

I am the mother to the children who lost their father (Mario Benjamin) to police gun fire on August 2nd, 2019.

As you already know, our children were present at the time of this tragedy. It is my job to protect my kids from any further harm. Meaning physically, mentally, emotionally, and to anything that can hurt them in anyway.

With that being said, I am requesting that Mario's video footage NOT be released to the public. My children's well being and state of mind is my top priority and I am willing to do whatever it takes to protect their mental health. And the video is not something that I want them to see until they are old enough to mentally and emotionally understand what they would be viewing. Our youngest kids are 5 and 6, which is not a age to process such a thing. At the end of the day I don't want there to be any possibility for them to see any video of their father being rip from their lives and or what led up to that cause.

It was a hard run getting my kids back to a happy place. And it is still hard keeping them there. As I am alone and a constant reminder of that tragedy. They have come a long way to be able to talk about their father with a smile on their face instead of tears in their eyes. And I would like to keep it that way.

Signed by a victim and a mother.