




# ASI Survey: Sacramento State University Police Department (UPD) 2021





**Trigger Warning: [violence]  
Content of this presentation  
may be disturbing for some**



## **Survey Purpose and Dissemination**

-On August 10th, 2021 the ASI President released a survey via SACSEND calling for student feedback regarding an incident that occurred on June 4th between a group of cyclists and the Sacramento State University Police Department, as well as asking for general student feedback on the University Police Department.

-The survey was opened on August 10th, 2021 and closed September 5th, 2021

State Hornet:

## Sac State campus police officer seen kneeling on a man in video

Incident involving cyclists results in two arrests



Sergeant Vincent Burton (left) of Sacramento State's Police Department kneels on the neck of a cyclist for approximately 23 seconds while handcuffing him after Corporal Doug Nguyen (right) deployed his stun gun twice into the suspect on June 4, according to anonymous sources. Photo courtesy of Francisco Munoz.

Alex Muegge  
June 23, 2021

## Group Attacks Sac State Police Officer, Steals Bodycam And Keys

By CBS13 Staff June 4, 2021 at 10:45 pm Filed Under: Sacramento News, Sacramento State University

CBS 13:

ABC10:

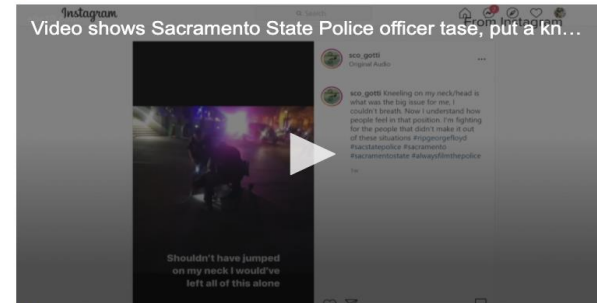
CRIME

## Body camera taken from Sacramento State officer during melee with bicyclists, police say

Police said the body camera has not been recovered.

ABC10:

## Video shows Sacramento State Police officer tase, put a knee on man's neck during arrest



Francisco Munoz says he is trying to figure out how a memorial bike ride got so out of hand.

Author: abc10.com  
Published: 11:09 PM PDT June 22, 2021  
Updated: 11:06 PM PDT June 22, 2021



## Survey Questions

1. \*Are you a currently enrolled student at Sacramento State?
  - a. If not a student, which of the following is your connection to Sacramento State?
2. \*Prior to the SacSend by the ASI President, were you aware of the incident that occurred on June 4th, 2021 between a group of cyclists and the Sacramento State University Police Department?
3. \*What are your thoughts about the June 4th incident?
4. \*Do you have any thoughts or concerns about the Sacramento State University Police Department?
5. \*What would you like to see from the incoming Chief of Police?
6. \*Do you have any questions, thoughts or ideas you would like the ASI Board to raise with the Administration regarding the Sacramento State University Police department?
7. If you would like to be involved in a committee that serves to advise the University Police Department, please provide your name and CSUS email below:

**\*REQUIRED QUESTIONS**



Are you a currently enrolled student at Sacramento State?

Yes

No

If not a student, which of the following is your connection to Sacramento State?

Faculty

Staff

Administration

Alumni

Community Member

Other



Prior to the SacSend by the ASI President, were you aware of the incident that occurred on June 4th, 2021 between a group of cyclists and the Sacramento State University Police Department?

Yes

No

What are your thoughts about the June 4th incident?

Do you have any thoughts or concerns about the Sacramento State University Police Department?

What would you like to see from the incoming Chief of Police?

Do you have any questions, thoughts or ideas you would like the ASI Board to raise with the Administration regarding the Sacramento State University Police department?

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## Are you a currently enrolled student at Sacramento State?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	95.10%	679
2	No	4.90%	35
	Total	100%	714



Number of respondents that began survey



**If not a student, which of the following is your connection to Sacramento State?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Faculty	1.67%	1
2	Staff	15.00%	9
3	Administration	0.00%	0
4	Alumni	45.00%	27
5	Community Member	3.33%	2
6	Other	35.00%	21
	Total	100%	60

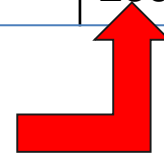




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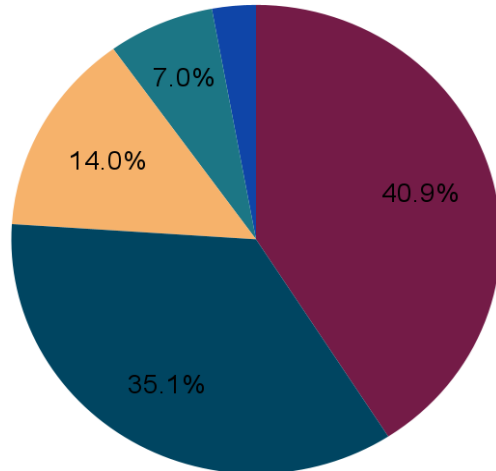
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	26.27%	62
2	No	73.73%	174
	Total	100%	236

