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Video shows drivers performing dangerous maneuvers in downtown Baltimore

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BALTIMORE — New video shows standstill traffic Friday night in downtown Baltimore as some drivers performed dangerous burnouts and donuts, blocking traffic on the roads.

Some city business owners said they are frustrated with not just what happened, but all the crime that has hit the downtown area hard.

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"I feel like I'm against the wind right now. I'm spinning in the wind and it's not a good feeling," a resident said.

Friday night's chaos took place at Pratt and President streets and the tire marks could still be seen on the intersection Sunday. In the video, cars can be heard backfiring in that area as bystanders in the middle of the road watched.

Business owners said this has become a part of the image of Baltimore and has contributed to what the Baltimore City police union is calling "lawlessness" in the city.

The Baltimore Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3 said that when officers arrived at the scene, they found a medic team with sirens on trying to get through the intersection. After four traffic light cycles, the union said, Baltimore police tried entering the intersection, where their cars were hit with bottles.

"Let us have that feeling of inclusion. We feel so detached from the City government right now. honestly, very detached," the resident said.

Business owners said tourism has dropped with some choosing to leave altogether, blaming city leadership and police for a lack of action.

"This is a national thing that we're working with enforcement," Mayor Brandon Scott said.

Scott answered questions about that action. Actions, that city leadership say could prove dangerous for responding officers, forcing police to make calculated decisions.

"We're working with our police here but also across the region. We know that often times we're working with Baltimore County police and other county police around these car clubs that are doing this," Scott said.

Dangerous stunts bringing chaos downtown as frustration brews in Baltimore City.

"I'm in the middle of turmoil right now. I've had my friends and people that have lived here a lifetime that have left and it's sad for me. I never wanted to leave but there's nothing saying stay," the resident said.

WBAL-TV 11 News did ask business owners what a potential solution would be. They said they'd like to see more police patrols downtown and convictions to stop more of these sideshows from happening again.

New video sent to 11 News shows an similar incident from early Thursday morning in which a crowd surrounded the driver of a car that spun around and did burnouts at the intersection of Falls Road and 41st Street in north Baltimore.

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