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Thank you for forming this commission.

I watched the video of Jean Ronald Saint Preux's May 20 arrest at Albany Town Hall. Saint Preux was pulled over in a traffic stop and ordered out of his car by State Troopers Margaret Ready and Hawley Rae. When he did not comply, due to lack of cause and fear of losing his life as a black man in a police encounter, the Troopers broke his window and told him he was under arrest. Saint Preux repeatedly asked for cause of arrest but received none. He asked to exit the vehicle, alerted the troopers of his movements and told them of his heart condition. When he exited the vehicle, he asked them to stop pushing him and to wait until his girlfriend arrived. Even as he complied, he was needlessly beaten and tased.

Saint Preux's arrest establishes further distrust of law enforcement. The assaultive behavior of the State Troopers is a danger to public safety. Please hold State Troopers Margaret Ready and Hawley Rae accountable by acknowledging their wrongdoing. Please conduct a transparent investigation, reexamine the policies that allowed their use of force, and make Saint Preux's arrest details public record.

The commission needs to consider more emphasis on de-escalation techniques, bi-annual psychological/behavioral tests of law enforcement officers, and more in-service training class hours for State Troopers in Communicating to Avoid Conflict, Stress Management for Police Officers and Ethics in Law Enforcement.

Thank you.

Best,

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