

Labour councillor Ricky Jones arrested after allegedly telling protest 'fascists need to have throats cut'

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A suspended Labour councillor has been arrested after allegedly telling a protest that fascists [needed to have their throats cut](#).

Metropolitan Police confirmed the arrest in a tweet which included the original video of Ricky Jones, a local councillor in Dartford in Kent, appearing to make the comments.



Metropolitan Police

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UPDATE: Officers have arrested a man aged in his 50s at an address in South East London.

He was held on suspicion of encouraging murder and for an offence under the Public Order Act.

He is in custody at a south London police station.



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"Mostly peaceful" in Walthamstow last night. 😞



Protesters stood pavement-to-pavement on the road behind him and held placards which read: "Smash fascism and racism by any means necessary."

Labour earlier confirmed Jones [had been suspended](#) by the party in relation to the video. This means he will no longer be able to sit as a Labour councillor as he has had the Labour whip removed, so will sit as an independent.

A Labour spokesman said: "This behaviour is completely unacceptable and it will not be tolerated. The councillor has been suspended from the party."