

POWER TO THE PEOPLE: JUSTICE FOR RONALD TINSLEY II

The Monterey County Black Caucus is outraged and deeply disturbed by the killing of Ronald Tinsley at the hands of Marina Police. After careful observation, review of available footage, and ongoing community and family engagement, it is clear that the public narrative being advanced by law enforcement and amplified by certain media outlets does not align with what actually occurred.

In moments like this, discipline matters. Accuracy matters. Protecting the family, the community, and those organizing for justice matters. MCBC does not move recklessly, and we do not move based on headlines. We move based on facts, evidence, and the lived reality of our people.

What we have witnessed is deeply troubling:

- Escalation where de-escalation was possible
- Use of lethal force without clear justification
- Contradictory and evolving public statements
- Delayed notification to next of kin
- Prolonged exposure of Chyron's body at the scene
- A media narrative that has repeatedly criminalized the victim while shielding the officer

This is not transparency. This is not accountability. This is not justice.

MCBC stands firmly with Chyron's family and the broader Black community in demanding the following:

1. Full transparency, including the release of all body-worn and dash camera footage without selective framing
2. Accountability for Officer Shivdev Dhillon, including termination and criminal charges
3. An independent investigation free from conflicts of interest
4. An end to narrative manipulation that places blame on victims rather than systems and actors responsible
5. Respect and dignity for Black lives, both in life and in death

We reject the criminalization of Ronald Tinsley. We reject the distortion of facts. And we reject the expectation that our community must quietly accept state violence.

The Monterey County Black Caucus is actively mobilizing. We are engaging in policy pathways, legal advocacy, and public accountability mechanisms. We are organizing community presence at decision-making tables: including the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, where real power resides.

We are moving. Not performatively. Not impulsively. But strategically, collectively, and with purpose.

We call on community members, allies, faith leaders, students, workers, and residents across Monterey County to stand with us, to show up, speak out, and demand better.

Justice for Ronald Tinsley is not optional.
Accountability is not negotiable.
And our movement will not be silenced.

ADDENDUM: CORRECTION OF FALSE GANG AFFILIATION CLAIMS

The Monterey County Black Caucus is compelled to correct a false and harmful narrative being circulated in public statements and media coverage suggesting that Ronald Tinsley was a gang member.

This claim is categorically untrue.

Ronald Tinsley did not have any gang enhancements, gang-related charges, or documented gang affiliation on record. There is no legal or factual basis for labeling him as a gang member.

The decision to publicly brand Chyron as a “Crip” without evidence is reckless, inflammatory, and rooted in anti-Black stereotypes that have historically been used to:

- Dehumanize Black men
- Justify excessive and deadly force
- Shape public perception to excuse police violence

This tactic is not new. It is intentional. And it is unacceptable.

Let us be clear:

Gang labels do not excuse unlawful police conduct.

False narratives do not absolve accountability.

Character assassination will not replace truth.

The focus must remain where it belongs:

- On the actions of **Officer Shivdev Dhillon, Officer Seivers, and Officer Rose**
- On the decision to escalate a routine traffic stop
- On the use of lethal force in close quarters
- On the discrepancies between official statements and video evidence

We demand:

- Immediate public retraction of false gang affiliation claims
- Accountability for agencies and outlets that repeated unverified information
- A commitment to fact-based, responsible reporting moving forward

Chyron Tinsley was a human being.
He was not a headline.
He was not a stereotype.
He deserves truth, dignity, and justice.

CALL TO ACTION

SHOW UP. STAND FIRM. DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY.

The Monterey County Black Caucus is calling on the community to physically and virtually mobilize at the upcoming Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting.

This is where public pressure becomes public record.

WHY THIS MEETING MATTERS

The Board of Supervisors has oversight, influence, and responsibility when it comes to:

- Law enforcement conduct
- County contracts and funding
- Public accountability processes
- Demands for transparency and independent investigation

If we are not in the room, decisions get made *about* us, without us.

OUR COLLECTIVE DEMANDS

Community members attending or calling in are asked to center the following demands during public comment:

1. **Immediate and full release** of all body-worn and dash camera footage without edits or narrative framing
2. **Accountability for Officer Shivdev Dhillon, Officer Seivers, and Officer Rose** including termination and criminal charges
3. **An independent investigation** separate from agencies with conflicts of interest
4. **Public correction of misinformation** circulated by law enforcement and media outlets
5. **Clear timelines** and transparency commitments moving forward

HOW TO SHOW UP

- Attend in person if you can, pack the room out, presence matters
- Join via Zoom if you cannot be there physically
- Prepare a **1-2 minute public comment** (MCBC will share talking points)
- Wear black or red if possible, unity is visual power

- Be disciplined. Be firm. Be respectful. Be strong.

 **Location:** 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA

 **Zoom:** <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>

 **17 Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 10:30 AM

THIS IS NOT A MOMENT, IT'S A MOVEMENT

We are not asking for performative outrage.

We are demanding organized action.

History shows us that change does not come from waiting, it comes from **showing up in numbers**, speaking truth on the public record, and refusing to be dismissed.

This is how accountability begins.

This is how pressure is applied.

This is how we honor Ronald Chyron Tinsley II.

Be in the room. Be on the record. Be counted.

Monterey County Black Caucus

Black-led. Community-driven. Power-building.

Power concedes nothing without demand.