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### ***Legal Aid Statement on the Murder of Tyre Nichols***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement on the murder of Tyre Nichols:

“The [video footage](#) released tonight featuring five Memphis police officers brutally murdering Tyre Nichols, a helpless and unarmed Black man just 29-years old, is horrifying and underscores the epidemic of police violence that continues to plague communities of color nationwide.

“This is indeed a systemic crisis, overwhelmingly impacting Black men, and each of these tragedies deepens the wounds of racial trauma that all Black people are forced to shoulder.

“Words cannot describe the immense pain this murder has caused Mr. Nichols’ family and his community, and all the other families across the country who have similarly been affected by police violence.

“We must continue to question the police’s role in society, as these incidents frequently recur, and many more happen all the time without being captured on body-worn cameras.

“For the New Yorkers planning to protest this weekend: we stand with you. Please [know your rights](#) before heading out as we all well know the NYPD’s glaring track record of handling demonstrations against police brutality.

“The Legal Aid Society vows to honor Tyre Nichols’ life and all those who have lost their lives to police violence as we continue to work alongside directly affected New Yorkers to bring fundamental change to the systems and institutions that oppress the communities we serve.”

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