



**\*\*\*Media Alert\*\*\***

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**Councilman Scott Benson issued this statement today in response to the recent tragedy involving Damon Grimes:**

The death of Damon Grimes is a horrific tragedy that has hit our community hard. At this time, as tensions and emotions are running high, we ask the community for calm and to respect the life and legacy of Damon with peaceful protests. We are working closely with the Grimes Family, Mayor's office, Detroit Police Department and Michigan State Police to monitor the situation and to make sure that community voices are heard throughout this process.

Additionally, while we acknowledge that ATVs are illegal for street use, we recognize their popularity for recreational purposes within the City of Detroit. That is why we have been working to support the ATV community with a new motor sports park geared toward off-road vehicles. More importantly, we want to ensure policies are in place to prevent this type of tragedy from ever happening again.

Anyone who needs grief counseling or support during this difficult time can contact, St Johns Open Arms grieving program at, 313-369-5780, or reach out to my office directly at, 313-224-1198.

Scott Benson  
Council Member District 3