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## Tyre Nichols' Death: All 5 former Memphis Police officers charged with murder

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All five former Memphis Police officers who were fired following the death of Tyre Nichols were charged Thursday with second-degree murder.

On Jan. 7, 2023, Nichols had two different confrontations with Memphis Police officers during a traffic stop, leading Nichols to complain of shortness of breath and be taken to a Memphis hospital, according to the Memphis Police Department (MPD).

Nichols died at that hospital Jan. 10.

Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills Jr., and Justin Smith all were fired Jan. 20, 2023, following an MPD internal employment investigation into their confrontation with Nichols.

During a news conference Thursday afternoon, Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy said footage of Nichols' arrest will be released sometime after 6 p.m. Friday.



All five of the former Memphis Police officers who were fired following the death of Tyre Nichols have been charged with second-degree murder, among other charges.

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All five officers each face two counts of [civil](#) misconduct, one count of official oppression, [a](#) count of second-degree murder, one count of aggravated assault and two counts of aggravated kidnapping, according to Mulroy.

In an interview on FOX13's Good Morning Memphis on Jan. 24, Mulroy said, "I can't stress this enough. We are moving as quickly as we can on this case. We understand that it's in the public interest for us to get to the next stage of this case as soon as possible. Just stay tuned and be patient,"

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- one count of aggravated assault
- two counts of aggravated kidnapping
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Attorney Blake Ballin confirmed to FOX13 that he was retained by Mills.

FOX13 also confirmed that Martin, the former MPD officer, retained attorney Bill Massey to represent him.

Both attorneys held a news conference Thursday and said their clients plan to plead not guilty to the charges in their cases.

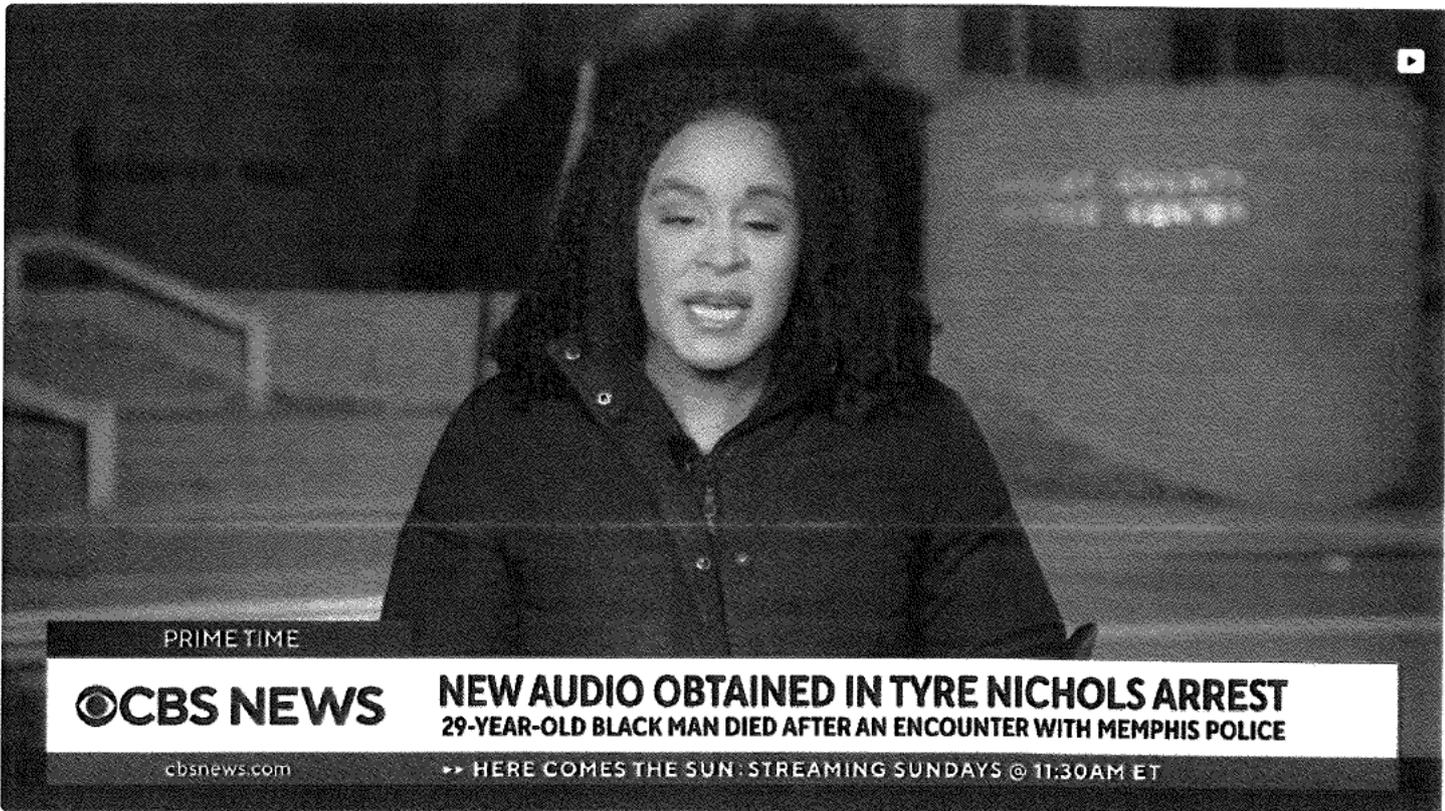
They said they have spent the week getting to know their clients and they are thinking about potential defenses.

Ballin described former officer Mills as a gentle and respectful father. He said Mills couldn't be more upset about the entire situation.

When asked about former officer Martin, Massey said no one intended for Nichols to die that night.

Both attorneys said they haven't seen video of the altercation between the officers and Nichols yet.

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He reminded everyone that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

FOX13 also learned that in 2016 a federal civil rights complaint was filed against Haley, claiming that Haley and other officers strip-searched an inmate at the penal farm and beat that inmate until he blacked out.

That lawsuit was later dropped.

*RELATED: What we know about the Memphis Police officers fired after Tyre Nichols' death*

Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis released a video just before 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, saying that "these officers were found to be directly responsible for the physical abuse of Mr. Nichols."

Davis also said that other officers are under investigation related to the confrontation with Nichols.

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On Thursday, TBI said bonds set for Haley Martin were at \$350,000 while Bean, Mills, and [redacted] were at \$250,000 each.

According to court records on Thursday afternoon, all five officers bonded out.

Also on Thursday, David Rausch, director of the TBI, said what happened in Nichols' arrest was "criminal" and "not at all proper policing."

President Biden made a statement about Nichols' death investigation Thursday afternoon:

*"Jill and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols and the entire Memphis community. Tyre's family deserves a swift, full, and transparent investigation into his death. As Americans grieve, the Department of Justice conducts its investigation, and state authorities continue their work, I join Tyre's family in calling for peaceful protest. Outrage is understandable, but violence is never acceptable. Violence is destructive and against the law. It has no place in peaceful protests seeking justice. Public trust is the foundation of public safety and there are still too many places in America today where the bonds of trust are frayed or broken. Tyre's death is a painful reminder that we must do more to ensure that our criminal justice system lives up to the promise of fair and impartial justice, equal treatment, and dignity for all. We also cannot ignore the fact that fatal encounters with law enforcement have disparately impacted Black and Brown people. To deliver real change, we must have accountability when law enforcement officers violate their oaths, and we need to build lasting trust between law enforcement, the vast majority of whom wear the badge honorably, and the communities they are sworn to serve and protect. That is why I called on Congress to send the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to my desk. When they didn't, I signed an executive order that included stricter use of force standards and accountability provisions for federal law enforcement, as well as measures to strengthen accountability at the state and local level. Today, we all must re-commit ourselves to the critical work that must be done to advance meaningful reforms."*

A candlelight vigil in Nichols' honor was scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Tobey Skate Park in Memphis.

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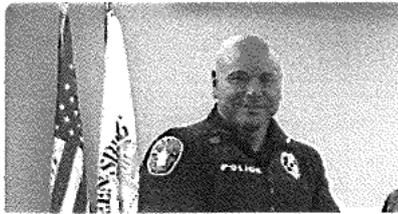


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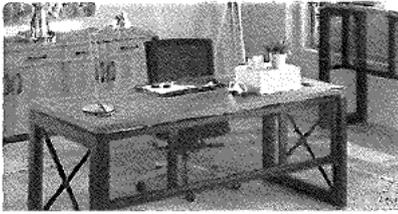
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FILE — Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont delivers the State of the State address during opening session at the State Capitol, Feb. 9, 2022, in Hartford, Conn. Connecticut needs to ban more firearms as dealers and manufacturers try to skirt the state's assault weapons ban, and people under 21 should be prohibited from buying long guns as well as handguns, Gov. Lamont said Thursday, Jan 26, 2023, in announcing a second set of proposed gun legislation this week. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill. File)  
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The Democratic governor also said he wants to raise the age of being able to legally buy a long gun from 18 to 21, which is the age requirement for buying handguns. And he is proposing to increase first-offense penalties for illegally possessing large-capacity ammunition magazines from a misdemeanor carrying a \$90 fine to a felony carrying up to five years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Lamont, who also announced gun legislation on Monday that includes a ban on open carrying, said his latest proposals are aimed at preventing mass shootings in a state that already has some of the toughest gun laws in the country, many of them passed in the months after the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown that killed 20 children and six educators.

