

**NEWS SERVICE
BREAKING NEWS
11:00 AM TODAY
JOHN BURRIS PRESS CONFERENCE**

Okobi Family And Civil Rights Attorney John Burris Announce The Filing Of Their Federal Lawsuit For The San Mateo Police Taser Death Of Young Unarmed African American Man Last October

"This is a classic case of racial profiling, unlawfully stopping and repeatedly Tasing unarmed Chinedu Okobi to death...We have this seen far too often, these unlawful instances of racial profiling can turn deadly for the profiled victim. Mr. Okobi is yet another tragic example of history repeating itself. "

John Burris

We couldn't protect Chinedu in life, but we will be absolutely relentless about seeking justice and change in the aftermath of his death. My brother's life is over-those five deputies saw to that-but his legacy is just beginning. Chinedu Okabe's sister Ebele Okobi

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What: Press conference: John Burris and decedent's family announce the filing of a federal lawsuit against the County of San Mateo and the involved Sheriff's Deputies for the Taser death of Chinedu Okobi.

Who: John Burris and family members of Chinedu Okobi, including his sister, Ebele, a corporate executive with Facebook, will be present

Where: Law Office of John Burris, 7677 Oak port Street, Suite 1120 Oakland, Ca.

When: Friday, May 31, 2019, at 11:00 AM

Oakland, Ca.—Friday at 11:00 AM, John Burris and the family of Chinedu Okobi will be announcing the filing of their federal civil rights lawsuit against the County of San Mateo and Sheriff Deputies Weidner, DeMartini, Lorenzatti, Wang and Watt for unlawfully racially profiling, detaining, repeatedly Tasing, pepper-spraying and killing the unarmed 36 year-old father and college graduate.

On the afternoon of October 3, 2018, Mr. Okobi was doing nothing more than minding his business and walking down the street when Deputy Wang decided to racially profile Mr. Okobi for looking out of place while walking along the sidewalk in downtown Millbrae, California. Mr. Okobi had committed no crimes, was not on probation or parole, and the 36-year-old father and college graduate did not have any outstanding wants or warrants. Nevertheless, Deputy Wang decided to stalk, detain, and eventually violently attack Mr. Okobi for supposedly walking in and out of traffic. Videotape of the incident proves Mr. Okobi begged for his life shortly before and during the time he was repeatedly Tased and then pepper-sprayed by Deputy Wang. Deputies DeMartini, Lorenzatti, Wang and Watt joined in the attack by continuously compressing Mr. Okobi's chest against the ground until the unarmed man fell unconscious. Tragically, Mr. Okobi never regained consciousness.

John Burris says that "it's appalling that " a man can be lawfully walking on the sidewalk, and within a matter of minutes is dead, largely because deputy sheriff contacted him ostensibly because as an African American man, he didn't fit the neighborhood." The officer(s) conduct is unacceptable "although the San Mateo District Attorney and the Sheriff's Department are unwilling to hold the deputies accountable for racially profiling, stalking, repeatedly Tasing and pepper-spraying Chinedu Okobi to death, I will!"

In light of the fact that within the 10 months preceding Mr. Okobi's death, two other people also died after being Tased to death by police in San Mateo County, John Burris renews his demands that all law enforcement agencies in the County, including the Sheriff's Department, immediately stop using Tasers until they receive additional training on how to use Tasers appropriately. Burris further demands the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department enact policies and train its officers to stop engaging in racial profiling, such as what happened with Mr. Okobi. Burris laments "We have seen far too often, these unlawful instances of racial profiling can turn deadly for the profiled victim. Mr. Okobi is yet another tragic example of history repeating itself. "

Burris says that the family will be on hand to offer their opinions about the incident and to champion the call for justice.

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