Biden makes his case to replace Trump
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The reminders never stop • they just come with different names and different faces.

On Tuesday night, attorneys for Toronto Raptors president Masai Ujiri released the body-cam video from Alameda County Sheriff•s deputy Alan Strickland. The video is from the June 2019 night when the Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors at Oracle Arena in Oakland, California, claiming the franchise•s first NBA championship.

The video shows Ujiri headed to the court to celebrate with players, his hand on an all-access pass that he appeared to be tucking into his jacket. It sounds like someone tells Ujiri to show the pass to Strickland, but before he can, Strickland appears to put a hand on Ujiri•s chest and shove him, telling him to •back the up. •It•s another reminder for Black Americans, for marginalized Black people all over the world, that no matter what level of success is achieved, no matter what our income level, no matter what we•re wearing • Ujiri was in a charcoal gray suit, likely custom-made, and a Raptors-purple tie when the incident occurred • we•re never good enough, never accepted, never not hated by some people.

It brings back memories of a racial slur being spray-painted onto the gates outside LeBron James• Los Angeles home in 2017; of scholar and Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates being arrested in Cambridge, Massachusetts, after being suspected of breaking into his own home a decade ago; of tennis standout James Blake being tackled to the ground by New York City police in 2015 because he allegedly looked like a suspect in a credit card scam; of a Greek government official calling Giannis Antetokounmpo, who grew up in the country, a •monkey• and the Greek equivalent of the N-word last month after Antetokounmpo discussed the racism he faced there after his family emigrated from Nigeria.

Despite the evidence, Strickland maintains he was a victim. This week, however, Ujiri filed a countersuit in federal court, and the video release is tied to it.

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