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Ventura County Law Enforcement Statement Regarding Death of Tyre Nichols January 27, 2023

Ventura County law enforcement leaders are joining together in response to the criminal indictment handed down against five former Memphis police officers in the death of Tyre Nichols. We extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Nichols' family and friends.

Law enforcement officers are sworn to protect and serve their communities. The criminal conduct by the five officers indicted in Mr. Nichols' death undermines public trust and confidence in law enforcement. As law enforcement leaders, we strongly condemn this reprehensible conduct. Their actions do not reflect the good work that our Ventura County officers and deputies do every day.

We all want justice for Tyre Nichols and will continue to closely monitor the details of this criminal case. This should never happen.