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"David Tovar, Jr. was unarmed when he was shot by City of San Jose Police Officers and then mauled by a police dog as he lay on the ground taking his final breaths. The family demands and deserves that the shooting officers be immediately arrested and prosecuted for Mr. Tovar's death."

– Adanté Pointer, Lawyers For The People

Pointer and Buelna, LLP and the Family of David Tovar Jr. Announce the Filing of a Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit Against San Jose Police Department

San Jose, CA — Civil Rights Attorneys Adanté D. Pointer and Patrick Buelna along with David Tovar Jr.'s family and SV De-bug will be holding a press conference to announce the filing of a federal lawsuit against the San Jose Police Department for their actions resulting in the death of unarmed citizen, David Tovar Jr.

On January 21, 2021, City of San Jose Police Officers descended upon the Villa Fairlane Apartment Complex armed with semi-automatic rifles. Officers surprised David Tovar Jr. as he was walking across the second-story balcony of the Complex. An Officer who was standing on the ground floor, opened fire on Mr. Tovar as he was running along the balcony. Officers failed to provide any warning before peppering Mr. Tovar and the Apartment Complex with bullets. Mr. Tovar was unarmed when he was gunned down by the assembled Officers. Inexplicably, Officers failed to make any attempts to deescalate the situation or use less lethal force prior to opening up fire with their military style assault rifles. Next, Officers mercilessly unleashed a police K-9 on Mr. Tovar even though he was laying on the ground suffering from multiple bullet wounds and in obvious need of emergency medical care. The Officers' reckless use of deadly force could have just as easily caused the death of even more people than just Mr. Tovar, as the Officers' reckless gunfire left the apartments complex riddled with bullet holes.

The shooting was caught on video. The video clearly shows the 27-year-old father of three, did not present a deadly threat to anyone when he was mercilessly gunned down. In fact, none of the Officers made any attempts to deescalate the situation or use less lethal

force prior to opening up fire with military style assault rifles in a residential apartment building. The Officers' errant gunfire placed the apartment building residents at risk and left the building riddled with bullet holes.

Mr. Buelna, one of the attorneys representing the Tovar family, remarked, "the Officers needlessly fired multiple assault rifles in an occupied apartment building. The community is fortunate they didn't hurt any other people with their reckless conduct. We could easily be grieving the loss of more innocent lives, not just Mr. Tovar's."

Raj Jayadev, Coordinator of Silicon Valley De-Bug, a racial justice and police accountability organization based in San Jose says, "David Tovar was hunted down and brutally executed by the San Jose Police Department. The video shows the police raided that apartment complex like an occupying force, and sprayed the homes of families and children with bullets, with no regard to human life. For the safety of our people, and for justice for David and his family, we call on real accountability of the San Jose Police Department."

You can find videos of the incident and pictures of Mr. Tovar on www.lawyersftp.com.

What: Press Conference
Who: Adanté D. Pointer and Patrick Buelna
(Attorneys for the family of David Tovar, Jr. who was unarmed and shot and killed by City of San Jose Police) & SV Debug and Other Families Impacted by Police Violence
Where: San Jose City Hall – 200 East Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113
When: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. PST
What: Announcement of the Filing of a Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit Against the City of San Jose for the Shooting Death of David Tovar, Jr.