"Our gun safety laws are pretty effective," the governor said at a news conference at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. "But we are here today

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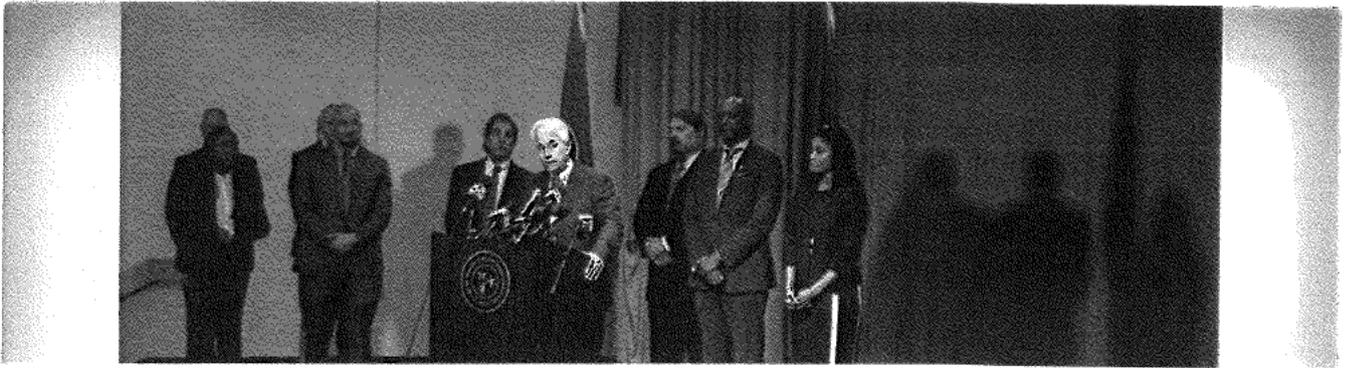
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By **FOX13Memphis.com News Staff**

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — President Biden, among other leaders, react to Tyre Nichols' death and the five MPD officers charged with second-degree murder.

Statement from President Joe Biden on the Tyre Nichols Case:

*Jill and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols and the entire Memphis community. Tyre's family deserves a swift, full, and transparent investigation into his death. As Americans grieve, the Department of Justice conducts its investigation, and state authorities continue their work, I join Tyre's family in calling for peaceful protest. Outrage is understandable, but violence is never acceptable. Violence is destructive and against the law. It has no place in peaceful protests seeking justice. Public trust is the foundation of public safety and there are still too many places in America today where the bonds of trust are frayed or broken. Tyre's death is a painful reminder that we must do more to ensure that our criminal justice system lives up to the promise of fair and*

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Rev. Jason Lawrence Turner, Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, where Mr. Nichols' funeral will be held, and leader of the Black Clergy Collaborative of Memphis, issued the following statement:

*Today's indictment against five Memphis police officers involved in the beating death of Tyre Nichols is also an indictment against the systemic injustice and abuse of power still rampant throughout the United States criminal justice system. Tragically, Tyre is now its face. But it has thousands of faces in thousands of communities across this country. The color of the officers who've been indicted is beside the point. They must be held accountable as must any person and any system that would abuse marginalized people. We must demand policy changes nationwide that finally pull systemic injustice out of its roots. We will start today in Memphis. Today can mark the beginning of the Second Civil Rights Movement: beyond individual equality to systemic equality. We demand a system that manifests justice for all, not the privileged few. In Tyre's name, systemic justice is what we must demand and fight for – each day going forward until we overcome.*

**SEE MORE: [Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis calls Tyre Nichols' arrest 'a failing of basic humanity'](#)**

Statement from Councilwoman Rhonda Logan, Chair of the Memphis City Council Public Safety Committee, on the investigation into the death of Mr. Tyre Nichols:

*I'd like to share my deepest condolences, love, and prayers of comfort to the family and loved ones of Mr. Tyre Nichols. The death of Mr. Tyre Nichols has been deeply felt and particularly painful because it was in every way heinous. It was inhumane and, in my view, absolutely a crime.*

*At the City Council Public Safety Committee meeting on January 24, 2023, I opened with a prayer for Mr. Nichols family and shared that I hope there will be an opportunity for open dialogue within the next few weeks once the investigation has concluded.' There are many unanswered questions, as well as new information we are learning about this case every day. As the Public Safety Chair, I have not received any additional information from the Memphis Police Department or other law enforcement agencies that have not been shared with the public.*

*I want to assure members of the public that as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am committed to holding public conversations with Memphis Police and Memphis Fire leadership about the failings of this tragic event. We will consider any and all legislation proposed by the City Council and, or Administration that could aid in the prevention of any other tragedy such as this one; we will increase regular reporting and transparency with the public, as well as continue to urge community policing.*

*As a Council member elected to represent the citizens, that has and will continue to include Tyre Nichols.*

Mayor Jim Strickland issued a statement:

*Since learning of this tragic event, transparency and swift methodical action have been our top priorities because the family of Mr. Nichols and our citizens deserve nothing less. The actions of these officers were awful, and no one, including law enforcement, is above the law. I assure you we will do everything we can to keep this type of heinous act from happening again.*

*In this case, I want to thank Chief Davis and her team for moving quickly with the administrative procedure resulting in termination and District Attorney Mulroy for taking deliberate actions in bringing these indictments forward. We have worked to get a resolution to these matters in record time because we take them extremely seriously.*

*As we have said all along, we wanted to ensure the proper legal steps were followed and that the family of Mr. Nichols had the opportunity to view the video footage privately before we released it to the public. In light of those matters occurring, we will be releasing the video to the public sometime Friday after 6 pm.*

*It is clear that these officers violated the department's policies and training. But we are doing everything we can to prevent this from happening again. We are initiating an outside, independent review of the training, policies, and operations of our specialized units.*

*Lastly, I am sad and angry for the family of Tyre Nichols. I am also angry for the many good men and women of the Memphis Police Department who devote their lives to serving our citizens. We must all work to regain the public's trust and work together to heal the wounds these events have caused.*

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State Representative John Gillespie's statement on former Memphis police officers charged with the death of Tyre Nichols:

*Thank you to Memphis Police Chief C.J. Davis and District Attorney Steve Mulroy for taking the time to ensure justice is served in the Tyre Nichols murder. This was a tragedy that shouldn't have occurred and it cost a young man his life. Chief Davis and DA Mulroy understood that getting things right and ensuring justice is served is much more important than doing things in a rush.*

*We are blessed to live in a country that protects the right to free speech and peaceful assembly. I encourage those who wish to have their voices heard to do so in a manner that is peaceful and honors the member of Tyre Nichols. Together our community can heal and move forward.*

The TBI Director, David Rausch, offered the following statement during a news conference with DA Steve Mulroy in Memphis:

*"Let me be clear: What happened here does not, at all, reflect proper policing. This was wrong. This was a crime."*

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*The death of Tyre Nichols is an unfathomable tragedy. Roberta and I will continue to keep Mr. Nichols's family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*As a former United States Attorney, I know that the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers are good people who put their lives on the line to protect us every day. The outrageous and egregious actions by officers on January 7th, 2023, that resulted*

in Mr. Nichols's death should not be a reflection on our law enforcement officers in Memphis or West Tennessee.

The Memphis Police Department was correct by swiftly terminating the officers involved. Police brutality has no place in our community or in any community. As we continue to mourn, I ask that our community remain peaceful and patient as our system of justice prosecutes and continues to investigate.

State Representative, Antonio Parkinson, issued his statement:

While seeing our justice system at work with the charging of the five officers involved in the death of #TyreNichols, we must continue to keep the family of Tyre Nichols lifted in prayer. These are the beginning stages of what will be a long and arduous journey for them and for our city. There is no good that can come out of this tragic situation. Unless there is a way to bring Tyre back, justice is limited to what it is supposed to do and that is find, try and convict those responsible for taking the life of Tyre.

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Attorneys Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci react to the indictment of five officers involved in Tyre Nichols' death:

The news today from Memphis officials that these five officers are being held criminally accountable for their deadly and brutal actions gives us hope as we continue to push for justice for Tyre. This young man lost his life in a particularly disgusting manner that points to the desperate need for change and reform to ensure this violence stops occurring during low-threat procedures, like in this case, a traffic stop. This tragedy meets the absolute definition of a needless and unnecessary death. Tyre's loved ones' lives were forever changed when he was beaten to death, and we will keep saying his name until justice is served.

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**MEMPHIS, Tenn. —** Measures are being taken ahead of any potential protests after five former Memphis police officers were charged Thursday with Tyre Nichols' death.

The city of Memphis is on edge one day before footage of Tyre Nichols' arrest is expected to be released. While some are in fear, others have been waiting in anticipation.

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Given the graphic nature of the arrest, protests are expected so Memphis Police have already started making arrangements, as you can see their mounted patrol is out in full force.



MPD officers outside of 201 Peoria. Photo by Jessica Givner, WRCG

Among other preparations, MPD is also adding SkyCops outside police precincts, increasing visibility downtown, and coordinating with local agencies such as the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

The Shelby County Sheriff's office says they have not heard anything about the possibility of violent protests but are asking everyone to remain vigilant.

"We're not preparing for things to get violent because we're not hoping that things get violent. Sure, we have to do some preparations—personnel, equipment, things like that," said Shelby County Sheriff Floyd Bonner.

