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## **UCAN of Memphis Issues Statement Regarding the Death of Mr. Tyre Nichols**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Jan. 30, 2023)** – *Leshundra Robinson, Executive Director of UCAN of Memphis, released the following statement:*

“On behalf of UCAN of Memphis, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols. We do not condone the acts which led to his untimely death.”

Police brutality is the ultimate form of bullying, abuse of power, and is damaging to our community. It has eroded trust between Black and Brown citizens and has affected everyone, especially our youth. The shocking acts by officers in the video footage released by the Memphis Police Department have inflicted trauma on our community as a whole.

UCAN of Memphis is an organization dedicated to bullying prevention and we want parents and students to know how to handle the pressure of bullying, the signs of bullying, and the [trauma responses](#) associated with it.

Amid this emotional time, we want the schools, students, and parents we serve to know that we are here as a resource and support for educators, families, and the community. Together, we can work to overcome the issues and adverse childhood experiences that lead children to bully others or be targeted by bullies.”

For more information and resources, please visit [www.ucanofmemphis.org](http://www.ucanofmemphis.org) or contact us at [ucanmakadiff@gmail.com](mailto:ucanmakadiff@gmail.com).

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### **About UCAN of Memphis**

*UCAN of Memphis is a non-profit organization that mentors at-risk youth and promotes positive personal and professional development through character building, education, and career building. UCAN focuses on three pillars that affect youth: mentoring, workforce development, and bullying. Our motto is "You can achieve now by making a difference." UCAN also highlights students who are doing great things in the Memphis community. For more information on UCAN of Memphis, visit [www.ucanofmemphis.org](http://www.ucanofmemphis.org).*