces de la Frontera is a membership-based community organization led by low-wage workers, immigrants and students, whose mission is to protect and expand civil rights and workers' rights through leadership development and community organizing. Voces' student arm is Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES). To learn more visit vdlf.org. Follow [@voces_milwaukee](https://twitter.com/voces_milwaukee) on Twitter or like Voces on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/voces).

