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PRESS CONFERENCE

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Civil Rights Attorney John Burris Announces A Claim Against Antioch Police Officers For Ripping A 30-Year-Old Filipino Man From His Mother's Arms And Brutally Killing Him

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Angelo Quinto's Mother Maria Quinta-Collins

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COMPLAINT & PHOTOS:

WHAT: Press Conference announcing the filing of legal claim alleging wrongful death of Angelo Quinto by Antioch police officers

When: February 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Where: 1909 Crestwood Drive, Antioch, Ca

PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT <https://www.facebook.com/johnburrislaw>

YouTube Live event is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGUE4aBxtXc>

Who: Attorneys John Burris and Ben Nisenbaum, the family of Angelo Quinto, including mother and sister (both witnesses), and community supporters of the Quinto family, will be attending. A rally in support of Mr. Quinto is expected to follow the press conference.

Antioch CA--- On December 23, 2020, at approximately 7 PM, Angelo Quinto, a 30-year-old unmarried Filipino male with a recent history of mental impairment was grabbed from his mother's arms and thrown to the floor in his home by Antioch police officers. After which one officer placed his knee on the back of Mr. Quinto's neck and at the same time another the officer bent both of Angelo's legs up and backward toward his back for an extended period of time, resulting in his death.

"Please don't kill me."

Mr. Quinto's mother and sister were horrified when the officers suddenly and without warning violently grabbed Angelo from her arms and taken to the bedroom floor. Both Maria Quinta-Collins and sister Isabella Collins witnessed Angelo beg for his life not once but twice, saying **"Please don't kill me."**

Mr. Quinto was taken to a local hospital but never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead 3 days later.

Angelo's sister Isabella had called the police because she was concerned with her brother's condition, and she thought it possible that he might hurt her mom because of his insistence that she stay with him.

When the Antioch police officers entered the house, they made no effort to gain a clear understanding of what was going on; instead with no provocation they immediately pulled Mr. Quinto from his mother's arms and threw him to the floor and began holding him down in the manner described above. Mrs. Quinto Collins says, "I was horrified to see my son snatched from arms without warning, taken down on my bedroom floor and brutally killed in front of my eyes." John Burriss says that one of the most disturbing aspects is that there was no effort to "talk with him before using force." Burriss goes on to state, "These Antioch police officers had already handcuffed Angelo but did not stop their assault on the young man and inexplicably began using the 'George Floyd' technique of placing a knee on the back and side of his neck, ignoring Mr. Quinto pleas of "please don't kill me."

Burriss further states, "This horrific incident provides a haunting reminder that a seemingly minor call for help from the police can have deadly consequences for the person in need of help when the police use force first without verbally assessing the situation."

Burriss also states, "It's a sad commentary on policing when a call for help results in death for the person needing help."

Ben Nisenbaum said: "No officer should do what these officers did to Mr. Quinto, restraining him to death. Especially after the Floyd case, what these officers did to Mr. Quinto is reprehensible. This claim is the first step toward holding them accountable." "These officers violated basic training standards in how to restrain a person without killing them," Nisenbaum said. "Weight force to the back and the neck of a person restrained in a prone position can cause asphyxiation, and every officer is trained to

avoid doing that. There are countless examples of police killing people this way. But these officers appear to have done exactly what they were trained not to do. Mr. Quinto only needed mental health help, and these officers killed him when he was no threat to anyone. Any officer involved in his death should not be a police officer anymore.”

The attorneys said they were troubled by the officers’ comments at the scene, after they finished restraining Mr. Quinto, including the statement caught on his mother’s cell phone video: “Is he sleeping?” when it was obvious that Mr. Quinto was not moving and required medical help.

Mr. Quinto’s mother and his sister are shocked and traumatized by the officers’ actions at the scene and were especially concerned by the way the officers and responding investigators seemed to begin trying to cover up their own culpability for Mr. Quinto’s death almost immediately.