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The 29-year-old father was allegedly beaten by Memphis Police officers during a traffic stop earlier this month before his death three days later.

Ahead of the video's release, Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis addressed the death of Nichols in a pre-recorded video Wednesday night.

"This is a failing of basic humanity toward another individual," she said.

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Community activist Stevie Moore hopes the preparations pay off as this community grieves the loss of Tyre Nichols.

“Let’s not take nobody’s life through this. We just had a tragedy, a terrible tragedy, I’m asking the public let’s let CJ Davis and Ben Crump and them, let them do their jobs,” Moore said.

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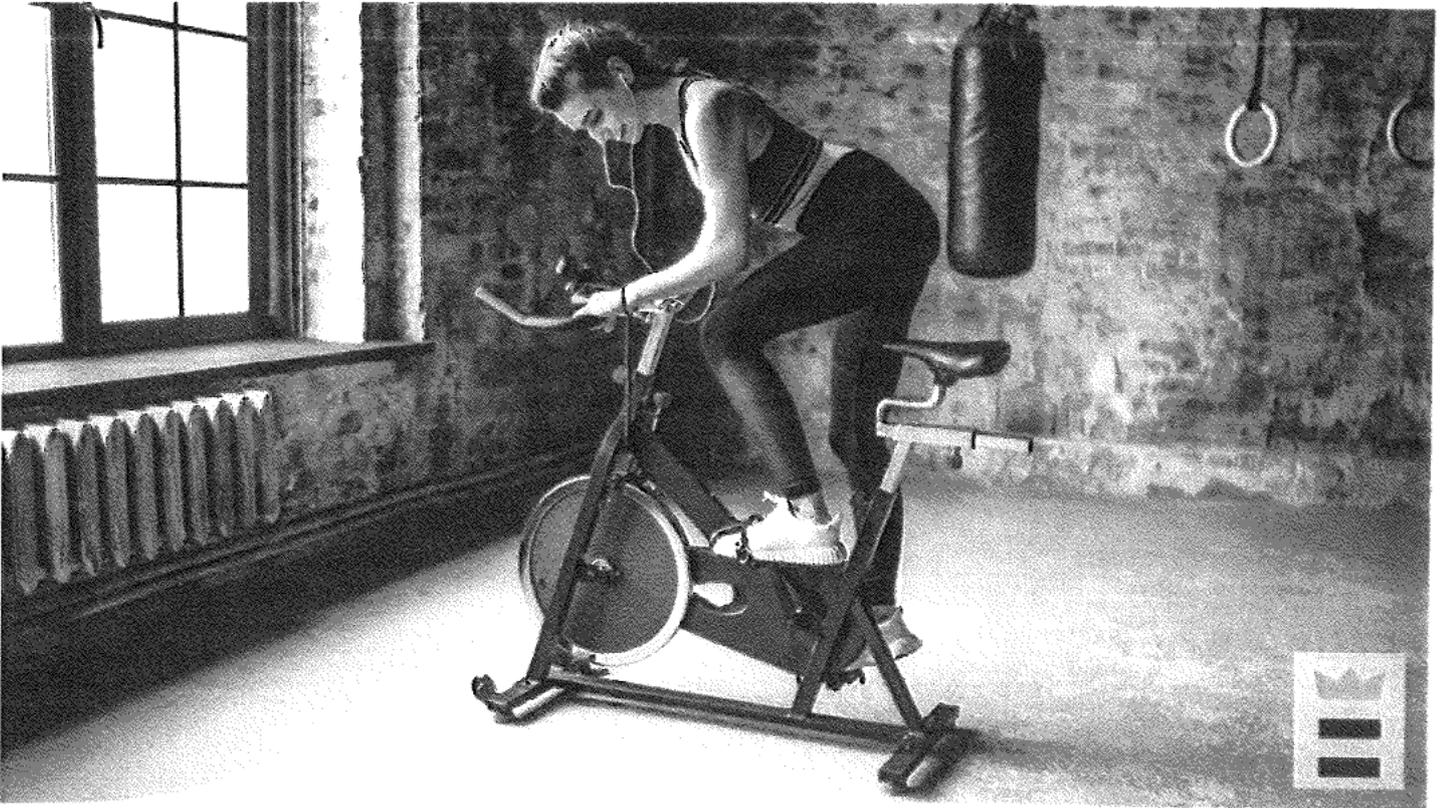
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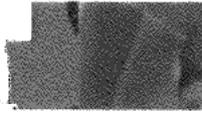
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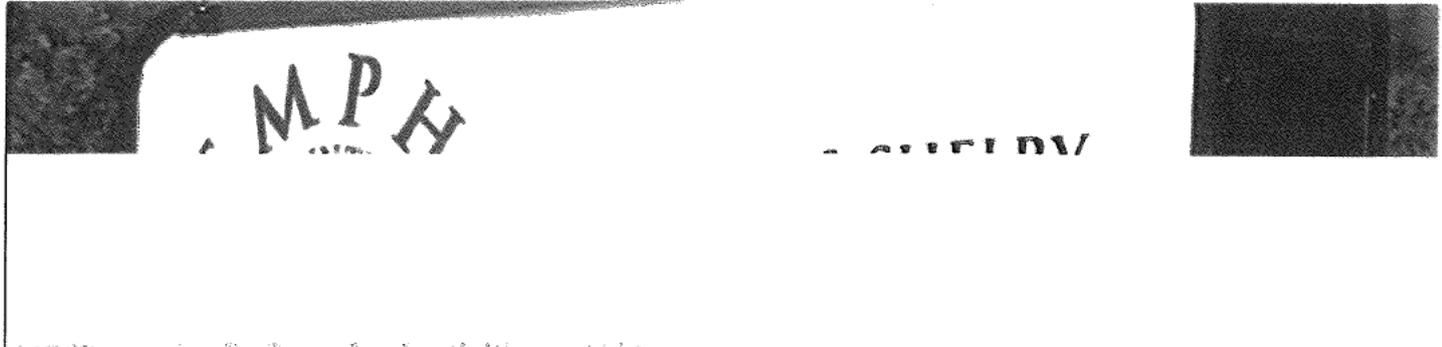
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## arrested by Memphis Police. Here's what we know

Memphis Commercial Appeal

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A 29-year-old man died Tuesday, three days after being arrested by Memphis Police in an incident that is under investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Details about what happened during Jan. 8 the traffic stop and how Tyre DeAndre Nichols of Memphis was injured are sparse and come mainly from Memphis Police and TBI.

Here's what we know:

**Jan. 8:** Police pull Tyre DeAndre Nichols over in a traffic stop near the intersection of Raines and Ross Roads at about 8:30 p.m.

-- Police said a confrontation ensued as they approached the vehicle driven by Nichols, who then ran from the scene.

-- A second confrontation happened when officers tried to arrest Nichols, who was detained.

-- Nichols begins complaining about shortness of breath and an ambulance arrives to take him to St. Francis Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

-- Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy calls the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in to look at allegations of "use of force" during the arrest.

-- The officers involved, whose names and ranks have not been made public, are placed on leave by the Memphis Police Department pending the outcome of the TBI investigation.

**Jan. 9:** Nichols remains hospitalized at St. Francis in critical condition.

**Jan. 10:** Nichols dies at St. Francis Hospital as a result of the injuries sustained during his arrest. TBI says the investigation is ongoing.

**Jan. 12:** The family of Nichols launches a fundraiser to return his body to Sacramento, California.

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## Lisa Marie Presley has died at 54

Story by Mark Russell, Memphis Commercial Appe...



Good morning, Memphis!

This is Executive Editor Mark Russell, and you're reading the Daily Briefing, our one-stop digital shop for the best Memphis stories from our award-winning Commercial Appeal team.

Lisa Marie Presley, the beloved only child of Elvis Presley and heir to Graceland who had been embraced by millions of fans of the singer as a living link to the King of Rock 'n Roll, has died. She was 54.



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Presley's death was confirmed by her mother, Priscilla, who called her daughter "the most passionate, strong and loving woman I have ever known," John Beifuss reports.

"It is with a heavy heart that I must share the devastating news that my beautiful daughter Lisa Marie has left us," Priscilla Presley said in a statement reported Thursday night by People magazine.

Presley was hospitalized Thursday after being treated for what TMZ and other news outlets reported as cardiac arrest. Her death came just days after Presley made an appearance in Memphis at the 88th birthday celebration for her father at Graceland on Sunday, and less than 48 hours after she appeared at the Golden Globes award ceremony in Beverly Hills, California, which honored the Baz Luhrmann biopic of her father, "Elvis."

Meanwhile, friends are remembering Tyre Nichols, 29, who died on Tuesday after he was arrested by MPD this past weekend. His death followed what police called a "a confrontation" during an attempted arrest after he was pulled over for what police described as reckless driving.

The incident has confused Nichols' friends because they never believe him to be confrontational, Lucas Finton and Micaela Watts report. [Here's everything we know about the case.](#)

Kris Volker, Nichols' best friend of 22 years, described him as a deeply spiritual person who shied away from conflict, and wasn't known as the type to physically engage with others out of anger.

"He was a loving guy, and loved to make people laugh," Volker told The Commercial Appeal. "We got our first tattoos together when we turned 18. He got a wolf on his leg, because he felt that it was his spirit animal. He cared more about others than himself."

