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**\*\*\*SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON'S STATEMENT TO THE DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S RESPONSE TO THE LETTER OF INQUIRY\*\*\***

On Tuesday, May 2, District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton requested a Letter of Inquiry to the District Attorney to publicly release the video footage showing the circumstances around the shooting of Banko Brown by a downtown Walgreens security guard, and requesting the District Attorney to reconsider and reevaluate their decision not to charge the case presented to them by the San Francisco Police Department. District Attorney Brooke Jenkins responded in the late afternoon of Monday, May 8.

“I disagree with the District Attorney’s opinions and have been informed by our Deputy City Attorney that my request has no interference with the investigation and it is not at all unethical,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “I do understand that there are several other pieces of evidence to explore and the decisions made by the District Attorney’s office do not rely on one source of evidence. I also know that videos are released all the time during investigations and in some cases even required. We are asking for transparency around the killing of Banko Brown and release of this video will most certainly help with that transparency. I hope the District Attorney will reconsider her decision and I hope that her initial decision on May 1 and subsequent change of mind on May 8, does not compromise the prosecutorial integrity of the case.”

On May 1, District Attorney Jenkins dismissed all charges against the Walgreens security guard due to “self defense,” however, in the District Attorney's response to the letter of inquiry dated on May 8, she stated, “the investigation into the killing of Banko Brown is ongoing.” This appears to be a contradiction.

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