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MPD interaction with senator's son raises questions

Statement from Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.
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As I learn more about the Milwaukee Police Department's interaction with Senator Lena Taylor's son as he was delivering a turkey to a neighbor, it strikes me as unfortunate yet timely. It's unfortunate that a young man with all the right intentions was treated thusly, but it's timely due to the ongoing review of Milwaukee Police Department policies and procedures by the Department of Justice.

Confronted with this story, there are several questions that we need to ask ourselves:
- Is there evidence that the turkey was in distress?
- Was there a 911 call of a turkey burglary within the neighborhood?
- Is there a standard operating procedure for dealing with persons suspected of turkey kidnapping?
- Was the turkey struggling to escape from the individual who was questioned?

If these questions seem outrageous to you, *I agree!* During this time of holiday cheer, this young man became yet another victim of the complaints that are becoming all too common in Milwaukee. A young African American child in this city cannot do the things that kids do without being suspected of criminal behavior by law enforcement.

We all know that police have to do their jobs, but this is over the top and inexplicable. At the very least, a quick apology is due from the Mayor and the Chief of Police, without delay.

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