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SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON'S STATEMENT ON THE VIDEO OF THE KILLING OF BANKO BROWN

On Monday, May 15, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office released the security video of the incident on April 27 and announced they would not charge the Walgreens security guard who shot and killed Banko Brown, an unarmed Black trans man.

"I have watched the video several times, Banko Brown was clearly walking backwards, after being thrown to the ground, punched, and abused by the security guard for several seconds," said Supervisor Shamann Walton. "The security guard successfully subdues Banko and lets him go. Banko walks backwards and is executed. The security guard had the upper hand the entire time and even told Banko that he was letting him go as stated in the transcript released by the DA. Where is the perceived threat? DA Jenkins' decision to not charge gives every armed security guard in San Francisco a license to have an open season to shoot and kill Black and transgender people for alleged shoplifting."

Supervisor Walton plans to join Board President Aaron Peskin in calling California Attorney General Rob Bonta and the U.S. Department of Justice to launch a review of District Attorney Brooke Jenkin's decision to not file charges.

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