Nichols moved to Memphis from Sacramento, California, in February 2020, after Volker and his wife convinced him to relocate and start fresh. The Volkerts were also moving to Tennessee.

**DeSoto marijuana dispensary:** Near Downtown Hernando, in a small strip mall, sits Herbal Alchemy Dispensary, the first medical marijuana dispensary in DeSoto County, Gina Butkovich reports in this story for subscribers.

It's a small, colorful store with shelves and a glass case displaying various medical marijuana-related items. The walls are decorated with charts showing the different aspects of cannabis.

The store was initially set to open in early January, but that date has been pushed back because of a statewide bottleneck in testing and transporting product.

**Legalizing marijuana in Tennessee:** Democratic lawmakers are renewing efforts to legalize marijuana in Tennessee as top Republicans reiterated their opposition to full legalization until the federal government reclassifies the drug, Adam Friedman reports.

State Rep. Bob Freeman, D-Nashville, and Sen. Heidi Campbell, D-Nashville, are re-upping their bill called the Free All Cannabis for Tennesseans Act, which would legalize the recreational use of marijuana and provide a process for it to be grown and sold.

**BlueOval City:** Ford Motor Co. and SK On have appointed a new CEO to oversee production and planning of the joint venture's battery plant in Stanton, Omer Yusuf reports.

Robert Rhee was appointed BlueOval SK CEO, effective Jan. 1, according to a tweet from BlueOval SK on Thursday afternoon. The battery plant is expected to employ 2,500 people when it opens in 2025.

**Grizzlies:** The Memphis Grizzlies aren't supposed to be this good. At least they weren't projected to be.

De'Anthony Melton and Kyle Anderson have taken their talents elsewhere and been very impactful pieces for their new teams. Jaren Jackson Jr. missed the first 14 games of the season, then Desmond Bane went down for a 17-game stretch due to a right big toe sprain, Damichael Cole reports.

Grizzlies coach Taylor Jenkins used the word "growth," but no matter how you slice it, the Grizzlies are tied atop the Western Conference standings at the halfway point of the season despite having the fourth-most missed games due to injuries.

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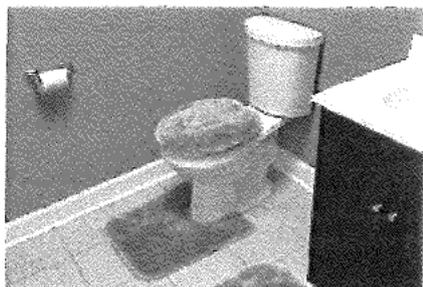


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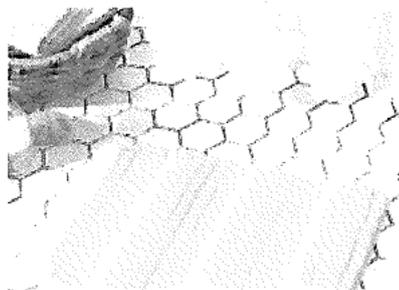


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# Black man hospitalized after confrontation with Memphis police dies

TN officers placed on leave while investigation is ongoing

Associated Press

## Fox News Flash top headlines for January 12

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A 29-year-old man who was hospitalized after being injured in a confrontation with Memphis police officers during a traffic stop has died.

Tyre D. Nichols, of Memphis, "succumbed to his injuries" on Tuesday, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said. The bureau didn't describe the nature of his injuries or say whether he was still hospitalized when he died.

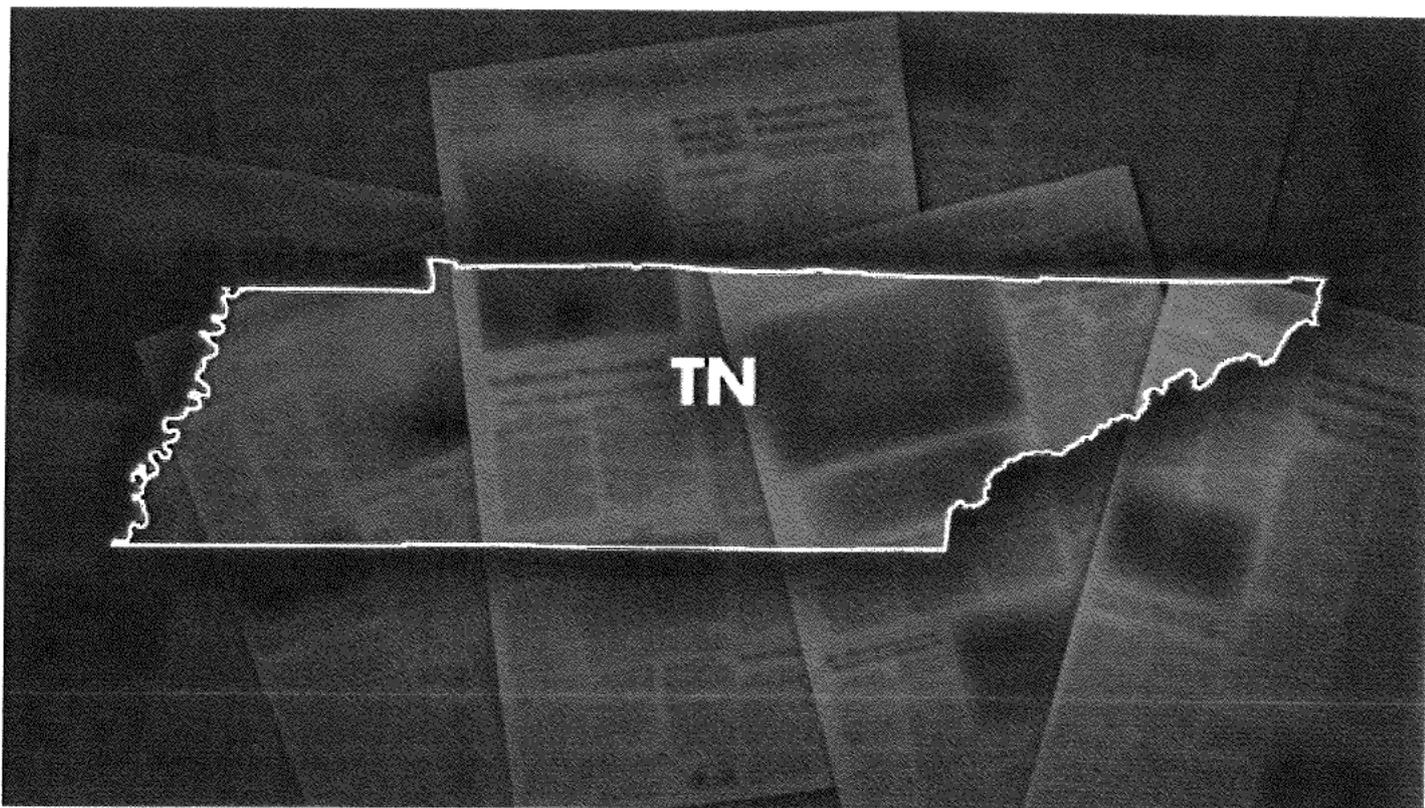
The agency is conducting a use-of-force investigation surrounding the arrest at the request of Shelby County District Attorney General Steve Mulroy, TBI officials said Sunday in a statement.

Nichols, who was Black, was arrested Saturday night after officers attempted to make a traffic stop due to reckless driving, police said.

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"As officers approached the driver of the vehicle, a confrontation occurred, and the suspect fled the scene on foot," police said. Officers pursued and another confrontation occurred when they took the suspect into custody.

"Afterward, the suspect complained of having a shortness of breath, at which time an ambulance was called" and Nichols was taken to a hospital in critical condition, police said.



**Tyre D. Nichols, who was hospitalized after a confrontation with Memphis police officers, has died. Officers stopped him on a traffic violation Saturday for reckless driving.**

Due to his condition, police contacted Mulroy's office and he requested the TBI investigation, authorities said.

Further information about Nichols' arrest and injuries weren't released. Mulroy's office and the police department said further updates would come from the TBI, which declined on Wednesday to release more information.

The officers involved were placed on routine leave while the investigation is conducted, police said. Their identities haven't been released.

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Nichols' brother, Jamal Dupree, told FOX13-TV that his brother was a law-abiding citizen.

"My brother is not a street dude. He's never been in trouble. He's legitimate and when it comes to him driving, he has his license, he has his registration, he owns his car. He goes to work every day. He rides skateboards. He plays with his camera. That's my brother. The street dudes that they're looking for out there is not him."

