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The Madison police department should not have been involved in the use of force against peaceful protesters on the UW-Madison campus on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Please instruct the Madison Police department to not involve itself in use of force against peaceful protesters whose only crime was violating a camping restriction. Please look into the process involving in the MPD involvement in this incident. I believe that this use of force will lead to greater protests and larger uses of force. Please help prevent violence in the city of Madison WI, by anyone especially the police department when it can easily be avoided. Also please look into the arrest of Samer Alatout, and look into if it was necessary or is helping prevent future violence, or encourage it.

Thank you,  
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City of Madison Resident