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Attorneys Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci React to Shuttering of SCORPION Squad

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- Nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorneys Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci have issued a statement following the announcement that Memphis Police will eliminate its SCORPION Squad -- the unit that included the five officers who brutally beat and killed Tyre Nichols.

Those five officers have been charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, and two counts of official misconduct and official oppression.

Attorneys for the family issued the following statement:

"The Nichols family and their legal team find the decision to permanently disband this unit to be both appropriate and proportional to the tragic death of Tyre Nichols, and also a decent and just decision for all citizens of Memphis. We hope that other cities take similar action with their saturation police units in the near future to begin to create greater trust in their communities. We must keep in mind that this is just the next step on this journey for justice and accountability, as clearly this misconduct is not restricted to these specialty units. It extends so much further."

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