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## Man injured by police during traffic stop dies, DA confirms

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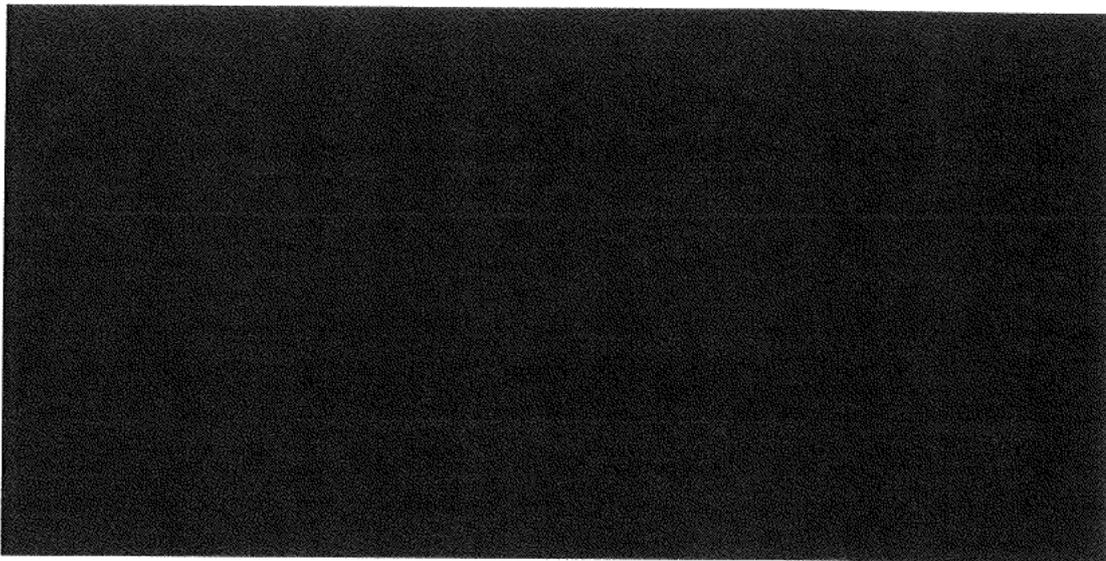
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According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 29-year-old Tyre Nichols died from his injuries.

The TBI started investigating officers' use of force in Nichols' arrest after he was brought to the hospital Saturday night with what his family is calling significant injuries.

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Memphis Police say officers stopped Nichols for what they describe as reckless driving near Raines Road and Ross Road in Hickory Hill. But police say as they approached him, a confrontation occurred and he took off running.

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After a pursuit, officers tried to take Nichols into custody and there was another confrontation. Afterwards, he was taken into custody.

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However, police say Nichols was taken to the hospital in critical condition after he "complained of having shortness of breath."

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Family members say Nichols, a father and avid skateboarder, was unarmed when the incident happened.

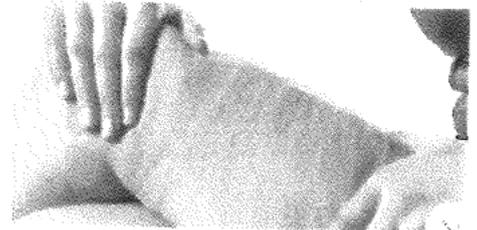
In a statement, DA Mulroy says Nichols' death does not change the ongoing use-of-force investigation. Nichols' family says they hope those responsible are held accountable, and that justice is served.

The officers involved have been placed on leave until the TBI's investigation is complete.

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## AROUND THE WEB





# DOJ opens civil rights investigation into traffic stop that preceded Tyre Nichols' death

Story by Doha Madani · Yesterday 3:53 PM

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The Department of Justice and FBI on Wednesday announced a civil rights inquiry into a traffic stop in Memphis, Tennessee, that preceded the death of a Black man.

Tyre Nichols, 29, died three days after being taken to a hospital in critical condition following the Jan. 7 stop. The Memphis Police Department said the case was referred to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation the next day, and an internal investigation was opened into the incident.

The U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Tennessee announced Wednesday that the FBI's Memphis field office and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice have also begun looking into the Nichols' death.

"As this is an open investigation, we are not able to provide additional comment or release further information at this time," Kevin G. Ritz, U.S. attorney for the district, said.

Nichols' family has retained civil rights attorney Ben Crump and have demanded the public release of body camera and any other surveillance footage from the stop.



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"Nobody should ever die from a simple traffic stop – the footage is the only way to discern the true narrative of why and how that happened to Tyre," Crump said in a statement Monday.

Crump did not immediately respond to an NBC News request for comment regarding the civil rights investigation Wednesday.

Memphis officials, including police Chief C.J. Davis and Mayor Jim Strickland, said Tuesday the footage would be released after the conclusion of the internal investigation. The police department said it anticipates that happening by the end of the week.

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Neither the mayor's office or police department immediately responded to a request for comment from NBC News Wednesday.



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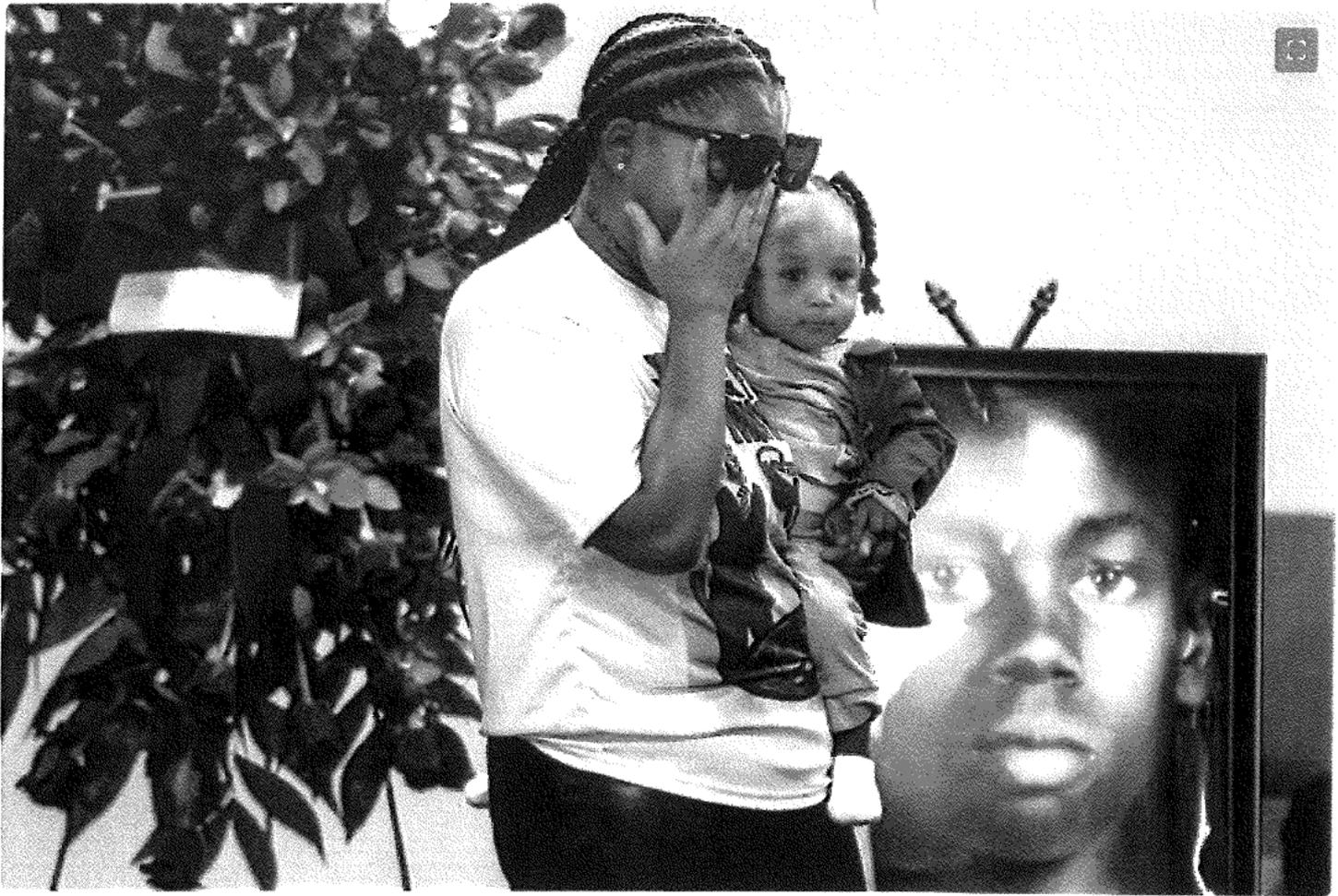
Police said a "confrontation" between Nichols and the officers occurred when they approached his car on Jan. 7. He ran away, and the officers pursued, police said.

"While attempting to take the suspect into custody, another confrontation occurred; however, the suspect was ultimately apprehended," the police department said in the statement Jan. 8. "Afterward, the suspect complained of having a shortness of breath, at which time an ambulance was called to the scene."

Police gave no details about the confrontation. A photo provided by his stepfather, Rodney Wells, showed Nichols in the hospital with blood on his face and what appeared to be a swollen eye.

Wells has also told NBC affiliate WMC of Memphis that Nichols was placed on a dialysis machine at the hospital.

The police department said in its initial statement the district attorney's office had been contacted and the state's bureau of investigation had been asked to investigate. The officers, who were not publicly identified, were relieved of duty pending the outcome, a routine practice.



Sierra Rogers, holding her daughter Khloe Rogers, 1, wipes away tears as she speaks during a memorial service for her friend Tyre Nichols on Jan. 17, 2023, in Memphis, Tenn. (Mark Weber / Daily Memphian via AP)  
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Nichols' friends and family held a memorial service for him on Tuesday, sharing memories of the 29-year-old as a "goofy" boy who grew up into a caring man.

"From the first day that I met Tyre, I was Pops. I was Dad," Wells said at the service. "He embraced me. The first Father's Day, he brought me a Father's Day present, and he was so happy. ... Tyre is a great person."

LaToya Yiza, whose mother was Nichols' godmother, remembered Nichols as a baby. She said they grew up like siblings, walking to school together when she was in high school and Nichols was in elementary school.

