

Video shows Memphis police brutally beat African-American man

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Tyre Nichols died of kidney failure and cardiac arrest on January 10, three days after his violent arrest following a traffic stop.

On Monday, Memphis officials privately showed police body-camera footage of Nichols’s arrest to family and attorneys. They said, after viewing the video, that Nichols was pepper-sprayed, tased, restrained, kicked and beaten.

Family attorney Antonio Romanucci told reporters: “He was defenseless the entire time. He was a human piñata for those police officers. It was an unadulterated, unabashed, nonstop beating of this young boy for three minutes.”

In the wake of Nichols’s death, Memphis police officials fired five officers for violating department policies, including excessive use of force and failing to render aid. Like Nichols, all five of the former officers are Black.

Tyre Nichols was a skilled skateboarder, an amateur photographer, and father to a young son.

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