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Statement from Senator Miles Regarding Jordan Edwards

"Last week, a Balch Springs police officer shot and killed Jordan Edwards, a 15-year-old who was leaving a house party with his brother. Originally, Balch Springs Police Chief Jonathan Haber stated the vehicle, driven by Edwards' brother, backed in reverse "aggressively" toward officers. After further investigation, the police chief later recanted his statement, saying the vehicle was driving away from the scene and not towards officers. Due to these new facts, Police Chief Haber fired Officer Roy Oliver.

"I send my sincere condolences to the Edwards Family. Jordan was a bright young man, who had a promising future. Words cannot express what you are going through, but we as a community are here for you.

"I join my colleagues with the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and call on the leaders in the House, Senate and the Governor to support legislation to improve the relationship with law enforcement and the African American community.

"As a father of a young black man, I pray every night that my son comes home safely. I know I am not alone. Too many times, police interactions with black men end in tragedy. We respect the job police officers do, especially when they put their lives on the line to protect our communities, but we need to ensure their interactions with our community do not end in unnecessary tragedy."

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