

Community leaders prepare for decision in officer-involved shooting

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MADISON (WKOW)-- Community leaders are preparing for the reaction to the decision about whether or not to charge the officer who shot and killed 19-year-old Tony Robinson.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is expected turn over its reports on the Robinson shooting to the Dane County District Attorney Friday. It could still be weeks before we know if the officer involved will face charges, but area leaders are getting ready.

“Our community will be prepared,” said Michael Johnson, the CEO of the Dane County Boys and Girls Club.

Johnson is meeting with other community leaders, ahead of the announcement about whether or not charges will be filed.

“I think it's a multi-prong approach,” Johnson said. “We gotta think about our kids, we gotta think about families but we also gotta think about the community. So we're having multiple conversations with different people. We're having conversations with the school district, we're having conversations with faith-based leaders.”

Johnson says leaders received a \$10,000 planning grant to handle the situation.

“The grant is really two things,” Johnson said. “One, to prepare our community for this decision and we wanted to utilize the resources to bring community groups together. And so we have to decide how we're going to utilize those resources. And then two, how we move forward as a community after this decision is made.”

The goal is to keep reactions peaceful, just like all protests have been so far.

“There are some groups that are looking for justice, there are some groups that are looking for answers,” Johnson said. “And I think we have to respect how people feel in our community, and at the end of the day, I think we all gotta be responsible for our actions. And we have to be willing to understand each other at the end of the day.”



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