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## **Mourning the Death of Tyre Nichols**

MADISON, WI –On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 29-year-old Tyre Nichols was severely beaten by five police officers during a traffic stop, which resulted in his death. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, footage of this incident was released to the public nationwide. Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“I am devastated by the recent death of Tyre Nichols. Once again, an innocent member of the African American community has been killed by the hands of law enforcement officials, effectively denying a child their father, a mother her son, and an entire community of a bright source of light and love.”

“All five officers involved in the horrific beating and subsequent death of Mr. Nichols have been fired from their positions and charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault, aggravated kidnapping, official misconduct and official oppression. Holding these officers accountable for their brutalities is a crucial step to attain justice for the family of Tyre Nichols. But ultimately, no consequences enforced on these officers can repair the hole ripped into the family and community of this young man.”

“In the wake of this unlawful death, a heavy feeling weighs in the chests of every American. We must not let Tyre Nichols become another black life lost whose name is soon forgotten. We must work hard to ensure that a tragedy such as this never occurs again. There is no room to deny the reality that racism plagues our criminal justice system, when mourning the deaths of our black brothers and sisters across this nation has become routine. True justice will only be achieved once we address the systemic factors that lead to so many African American deaths at the hands of law enforcement.”

“I call for justice for the Nichols family and for every person and family who have wrongfully suffered at the hands of law enforcement. As we protest these brutalities, I ask that we remain peaceful, as more violence will only result in further devastation. Please join me in sending a prayer to the family of Tyre Nichols and honoring the life he was so unfairly denied.”

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