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Jacksonville, FL - The Jacksonville Branch NAACP finds the recent video footage of a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office officer slamming the head of an unarmed suspect multiple times to be excessive force and disturbing. The actions of this officer were unwarranted and completely unnecessary. We strongly condemn this behavior by any and all officers of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, who are all sworn to protect and serve our communities.

It is clearly evident from the video footage that the suspect was no longer a threat to the numerous officers surrounding him. Therefore, to aggressively slam his head into the pavement multiple times was totally unacceptable and warrants a complete and swift investigation followed by appropriate discipline.

"Representatives of the organization recently met with Sheriff Mike Williams to discuss the misconduct of his officers in predominantly black neighborhoods. The Sheriff assured us that all matters would be addressed. This is happening all too often and the citizens of Jacksonville are fed up and deserve better treatment from law enforcement. Here we are once again with officers abusing their power." says Isaiah Rumlin, President of Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP.

The Branch is demanding the actions of this officer to be thoroughly reviewed by both the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for appropriate action to include suspension without pay until the investigation is complete. Our communities will not continue to allow such "excessive force of actions" of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to go unpunished.

Please contact Isaiah Rumlin at 904-764-1753 for additional information regarding this matter.