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***Police Chiefs and Sheriff issue a statement to the residents of Marion County regarding the death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee***

We, as a law enforcement community in Marion County, find the actions of the police officers involved in the death of Tyre Nichols to be unconscionable. Collectively, we commend Memphis Police Chief Davis for acting quickly to hold those involved accountable.

We hold a deep respect for the sanctity of human life and basic human dignity. Inhumane acts deeply impact all who understand and hold true to the responsibilities of the badge we wear.

We affirm that excessive force is not tolerated by our agencies. Multiple layers of review and accountability are in place to ensure such heinous acts do not occur. Lack of dignity and respect toward those we serve simply run completely counter to who we are as individual officers and deputies and as your law enforcement leaders.

The honorable men and women who work to safeguard the residents of Marion County will continue to work diligently and with conviction to build positive and trusting relationships with all our residents.

*Sheriff Joe Kast*  
Marion County Sheriff's Office

*Chief Trevor Womack*  
Salem Police Department

*Chief Jim Anglemeier*  
Silverton Police Department

*Chief Mark Chase*  
Gervais Police Department

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*Chief Damien Flowers*  
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