

**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF TYRE NICHOLS**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is closely monitoring the events unfolding in Memphis regarding the death of Tyre Nichols, who was brutally killed at the hands of five former Memphis police officers.

The women and men of the Santa Cruz PD are deeply troubled by this horrific act against another human being. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Nichols, who are suffering immeasurable grief right now.

The Santa Cruz Police Department re-affirms its promise to respect the sanctity of human lives and to treat all with dignity, respect, and compassion, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, or disability.

If our community members choose to exercise their civil rights in peaceful protest, we are ready to facilitate that as we have in the past to ensure their safety and that of the community.

While there is no information on any planned demonstrations or protests in Santa Cruz, our Department is prepared to respond to any criminal incidents that may occur.

**Community Feedback** | If you have questions regarding SCPD Officer Training, Policies / Procedures, and Accountability, visit our TRANSPARENCY PORTAL at [www.SantaCruzPolice.com](http://www.SantaCruzPolice.com) for information and comment forms. The Independent Auditor and Administration will review your input to help the Department better serve our City.

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