

12 NOON JOHN BURRIS PRESS CONFERENCE
Following 11 am San Francisco Memorial For Unarmed Black Father Tased To Death By San
Mateo County Sheriffs

Civil Rights Attorney Demands Immediate Release Of All Videos

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What: John L. Burris Press Conference

Who: John L. Burris and the Family of Chinedu Okobi

Where: San Francisco Christian Center, 5845 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94112

When: 12 Noon Press Conference Following 11 AM Memorial Service Tuesday, October 15, 2018

What: Memorial Service & Press Conference for 36-year-old Chinedu Okobi, an Unarmed Morehouse College Graduate and Young Father Who Died After Being Repeatedly Tased by San Mateo, California Sheriff's Deputies on October 3, 2018

"Chinedu Valentine Okobi. He was a person. He was my little brother; he was a father, he was loved. Now he is gone, and our hearts are broken. His name is now one of too many names." "Do police officers know how to deal with people in crisis?" "Do police officers give black men the same dignity they give everybody else?" "I don't live in America and specifically because of this,"

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Okobi Family Attorney John Burris

San Francisco CA---Attorney John Burris and his law firm have been retained to represent the mother of Mr. Chinedu Okobi, the 36-year old African American man who was unarmed and repeatedly Tasered and forcefully restrained by San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputies until he fell unconscious and later died. He leaves behind a young daughter, grieving mother and a host of family, friends, and colleagues.

On the afternoon of October 3, 2018, Mr. Okobi was in downtown Millbrae walking along El Camino Real when he began to experience a mental break which reportedly caused him to walk out into oncoming traffic. Several Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene to investigate. Instead of stabilizing Mr. Okobi and/or summoning medical help, eyewitnesses watched as the Deputies escalated the situation by repeatedly Tasing the unarmed Mr. Okobi with 50,000 volts from each Taser discharge. Undoubtedly fearing for his life, he got off the ground and ran from the Deputies. He crossed the street and was surrounded by five Deputies that took him to the ground. A passerby described seeing Mr. Okobi sitting on the ground with his chin to his chest appearing to be unconscious with foam around his mouth while being propped up by the knee of one of the Deputies. Mr. Okobi did not have any outstanding warrants nor had he been suspected of committing any crimes.

In the wake of Mr. Okobi's death, the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office opened an investigation into the incident to determine whether the Deputies committed any crimes. Burris contacted the District Attorney's Office to demand they provide the family with the fruits of their investigation including, but not limited to, releasing all the patrol car, cell phone and surveillance videos of the incident and to inform the family how many times the Deputies fired their Tasers at Mr. Okobi.

Burris stated "Mr. Okobi's family deserve to know why they're loved one is dead! To date, there has been little effort to provide any answers to this grieving family as to how such a well-loved, accomplished unarmed man who needed medical help but was instead repeatedly Tased ultimately met his death in the middle of the street." Mr. Burris goes on to say " The District Attorney, and the Sheriff's Department has an affirmative duty to release any audio or videotapes concerning Mr. Okobi's death within 45 days of the incident. However, I demand they lift the embargo earlier so that the large community of people who knew and loved him can know the true facts surrounding his death."

Given Mr. Okobi is now the third person to die after being Tasered by law enforcement in San Mateo County this year, Mr. Burris calls on "the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Department take a close and critical look at the circumstances of this tragic and completely avoidable death." Mr. Okobi's sister, Mrs. Ebele Okobi is a Facebook executive and posted this on her page "Chinedu Valentine Okobi. He was a person. He was my little brother, he was a father, he was loved. Now he is gone, and our hearts are broken. His name is now one of too many names." For More Information Go To:www.johnburrislaw.com/chineduokobi

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