

Police Fire Tear Gas, Flash Grenades at Protesters After Death of Unarmed Black Man in Minnesota

Protests erupted overnight in Minneapolis after the death of a black man who was in police custody and in public view. The incident was captured on a video recording.

While some demonstrators peacefully marched on the streets, thousands more deadlocked with police in a standoff where officers used tear gas to hold off the crowds.

It's morning and we need some answers from @MayorFrey about the use of tear gas, flash bombs and rubber bullets by police in Minneapolis last night. Yesterday we welcomed clear talk & swift action in response to the video of the killing of #GeorgeFloyd. We need the same today.

– Sherrilyn Ifill (@Sifill_LDF) May 27, 2020

Four police officers have been fired just one day after the death of George Floyd.

Minneapolis Major Jacob Frey tweeted, “Four responding MPD officers involved in the death of George Floyd have been terminated. This is the right call.”

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– Mayor Jacob Frey (@MayorFrey) May 26, 2020

Video from a bystander taken outside a south Minneapolis grocery store on Monday night showed a white officer pressing his knee on Floyd's neck.

While handcuffed, Floyd pleaded that he couldn't breathe and finally stopped moving.

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