"He was just a happy kid, just so goofy," Yiza said, getting emotional. "You'd walk in and he'd just be saying the craziest thing. ... I'm gonna miss him. To see the man he turned out to be — he was a good man. He did not deserve this."

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## **Family of Memphis man who died after traffic stop ask police to r**

The family of a Memphis man who was hospitalized and died following a traffic stop with police are demanding the official release of body camera a

Tyre Nichols was taken to the hospital in critical condition after Memphis police officers stopped him for reckless driving on January 7, the departme  
later.

Civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, who is representing the Nichols' family, is now asking for police to release footage from the stop, saying in a s  
and preventable death of a young man."



Tyre Nichols. Courtesy family

“Nobody should ever die from a simple traffic stop — the footage is the only way to discern the true narrative of why and how that happened to Tyr

Family members also demonstrated outside the National Civil Rights Museum with protesters on Monday, holding signs with photos of Nichols. Roc Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, [NBC affiliate WMC reported](#).

“You shouldn’t be on a dialysis machine press machine looking like this because of a traffic stop,” Wells told WMC.

According to the Memphis Police Department, a “confrontation” occurred between Nichols and the officers when they approached his car on Januar

"While attempting to take the suspect into custody, another confrontation occurred; however, the suspect was ultimately apprehended," the department said. "The suspect was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The suspect was having a shortness of breath, at which time an ambulance was called to the scene."

Details of the confrontation were not given by police, but a photo of Nichols in the hospital provided by his stepfather showed blood on his face and



Family members of Tyre Nichols hold a press conference in Memphis, Tenn., on Monday.WMC

The Memphis Police Department said in its initial statement that the District Attorney General's Office had been contacted and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, which was not identified, were relieved of duty pending the outcome, a routine practice.

On Sunday, Memphis Police Chief C.J. Davis said the department was "serving notice" to the officers of "impending administrative actions." The department said it would begin the "disciplinary and investigative process" within the next week.

"After reviewing various sources of information involving this incident, I have found that it is necessary to take immediate and appropriate action," I

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland told residents that the city was "prepared to take immediate and appropriate actions" once the investigation was complete.

"Make no doubt, we take departmental violations very seriously and, while we must complete the investigation process, it is our top priority to ensure

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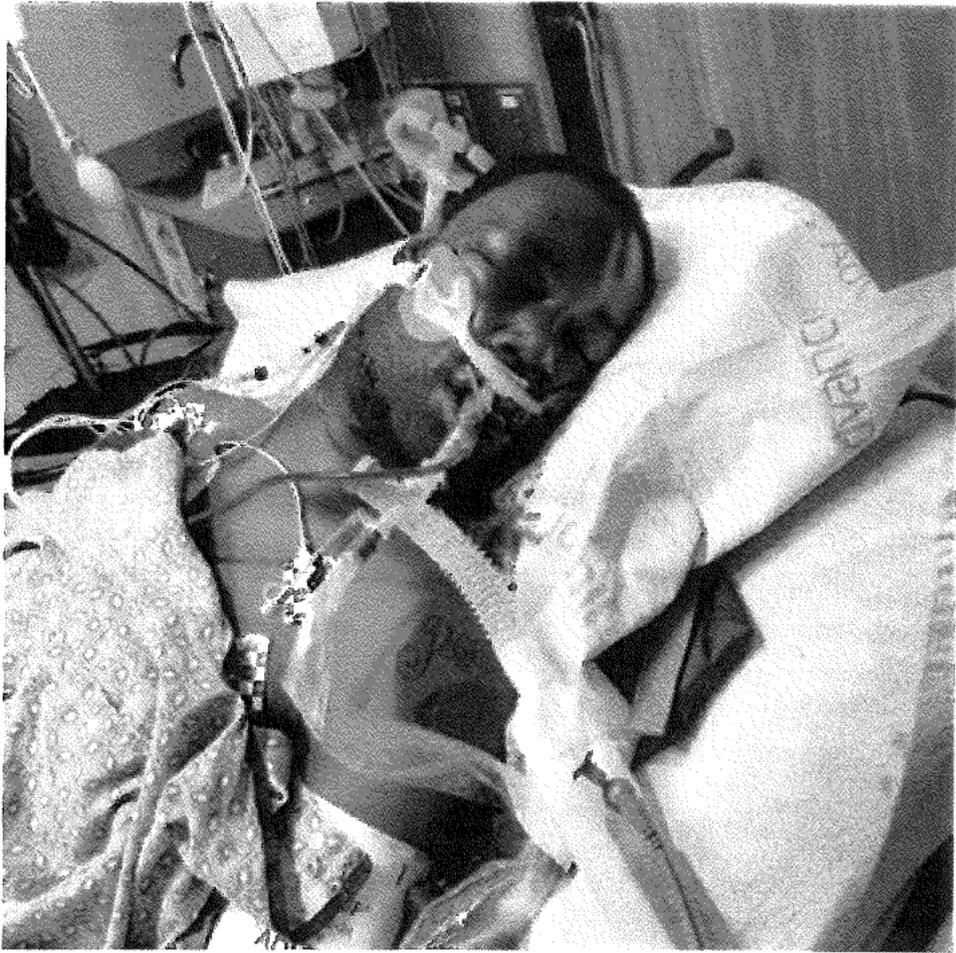
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City investigating 'policy violations' in Tyre Nichols case, mayor says

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — We have new information in the case of Tyre Nichols, the man who died a few days after a confrontation with Memphis Police officers.

A release from the US Department of Justice stated Wednesday that the United States Attorney's Office has opened a civil rights investigation in coordination with the FBI Memphis Field Office and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

The City of Memphis said in a statement Wednesday afternoon they are aware of the investigation and they, along with MPD, will cooperate with federal authorities.

The announcement comes just days before we will get to see for ourselves what really happened on January 7. Mayor Jim Strickland spoke to WREG Wednesday about the city's investigation into what happened that day.

### **READ: FBI, US Attorney to investigate Tyre Nichols death**

"We've been very concerned about this whole situation and that's why MPD acted immediately to do an internal investigation," he said.

According to the Memphis Police Department, 29-year-old Nichols was taken to the hospital after he complained of shortness of breath after what they called two "confrontations" stemming from a traffic stop.

### **Police pursuit leaves suspect in critical condition; TBI to investigate**

Nichols died three days later. His death prompted Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy to call in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for a use-of-force investigation.

### **Man injured by police during traffic stop dies, DA confirms**

The city meanwhile, according to the mayor, is looking into employment violations.

"The investigation internally about employment matters ended this past Saturday and then the investigator thought there were some violations of policy and they created a notice of violation for each officer involved and those were done Sunday," Strickland said.

He wouldn't comment on what those violations are or how many officers were involved. Strickland says that will be discussed at a hearing later this week, and the officers will have a chance to appeal the violations before any consequences are handed down.

According to Mayor Strickland, we could see the body camera video as early as next week, which will hopefully answer many questions about what happened to Tyre Nichols.

"Our goal right now is to have the hearing at the end of this week, meet with the family next week, show them the video, and then release the video to the public," he said.

### Memphis Police relieve officers pending investigations into the arrest of man who later died, chief says

By Jamiel Lynch, CNN

Updated 6:06 PM EST, Tue January 17, 2023



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The Memphis Police Department's administrative investigation into the incident should be finished later this week, according to a news release.

**CNN** — The Memphis Police Department and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation have launched investigations into the action of officers involved in a traffic stop arrest of a man who later died and plan to take "immediate and appropriate action" against them, according to a release from the city.

On January 8, the police department announced officers pulled over a motorist for reckless driving the previous day. "As officers approached the driver of the vehicle, a confrontation occurred and the suspect fled the scene on foot," officials said in a statement posted on social media.

Officers pursued the suspect and again attempted to take him into custody when another confrontation occurred before the suspect was apprehended, according to police.

"Afterward, the suspect complained of having a shortness of breath, at which time an ambulance was called to the scene. The suspect was transported to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition," officials said.

The man, identified as Nichols, died a few days later, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

The city's release said the bureau is looking into the officers' use of force and the police department is investigating whether agency policy was violated. The police department's administrative investigation should be finished later this week, according to the news release.

December shooting left five people in critical condition

Immediately following the incident, the officers involved were relieved of duty, pending the outcome of the investigations. Police did not release how many officers were involved in the incident.

"After reviewing various sources of information involving this incident, I have found that it is necessary to take immediate and appropriate action," Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis said in a statement released Sunday. "Today, the department is serving notice to



Jordan James/WREG/AP

Tyre Nichols' stepfather, Rodney Wells (center), stands next to a photo of Nichols in the hospital after his arrest, during a protest in Memphis in this photo provided by WREG.

"This kind of in-custody death destroys community trust if agencies are not swiftly transparent. The most effective way for the Memphis Police Department to be transparent with the grieving Nichols family and the Memphis community is to release the body camera and surveillance footage from the traffic stop," Crump said in a statement.

On Tuesday, city officials said the video will be released publicly after the police department's internal investigation ends and after the family is given a chance to review the recording.

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland had said Monday, "Make no doubt, we take departmental violation very seriously and, while we must complete the investigation process, it is our top priority to ensure that swift justice is served," according to the city's news release.

"We want citizens to know that we are prepared to take immediate and appropriate actions based on what the findings determine," he added.

Neither Davis nor Strickland elaborated on what action will be taken against the officers.

