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## \*\*\*SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON'S STATEMENT ON DOJ'S RESPONSE ON BANKO BROWN\*\*\*

On May 24, 2023, I sent a letter of inquiry to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting a review of the San Francisco District Attorney's handling of the case involving the death of Banko Brown. Last week, the DOJ sent the Board of Supervisors the following official response:

"We appreciate the benefit of having your views in this matter. Consistent with Justice Manual § 1-7.410, the Department acknowledges receipt of your letter and will refer your request for a review to the proper investigative agency or component for assessment. The Department takes requests of this nature seriously. The Department does not ordinarily confirm or deny the existence of an investigation. You should not interpret this acknowledgement as confirmation of an investigation of the matters described in your letter."

We will keep working to seek justice for Banko Brown.

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