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*Statement from Nation Outside Detroit Regional Coordinator Darryl Woods Sr.
on a Detroit police excessive use of force against a peacemaking civilian*

DETROIT — “Nation Outside joins with the Detroit Branch NAACP in condemning the actions of two Detroit police officers last weekend. The officers knocked down a young Black man who appeared to be breaking up a fight in Greektown. The young man, who was not charged with any wrongdoing, was first knocked to the ground by one officer. Then, as he tried to back away with his hands in the air, he was knocked out by another officer. We agree with the NAACP that this could have been a tragic loss of life and the actions of these officers are unacceptable.

“We are appreciative of Interim Police Chief, James White, who stated, ‘I did not see de-escalation there,’ as well as his swift actions in launching an investigation into the matter. We strongly believe that this young Black man did not deserve the officer's excessive use of force. Nation Outside believes all people should be treated with dignity and respect, and that justice and fairness should be available to all. Nation Outside offers our help to bolster the safety and vibrance of our community, including bridging the gap between law enforcement and community, and is available to assist with training.”

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