According to the city's news release, "there is a required procedural process before government civil service employees can be disciplined or terminated from employment."

CNN has reached out to police, the Shelby County District Attorney, the Shelby County Coroner and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for more on the investigation.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The city of Memphis says video footage of events surrounding the death of Tyre Nichols following an arrest will be released to the public.

### **Will MPD release footage of Tyre Nichols' arrest?**

Mayor Jim Strickland and Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis issued a statement on Tuesday saying the video will be released after the internal investigation is complete. They hope to complete the investigation by the end of this week.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy also said his office is working to release the video footage.

The family will be able to view the footage before its public release, the city said. The city plans to speak with the family's attorney, Ben Crump, early next week.

### **'Tyre was a man!' Family demands action from Memphis police**

Nichols was stopped by Memphis Police for reckless driving on January 7. After getting into a confrontation with police, he was taken to the hospital due to shortness of breath, police have said.

He later died from his injuries.

Family members say the incident actually happened just yards from where he lived and right in the area of a watching SkyCop camera. WREG mapped it. It's less than half a mile from Raines and Ross Roads.

Nichols' relatives say that leading to his death, he suffered from a broken neck, went into cardiac arrest and suffered from other medical issues

### **MPD says it will take 'immediate' action against officers in man's death**

Nichols' family has demanded that footage of the incident be released and that officers involved be charged with murder.

The officers involved have been placed on administrative leave.

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## MPD says it will release video from Tyre Nichols arrest

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*See live footage from Tyre Nichols memorial service in Memphis on Tuesday [here](#).*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The city of Memphis says video footage of events surrounding the death of Tyre Nichols following an arrest will be released to the public.

### Will MPD release footage of Tyre Nichols' arrest?

Mayor Jim Strickland and Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis issued a statement on Tuesday saying the video will be released after the internal investigation is complete. They hope to complete the investigation by the end of this week.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy also said his office is working to release the video footage.

The family will be able to view the footage before its public release, the city said. The city plans to speak with the family's attorney, Ben Crump, early next week.

### 'Tyre was a man!' Family demands action from Memphis police

Nichols was stopped by Memphis Police for reckless driving on January 7. After getting into a confrontation with police, he was taken to the hospital due to shortness of breath, police have said.

He later died from his injuries.

Family members say the incident actually happened just yards from where he lived and right in the area of a watching SkyCop camera. WREG mapped it. It's less than half a mile from Raines and Ross Roads.

Nichols' relatives say that leading to his death, he suffered from a broken neck, went into cardiac arrest and suffered from other medical issues

### MPD says it will take 'immediate' action against officers in man's death

Nichols' family has demanded that footage of the incident be released and that officers involved be charged with murder.

The officers involved have been placed on administrative leave.

## Family, friends hold memorial for Tyre Nichols

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Loved ones of Tyre Nichols, the 29-year-old who died following an arrest last week, held a memorial on Tuesday in his honor.

Memphis Police say they got into a "confrontation" with Nichols following a traffic stop which eventually led to him being hospitalized and dying a few days later.

### **MPD says it will release video from Tyre Nichols arrest**

His friends and family say that while they're heartbroken by his death, they now must push for justice.

"His spirit is not dead. His spirit is alive. Tyre is alive, and the spirit of Tyre has been moving among the people," said Kareem Ali of Ben Crump Law Firm.

The family says Nichols loved riding his skateboard, photography, and helping people.

"He was just such a pure soul," said Angelina Paxton, one of Nichols' friends.

Paxton met Nichols 15 years ago at a church in Sacramento, California, where Nichols is originally from. "Everywhere he went, he left an impact which is why everybody is so passionate about this. He was genuinely one of those kinds of men that we need in this world, and now we won't have that."

### **'Tyre was a man!' Family demands action from Memphis police**

Despite the hurt, they are committed to making sure that the officers involved in the incident that led to his death are held accountable.

"We're going to put up a hell of a fight. We're not going down without a fight. We need justice. We need them to be charged with murder," said Rodney Wells, Nichols' stepfather.

Memphis Police say an internal, administrative investigation is underway. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is also conducting a use-of-force investigation.

# Family, friends vow justice during Tyre Nichols' memorial service

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By **Dominique Dillon**, FOX13memphis.com

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Through tears and heartache, family and friends vowed to get justice for Tyre Nichols.

"This could have been any of us," said Angelina Paxton, a friend of Nichols, who died after a traffic stop by the Memphis Police Department on Jan. 7, 2023. "It really could have been any of us this time, because he was such an innocent person, he was such a light."

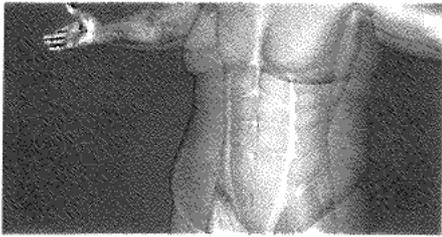
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Those close to Nichols traveled near and far to fill up the M.J. Edwards funeral home in Orange Mound for a memorial service to honor Nichol's life and legacy on Tuesday afternoon.



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Also on Tuesday, Memphis city officials said that they are working on releasing body cam footage from the arrest.

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"When somebody speaks to your soul, it's a very powerful statement," Nate Spates Jr., a friend of Nichols, sa + Caption

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On Monday, family and friends stood outside the National Civil Rights Museum demanding justice and seeking answers on MLK Day.

On the same day, his family announced that they retained nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump.

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By **Lakiya Scott, FOX13Memphis.com**

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**MEMPHIS, Tenn. —** The family of a man who died following a traffic stop with Memphis Police has retained nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump, the law firm announced on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023.

Memphis Police said that Tyre Nichols, 29, ran from an arrest that day and two separate "confrontations" occurred. Nichols then complained of shortness of breath, according to the Memphis Police Department, and was taken to the hospital. He died three days later on January 10, 2023.

When Nichols was arrested and taken to the hospital, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said that they had been contacted by the office of Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy and were asked to investigate the "use of force" involved in Nichols' arrest.

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The office of Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy also released a statement, promising to release the video of Nichols' arrest as soon as possible.

*Our office is committed to transparency and understands the reasonable request from the public to view the video footage. However, we must ensure we abide by applicable laws and ethical rules so that we do not jeopardize an ongoing investigation or prosecution. We're working with the appropriate agencies to determine how quickly we can release the video, and will do so as soon as we can. We'll be sure to update the public throughout this process.*

The family of Nichols planned a memorial for the 29-year-old at the MJ Edwards Funeral Home on Airways Boulevard at noon on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

"My stepson was brutally killed," Nichols' stepfather, Rodney Wells, said days prior during a protest. "No one should die from a traffic stop."

Memphis Police said that officers had a "confrontation" with Nichols and the 29-year-old ran. He was captured and another "confrontation" ensued, according to the Memphis Police Department (MPD).

As of January 17, MPD had not elaborated on what happened during those "confrontations", the department only saying that Nichols complained of shortness of breath and was taken to the hospital where he would later die.

Nichols' family was frustrated by a lack of answers regarding their loved one's death and protested outside of a police station on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

"They killed my baby brother," cried out Nichols' sister Kenya Dixon.

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...after receiving various sources of information involving the incident, there remains that it is necessary to take immediate and appropriate action," Chief CJ Davis said. "Today, the department is serving notice to the officers involved of the impending administrative actions."

Unlike private sector employees, there is a required procedural process before government civil servant employees can be disciplined or terminated from employment. MPD is working quickly and appropriately to go through the administrative disciplinary and investigative process, which is expected to be completed later this week.

"Make no doubt, we take departmental violations very seriously and, while we must complete the investigation process, it is our top priority to ensure that swift justice is served," Mayor Jim Strickland said. "We want citizens to know that we are prepared to take immediate and appropriate actions based on what the findings determine."

Under the tenants of procedural justice, every Memphis Police Officer is expected to treat all citizens with respect and dignity, while demonstrating due care for their safety and well-being. All officers are expected to act in accordance with their oath of office, their training, department policies, and procedures, and solicit assistance from their supervisors when needed.

Sources told FOX13 that at least five officers were involved in those "confrontations" with Nichols.

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In a statement, attorney Crump echoed the family's calls to see the body camera video from Nichols' arrest.

"All of the available information tells us that this was the tragic and preventable death of a young man deeply beloved by his family and community. This kind of in-custody death destroys community trust if agencies are not swiftly transparent. The most effective way for the Memphis Police Department to be transparent with the grieving Nichols family and the Memphis community is to release the body camera and surveillance footage from the traffic stop. Nobody should ever die from a simple traffic stop – the footage is the only way to discern the true narrative of why and how that happened to Tyre."

Meanwhile, Nichols' family continued to grieve the loss of their loved one while they await more clarity on what happened the day Nichols was taken into custody.

"It was almost as if he was killed on the scene and they just tried to cover it up," said Wells. "We are going to fight. What they did to my brother they might as well have killed us all."

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# Memorial service for Tyre Nichols held; MPD expects investigation to end by Friday

by Parker King and Bria Bolden

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WMC) - It's been 10 days since 29-year-old Tyre Nichols was pulled over by Memphis police near the intersection of Ross Road and Raines Road in Hickory Hill, a traffic stop that went south after two "confrontations" between Nichols and officers on the scene.

Nichols fled on foot before being taken into custody, according to MPD.

