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A Statement from Interim Chief Drake Massey Regarding the Death of Tyre Nichols

January 28, 2023 – To the Channel Islands community, I am humbled for the opportunity to serve you and address any questions or concerns you may have surrounding the recent death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of Memphis Tennessee police officers.

Like many law enforcement leaders, I was saddened and disgusted by what I witnessed in the video released yesterday. The actions displayed by the officers involved in that incident were excessive and unlawful. I stand firmly against their actions.

As the Interim Chief for CSU Channel Islands, I want to assure the CSUCI community that what occurred in Memphis is not the policing culture at CSUCI. Our CSUCI police officers receive regular training in the proper use of force, de-escalation, their duty to intercede, providing immediate medical attention, diversity, equity and inclusion, and a variety of other topics which are all available for public view.

As public servants, I demand that all CSUCI police officers treat the community with dignity and respect. Gaining trust, building relationships and responding to your concerns will always be our top priority. Excessive force will not be tolerated.

My condolences go out to the Nichols family and the Memphis community as they navigate a difficult time. I pray justice is served.

As for the CSUCI community, know that UPD is an open book. My leadership team and I are available to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Please know that we deeply value your trust and respect.

Drake Massey
Interim Chief of Police