

Let investigation proceed, family heal -- Paul Skidmore

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A young man was killed by a police officer, and many have questions: Why did this happen, and what could have been done to prevent it?

We don't have many answers now, but there are plenty of rumors. These rumors are not helping to find the answers. They are fueling tensions in our community.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice is conducting an independent investigation into the shooting, and when they're done we will have answers. These answers will help us to understand what happened and how to prevent it from happening again.

Mayor Paul Soglin, Police Chief Mike Koval and Boys and Girls Club of Dane County CEO Michael Johnson have been working with the family to create a peaceful atmosphere that will help find answers. They should be commended.

We need to pause while the investigation proceeds, and while the family begins to heal. The family said it has faith in the investigation process, and so should we. Once we have answers, then we can proceed with healing in the community.

-- Ald. Paul Skidmore, Madison, 9th District