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STATEMENT FROM SHERIFF CHRISTINA CORPUS ON THE DEATH OF TYRE NICHOLS

Summary:

This evening, the Memphis Police Department released body-worn camera video of the beating of 27-year-old Tyre Nichols at the hands of five Memphis police officers.

"What we saw in that video was indefensible, sickening, and beyond understanding," said San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus, "this is a sad day for Mr. Nichols' family and our nation."

The five Memphis Police Officers were fired from the department and charged this week with murder. The release of the body-worn camera video shows the appalling nature of the assault on Mr. Tyre, which led to his death.

"What I saw those Police Officers do to Tyre Nichols is deeply disturbing, and their actions stain our profession," said Sheriff Christina Corpus. "I condemn what's seen in this video in the strongest possible terms. The actions of these officers greatly damaged the trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve. But I will redouble my commitment to serving, protecting, and engaging with our communities with compassion, respect, integrity, and dignity."

"As I have said, we must work together as a community for change," said Sheriff Corpus. "But I ask that we do so peacefully and with respect for Mr. Nichols and for communities across this nation struggling to make sense of this senseless act."

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