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I am emailing to demand for more information about the killing of Kale Brown to be released to the Missoula public -- release the names of all involved officers and their conduct records, release all relevant body camera footage, and make clear the circumstances and details of the killing immediately.

What happened on Saturday was disgusting, appalling, and a tragedy. A man was having a mental health crisis, and due to budgets being allocated toward the police department as opposed to mental health services, a life was unjustly taken.

Kale Brown was a family member of a dear friend of mine. He had two daughters. He had a wife. This family who is already dealing with collective trauma from a global pandemic, is now having to deal with the trauma of their brother-in-law, husband, and father being killed by police who were supposed to be PROTECTING them and the community.

Community members heard these shots. The ripple effect of this police brutality adds to the collective trauma of our community. It hinders the collective healing we are so desperately trying to achieve. It adds to the thriving distrust we already have in our police department, and is now rippling to distrust in our city council if this is not handled even somewhat justly.

This is absolutely inexcusable. I am begging you and the city council to take the request to release more information seriously. Please take this murder seriously. Please look at this police brutality seriously. Please think of your family and how you would feel if they were taken. Please do the most simplistic thing to serve this family justice and release more information about this murder.

Thank you for your time in reading this email.