



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**Statement by Trenton Mayor Eric E. Jackson on Inappropriate  
Conversation Captured by Police Body Camera**

I have directed Trenton Police Department Director Ernest (Ernie) Parrey, Jr. to advance an existing internal investigation against the police officers who participated in the repugnant speech that was captured on body camera video. I strongly condemn any use of excessive force and the boasting about it by police officers. This behavior is intolerable; violates the public trust and department policy; and erodes the goodwill police are building with city residents and community stakeholders. We will act quickly and deliberately to hold officers to account for engaging in conduct that denigrates community relations and the police uniform. This incident is an important example of why my administration has implemented the use of body cameras to hold all the parties involved accountable.