



## Community Message

January 27, 2023

To the Sacramento State community, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and address any concerns regarding the recent events surrounding the death of Tyre Nichols, in Memphis, Tennessee.

First and foremost, my thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with the entire Nichols family. Tyre was a member of our Sacramento Community. Having viewed the recently released video footage of the fatal encounter, my officers and I are outraged and disgusted with the disregard for life and dignity displayed on that Memphis street.

Let me be clear: we condemn the actions and inactions seen in the video. If there's any officer who isn't disgusted by this video, they should turn in their badge. Memphis Police Department officers that night broke the public faith and trust that was given to them when they swore their oath and pinned a badge on their uniform.

In regard to the women and men of the Sacramento State Police Department, I can assure you personally and professionally that this department respects the sanctity of life and that every human being deserves justice and to be treated fairly with compassion, respect, and equality. As I have recently said, "we hire for character first, then train for skill."

My leadership team and I welcome any inquiry into our policies and procedures. I assure you that the kind of assault on life, liberty, and dignity that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee is not part of the fabric of the Sacramento State Police Department.

We will continue to value and earn your trust, respect, and partnership each and every day.

~Chief Chet Madison Jr.