The TBI's "use of force" investigation began on January 7.

Nichols sustained multiple injuries during the traffic stop and died from those injuries three days later, on January 10 at St. Francis Hospital.

Tuesday in Orange Mound, at the EJ Edwards Funeral Home off Airways Boulevard, family and friends attended a memorial service for Nichols.

Many of these same family members and friends were seen outside the National Civil Rights Museum on Monday during MLK Day celebrations, advocating for justice for Nichols.

Emotions ran high during Tuesday's memorial, as one can imagine.

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oved ones spoke before the crowd, speaking of how loved Nichols was — laughs and plenty of tears exchanged.

As far as the investigation within MPD on this case, Chief CJ Davis told us she expects a wrap by the end of the week.

In a joint statement, Chief Davis and Mayor Jim Strickland wrote:

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*Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland and Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis*

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy, who requested that TBI conduct a "use of force" investigation following the news of this violent traffic stop, issued this statement around the same time as Strickland and Davis.

*"Our office is committed to transparency and understands the reasonable request from the public to view the video footage. However, we must ensure we abide by applicable laws and ethical rules so that we do not jeopardize an ongoing investigation or prosecution. We're working with the appropriate agencies to determine how quickly we can release the video, and will do so as soon as we can. We'll be sure to update the public throughout this process."*

*SCDAG Steve Mulroy*

the meantime, Action News 5 has requested a dash camera, an officer body-worn, a skycop video, a list of officers under MPD internal investigation and a full report narrative from police.

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# Tyre Nichols: No body cam footage will be released until investigation completed

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by Jacob Gallant

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WMC) - Memphis city leaders say the body camera footage from the day Tyre Nichols was injured while in police custody will not be released at this time.

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland and Police Chief CJ Davis released a joint statement saying the video will not be released until after the internal investigation is complete.

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*Mayor Jim Strickland and Police Chief CJ Davis*

Tyre Nichols died in his hospital bed on January 10, days after [two "confrontations" with police](#) on January 7. Memphis police say they pulled Nichols out of a reckless driving around 8:30 p.m. in the area of Raines Road and Ross Road.

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*Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy*

# Family of Tyre Nichols gathers at NCRM to demand answers, release of video footage from traffic stop

By [Bria Bolden](#)

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WMC) - Almost one week after 29-year-old Tyre Nichols passed away, his family is calling for the officers involved to be held accountable.

Nichols died in his hospital bed on January 10. Monday, his family, activists and others are asking for video of the circumstances that lead to his death to be released.

Almost one week after Nichols lost his life after a traffic stop with Memphis police, loved ones gathered at the steps of the National Civil Rights Museum demanding answers about how he died.

The family also wants the officers involved to be terminated and charged for Nichols' death.

"It's just a nightmare," said Nichols' sister Keyana Dixon. "I just want justice for my brother. Please."

After complaining of shortness of breath, Nichols was transported to Saint Francis Hospital in critical condition, according to police.

Nichols arrived at Saint Francis Hospital bloodied, swollen and with a broken neck his family says.

He died three days later, after [two "confrontations" with police](#) on January 7. Memphis police say they pulled Nichols over for reckless driving around midnight in the area of Raines Road and Ross Road.

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he TBI is conducting a “use of force” investigation at the request of Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy.

an internal investigation by Memphis police into policy violations is also underway.

Chief CJ Davis said Sunday, the department is notifying officers involved of “impending administrative actions.”

“It doesn’t mean anything to me until the officers are arrested and charged,” said Wells. “It doesn’t mean anything, those are words. We need action. We don’t need words.”

Wells said News 5 asked the City of Memphis and Memphis police to explain what “administrative actions” means. We have not heard back.

Wells also requested police dash and body-worn camera videos.

On Tuesday at noon, a memorial service will be held in Memphis for Nichols.

# Family, friends, and supporters gather to honor the memory of Tyre Nichols, demand justice

He was one of those people who made everyone around them happy," said Lucille Washington, Tyre's Step-Grandmother.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The family of Tyre Nichols' journey for justice took a somber turn Tuesday afternoon at the 29-year-old's memorial service. It's been just a week since Nichols passed away, after a confrontation during a traffic stop by Memphis Police left him complaining of shortness of breath.

Family members, friends, co-workers, coffee shop acquaintances and supporters, all gathered Tuesday to help each other through a difficult emotional time for them.

He was one of those people who made everyone around them happy," said Lucille Washington, Tyre's Step-Grandmother.

It's just one of the many ways Nichols was described by his family and friends.

"Tyre has the support of his family, his work, his community," said Rodney Wells, Tyre's Stepfather.

Throughout the service, several shared their memories of Nichols and the joy he brought to their lives.

Angelina Paxton met Nichols back in California and had been friends with him for 15 years, and did not let the ongoing weather issue in the state prevent her from saying goodbye.

"It means, there are thousands of people that loved this man," said Paxton, "This has happened too many times, and this could have happened to any of us."

At the service, the family and those supporting them reiterated their demands to have those who took Nichols away from them to be brought to justice.

"We are not going down without a fight. We need justice, we need MPD charged with [first degree murder], no involuntary manslaughter, none of that," said Wells.

Among the other requests include the release of the police body cam footage from before, during and after the traffic stop. While the community waits with bated breath, city officials are responding.

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland and MPD Chief CJ Davis said in a statement:

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Shortly after the Shelby County District Attorney's Office released its own statement saying:

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A press conference is being planned with the Ben Crump Law Firm on Monday.

# Family of Tyre Nichols retains civil rights attorney Ben Crump, calls for release of video

Nobody should ever die from a simple traffic stop – the footage is the only way to discern the true narrative of why and how that happened to Tyre," said Crump.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The family of Tyre Nichols, who died after a traffic stop and confrontation with Memphis Police, has retained civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump.

This comes after Memphis Police announced that the officers involved in the arrest could face "administrative actions."

In a statement released Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, Crump said they are demanding MPD release body camera and surveillance footage from the traffic stop and arrest. *"All of the available information tells us that this was the tragic and preventable death of a young man deeply beloved by his family and community. This kind of in-custody death destroys community trust if agencies are not swiftly transparent. The most effective way for the Memphis Police Department to be transparent with the grieving Nichols family and the Memphis community is to release the body camera and surveillance footage from the traffic stop. Nobody should ever die from a simple traffic stop – the footage is the only way to discern the true narrative of why and how that happened to Tyre."*

Protesters Monday also interrupted the mayor's MLK Day breakfast, calling for justice for Nichols. Saturday, Jan. 14, Nichols' loved ones joined community members for a protest outside of the Ridgeway Police precinct, calling for MPD to release body camera footage.

MPD said Sunday "its own administrative investigation" has been launched as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) also continues to look into Nichols' death. MPD said its investigation began on Jan. 7, the day they said Nichols was approached by officers for a traffic stop. The department said they contacted the Shelby County District Attorney's Office and the TBI that same day to conduct an independent investigation.

Investigators said around 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, officers tried to make a traffic stop for reckless driving in the area of Raines Road and Cross Road, and MPD said a confrontation happened when officers approached the driver of the vehicle, identified as Nichols. MPD said Nichols ran away and then a second confrontation took place. According to MPD, Nichols told officers he was short of breath before being transported to St. Francis hospital in critical condition. The TBI said Nichols died on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

In the statement released Sunday, MPD Chief CJ Davis said, *"After reviewing various sources of information involving this incident, we have found that it is necessary to take immediate and appropriate action. Today, the department is serving notice to the officers involved of the impending administrative actions."*

In the same statement, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said, *"Make no doubt, we take departmental violations very seriously and, while we must complete the investigation process, it is our top priority to ensure that swift justice is served. We want citizens to know*

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The NAACP also previously released a statement saying they "will keep close watch of this matter along with General Mulroy."

# NAACP speaks out, mentions George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, after MPD arrest leaves 1 dead

MPD communicated that the officers involved with the arrest will be routinely relieved of duty pending the outcome of TBI's investigation.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The NAACP Memphis Branch issued a statement Wednesday on the death of a Memphis man after he was arrested by Memphis Police.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) is looking into how and why 29-year-old Tyre Nichols died after being in the custody of Memphis police.

Around 8:30 p.m. Memphis police attempted to make a traffic stop for reckless driving that ended with a St. Francis hospitalization, according to MPD.

MPD communicated that a confrontation occurred in the area of Raines Road and Ross Road when officers approached the driver of the vehicle. The suspect then ran away before a second confrontation took place, according to MPD.

The driver of the vehicle told officers he was short of breath before being transported to St. Francis hospital in critical condition, according to MPD.

The TBI said Nichols died Tuesday.

The NAACP said they are looking at the situation closely.

"Mr. Nichols' death is certainly a tragedy because the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery still burn our collective psyche," The NAACP said Wednesday. "D.A. Mulroy has advised that the TBI is actively investigating this incident to determine if there was excessive use of police force. The NAACP will keep close watch of this matter along with General Mulroy to ensure that all evidence is considered and that we as a community are kept informed. "

At the request of District Attorney Steve Mulroy, TBI special agents are now conducting a "use-of-force investigation" surrounding the arrest, according to the TBI.

MPD claimed that the driver's condition led to Mulroy's office being contacted. MPD communicated that the officers involved with the arrest will be routinely relieved of duty pending the outcome of TBI's investigation.

As of press time, the TBI communicated that this remains an active and ongoing investigation.