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A STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICES OF MAYOR CELESTE RODRIGUEZ AND POLICE CHIEF FABIAN VALDEZ

SAN FERNANDO, CA - We are disturbed and saddened by the actions of the Memphis Police Officers involved in Tyre Nichols' death. As the world witnesses the circumstances of the event from the footage released today, we recognize the emotions that are being invoked in all our communities. The actions of the officers involved from the Memphis Scorpion Unit do not reflect the values of the law enforcement profession or the behavior expected of officers dedicated to the safety of communities. Events like this damage the trust between residents and police departments and we must ensure accountability at every level.

As your local leaders, we remain steadfast in strengthening the San Fernando Police Department's relationship with all segments of the community through principled, professional, and transparent policing. We will also continue to adhere to the highest standards of law enforcement and reflect on how our city and police department can best serve the community.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Celeste Rodriguez, Mayor City of San Fernando
Fabian Valdez, Chief of Police San Fernando Police Department

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