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The Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) are deeply saddened and concerned by the death of Mr. Tyre Nichols due to the actions of police officers with the Memphis (TN) Police Department. The reported actions of these police officers are unacceptable, unlawful, and they do not represent the values of law enforcement professionals. Their actions are a betrayal of the standards, ethics, and expectations of all law enforcement and more importantly, the community. Their actions erode the trust between the community and law enforcement.

AACOP and its member agencies work tirelessly for the betterment of law enforcement in Arizona. We work with our communities to improve law enforcement hiring, training, and accountability.

We stand with our community in demanding law enforcement maintain the high standards that are expected and required of our officers.