



## BERKELEY HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### INFORMATION RELEASE

January 26, 2023

Good evening,

For those of who are unaware, on January 7<sup>th</sup> in Memphis Tennessee there was an incident involving the arrest of a 29-year-old black man by police. This individual died as a result of injuries sustained at the hands of the arresting officers. These officers were fired and have ultimately been charged and arrested pursuant to this incident. They have betrayed their oath of office, disgraced the law enforcement profession, and brought shame on the officers across the nation who work selflessly each day to protect their communities.

I have been alerted, that as early as tomorrow, the body worn camera footage of this incident will be released to the media. Early indications are that the body worn camera footage is beyond disturbing and inhumane.

I personally have not seen the footage but am taking the time to update the community, in preparation for the release. The men and women of the Berkeley Heights Police Department understand the importance of public trust in our community. We will work hard to maintain that trust and we will continue to protect our community.

The Berkeley Heights Police Department expresses our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Tyre Nichols. Our hearts go out to all those in mourning.

Thank you for your continued partnership,

*Mayor Angie Devanney & Chief of Police Jason Massimino*