

“SHE WANTS TO GRAB HIM:” THE PREMEDITATED DETENTION OF RAS BARAKA

Judge Jamel Semper in the LaMonica McIver case has released the videos associated with her motion to dismiss for congressional immunity.

Video F strongly suggests that someone female ordered Ricky Patel – the person who ultimately arrested Ras Baraka – to “grab” the Mayor even before he was told he was trespassing.

0:45, Ricky Patel says, “I’m going to walk right to the Mayor now.”

1:06 of Video F, Ricky Patel says, “you know me, I’m not saying no to shit.”

At 2:14, someone else says, “She wants to grab him.”

Only after that did Patel say, “How did the Mayor get in here?” after which a DHS employee made a baseless claim about how it happened.

In less than 30 seconds after engaging the Mayor, Patel threatened to arrest him for trespassing, in response to which one of Baraka’s aides said, “we got invited in,” which DOJ now concedes to be true.

In the middle of it, Patel gets a call. He sees who is calling. At first he doesn’t answer. Then seconds later he answers the call. After Patel gets off the phone, he calls Bonnie Watson Coleman, “Ma’am,” after which she corrects him, “Congresswoman.” When Patel orders Baraka to put his hands behind his back, Watson Coleman says “we’ll be your eyes and ears.” Both Congresswomen say, “calm down.”

Exhibit B is the one that shows Patel ordering others to prepare to arrest Baraka, "even though he stepped out." Meanwhile, one of the ICE officers is arming himself, and another one mocks him for it. Another asks, "they really wanted to just come here to see a tour of the facility?"

1:16: I am arresting the Mayor, so.

1:16: 30: I got it, I got it. We're taking him right now.

1:16:50: I'm going to take him right now.

[Hangs up phone]

1:16:55: Okay, even though he stepped out, I'm going to put him in cuffs.

1:17: Guys, listen to me. We're going to walk out of the gates. I'm going to place the Mayor in handcuffs. We are arresting the Mayor, per the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Anyone who gets in the way, I need you guys to get me a perimeter.

1:17:30: I already told him on camera that he was under arrest, we're going to place him under arrest.

[They arm themselves some more.]

1:20, after the arrest, McIver: You assaulted me. I am filing a complaint.

Even before anyone from ICE engaged with the Mayor, "She" ordered Ricky Patel to "grab him."