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### **Statement of Rev. Michael Pflieger on released video of police shooting**

The video of police shooting of Dexter Reed is horrific to watch and it leaves me with many questions:

1. What was the traffic violation that Reed was stopped for and why was there such an excessive response for a seatbelt stop? Since when do TAC Officers do traffic stops?
2. 5 TAC Officers jumping out and surrounding a car with guns drawn is excessive. I would be scared out of my mind. Also, I thought the “jump out boys” teams were being abandoned.
3. While it is being reported that Dexter shot first, the number of bullets in the car and casings on the ground was way over the top and seemingly excessive force, 96 shots.
4. When he got out of the car, he had no weapon in his hand and while Mr. Reed was lying on the ground shots continued to be fired at him.
5. We will never build trust if officers are not being held accountable.

This investigation must be thorough, transparent, and honest. If laws and procedures were not followed, people must be held responsible. We must all wait for the complete investigation and keep our eye on the process and transparency.