



Trump Endorses Police Brutality: 'Please Don't Be Nice'

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Police departments are under increased scrutiny for violent, often fatal interactions with suspects.

"When you see these thugs being thrown into the back of a paddywagon, you just see them thrown in, rough, I said, 'Please don't be too nice", Trump said. "I said, 'You can take the hand away, OK?'" His comments were received with loud applause by the officers present. Like, don't hit their head and they've just killed somebody - don't hit their head.

Back in 2010, the National Police Misconduct Reporting Project - a project of the Cato Institute - found the most common type of police misconduct was the use of excessive force.

This year's killings included the Minneapolis police shooting of Justine Damond, an Australian woman who called 911 to report a possible rape in the alley near her home and ended up shot dead by the responding officers.

"To be clear, inappropriate attempt at gallows humor does not reflect values of respect & commitment to constitutional policing of profession", Acevedo tweeted in response to a story about the president's remarks. So far, only 28 have been convicted for murder or manslaughter. Defense attorneys argued that Gray was acting out and it would not have been safe for officers to enter the police van. Other officers also pleaded guilty in that case. "After the ride, his spine was 80% severed at the neck and he died days later", MacGillis wrote.

On Saturday, New York police commissioner James P. O'Neill said the department's policies about the use of force "only allow for measures that are reasonable and necessary under any circumstances, including the arrest and transportation of prisoners", according to the New York Times. The president told law enforcement to not be "too nice" when dealing with handcuffed suspects.

Officers with the NYPD are reacting to President Trump's remarks on how the police should be treating suspects.

Police Department has forcefully rejected President Donald Trump's remarks that apparently advocated rough treatment of people in police custody, going as far as to say he "endorsed and condoned police brutality".

In this city it is clear that, as the Justice Department concluded, the police force's "relationship with certain Baltimore communities is broken".

The department's missteps - neither officer had activated his body camera, so there's no video evidence of the fatal encounter - resulted in global criticism and the ouster of Minneapolis police Chief Janee Harteau.

Suffolk County Police Department came under fire last November when its former chief James Burke was sentenced to almost four years in prison for beating a handcuffed man in an interrogation room.

"I think they realize that was in jest", Suffolk County Police Deputy Inspector Milagros Soto told CBS New York.