



Outrage, after Phoenix police shoplifting response

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The mayor of Phoenix apologized and called a community meeting for this week amid public anger over a viral video taken May 27th showing police pointing a gun at the parents of a 4-year-old child over allegations she shoplifted a doll.



1-1. The mayor of Phoenix has issued an apology

1-2. after video of police sparked outrage and a \$10 million lawsuit.

2-1. The chaotic scene captured on neighbors' cell phones shows Phoenix police kicking, cursing and threatening to shoot a father,

2-2. with his pregnant fiancé and two young children in the car, over the alleged theft of a dollar store doll.

DRAVON AMES, saying:

"I thought he was going to shoot us.

I'm just trying to protect my family, and I thought like being calm with someone who's ready to shoot me is the best way out of that situation to make it. Survive, so that we can survive it."

3. Dravon Ames and fiancé Iesha Harper said they weren't aware her four-year old daughter had allegedly taken a doll from the Family Dollar store.

4-1. Video shows officers confronting the family, with at least one pulling his gun,

4-2. yelling at the adults to put their hands up,

4-3. while threatening to shoot them if they failed to comply.

5-1. The footage shows Iesha Harper getting out of a car with her four-year old daughter,

5-2. carrying her one-year old daughter as an officer shouts at her,

5-3. while another officer puts Ames in handcuffs.

6. Phoenix mayor Kate Gallego wrote on Twitter Saturday that the incident made her feel "sick."

7. She apologized to the family and announced a community meeting this week.
- 8-1. A lawyer representing the couple said the officers committed battery, unlawful imprisonment,
8-2. false arrest, infliction of emotional distress and violation of the family's civil rights.
9. In a letter to the city last week, he said the family was willing to settle the case for \$10 million.
10. Police have launched an internal investigation.