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Statement by Senator Borris L. Miles on Galveston Police Department Mounted Patrol

"During the 86th Legislative Session, I reminded my colleagues about how remnants of slavery still existed today when deliberating bills on the Sugar Land 95, and the removal of Confederate statues and monuments. But statues and buried human remains are not the only remnants that are around us, it's the actions by our fellow man.

"Two days ago, photos surfaced of two Galveston Police Mounted Patrol Officers escorting Donald Neely, a Black man, handcuffed and being led by a rope. This chilling photo went viral because the imagery was reminiscent of how slaves were treated.

"I condemn Officer P. Brosch and A. Smith for their actions during this arrest and for unnecessarily subjecting Mr. Neely to that public humiliation. I applaud Galveston Police Chief Vernon Hale for his swift response and apology to Mr. Neely. I ask him to consider disciplinary actions against those two officers and to institute department-wide sensitivity training to ensure that officers, present and future understand why this was wrong, why it was inhumane and why it was downright racist."

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