

Open Letter of Apology

To my family, my friends, my police department co-workers who I have embarrassed, and the people of the City of Boston, I offer a deep and sincere apology for the thoughtless, childish, insensitive, and offensive racial references contained in a video I made attempting to poke fun at a longtime friend and co-worker. To those of you who know me and who understand that I am a person who treats people of all races with dignity and respect, I thank you for your support over the past several weeks. To those of you who do not know me but are looking to judge me based upon my substantial lapse of judgment, I ask that you accept my apology and my representation of remorse. I was taught by my parents at a young age to respect people of all races, colors, and religions, and was taught that all people, no matter what they look like or where they come from, should be treated the same. In both my personal life and in my professional life, I have always acted in this manner and have always sought to treat people of all races and religions professionally and respectfully. I have done this with the residents of the Roxbury community who have called the police seeking police services, as well as with those who have broken the law and are the reason for the police calls. I have worked hard and I am proud of the work that I have done in the community to make people's lives better. I understand that the video was hurtful to many people and I apologize for my actions. I regret the embarrassment this has caused for the police department and regret that my actions may very well make our jobs as police officers more difficult. I ask that rather than being judged on this one act, that I be judged upon who I am and what my actions throughout my life and my career have shown me to be. We all make mistakes in life, and some are bigger than others. I made a big one and ask for your forgiveness.



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