Number of respondents that completed entire survey



## What are your thoughts about the June 4th incident?

- Dont Know, Need Additional Info, N/A (40.9%)
- Showed Concern About Incident (35.1%)
- Believed Police Did Their Jobs/ No Issues (14%)
- Uncategorized (Do Not Apply to Question or Do Not Fit Into Other Categories) (7%)
- Both Parties In The Wrong (2.9%)





## Highlighted Responses

*“Shocked and appalled that an officer on our campus would do anything like this*

*“I can't express my anger and frustration at these people, ESPECIALLY after all the controversies surrounding policing. They're needlessly violent and it should not be allowed.”*

*“It was extremely unsettling and furthered my distrust of police. It made me very concerned for the safety of any students who are POC or otherwise marginalized.”*

*“I am alarmed that this incident took place and I just recently learned about it 2 months later.”*

*“The cyclist became aggressive and our officers did their job professionally. People should respect those that put their lives on the line to protect us.”*

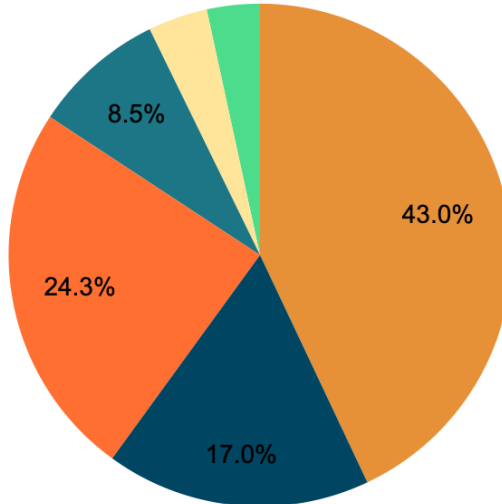
*“The officers acted appropriately in response to the aggression of the cyclists. Maybe next time they should call Sac police to help when people in large groups act aggressively and won't listen.”*

*“The police were doing their job”*



## Do you have any thoughts or concerns about the Sacramento State University Police Department?

- Shared Concern about UPD (43%)
- Shared Positive Comments on UPD (17%)
- Responded No (24.3%)
- Responded N/A (8.5%)
- Responded Don't Know or Unsure (3.8%)
- Uncategorized (Do Not Apply to Question or Do Not Fit Into Other Categories) (3.4%)





## Highlighted Responses

*"Haven't been on campus for any experiences, but I've heard they are good and excellent in providing safety on the campus, along with students/staff in the community"*

*"I'm assuming that they are fulfilling their duties to their best ability which is why I trust them."*

*"They were just trying to do their job, and should be better equipped to handle the situation peacefully"*

*"Cops do not belong on campus"*

*"I am concerned for my safety because I am a person of color, and where I live is far way from Sacramento, so I worry that if something does happen to me, my family will not be notified in time."*

*"Yes, I think the officers should be taught proper de-escalation training and should practice better communication skills."*

*"They need to do better"*

*"The police are tone deaf to the events that took place during the summer of 2020. Accountability is the bare minimum of actions that should be taken."*



## What would you like to see from the incoming Chief of Police? (Highlighted Responses)

*“better accountability and increased training for officers”*

*“an attempt to connect/ associate with students”*

*“To do better, to at least empathize with students and show that he does care about us especially if we’re from underprivileged communities.”*

*“I would like to see no Chief of Police. Law enforcement has no place in a learning institution.”*

*“Support with the students. To be vocal and seen throughout the campus”*

*“Plans to keep students and officers safe.”*

*“Mental health focus, de-escalation, compassion”*

*“Increase communication with students, maybe set up meet & greets to introduce himself & staff, state goals and Q/A. Dept. newsletter, etc.”*



## **Do you have any questions, thoughts or ideas you would like the ASI Board to raise with the Administration regarding the Sacramento State University Police department? (Highlighted Responses)**

*"De-escalation training should be a high priority."*

*"Maybe the police department needs to employ social workers and psychologists to study social dynamics between an armed force in a group of unarmed civilians."*

*"Deescalate, communicate, and consider a program for campus community members who can be trained to be a mediator in these non-life threatening circumstances."*

*"Yes the Police should reflect the messages the university says it stands for"*

*"Let the police do their job and you do yours. Don't get involved in issues when you have no idea what's going on"*

*"Support our safety on campus"*

*"The only thing would be to let us (the student body, faculty, etc) be aware of all incidents, no matter if it's still being investigated/processed."*



## Key Takeaways from Survey

- 40.9% Stated that they were unaware of the incident that occurred on June 4th between a group of cyclists and the University Police Department
  - 35% showed concern about the incident
- 43% of students expressed concern about the University Police Department
- Some recurring key words were “de-escalation”, “training” and “accountability”





# Moving Forward & Next Steps

-(ASI Strategic Priority 3.3.2) Meet with new Chief of Police to share survey results and student concerns

Board Members on Priority: PRES, EVP, EDU

Progress: Meeting scheduled for October

-(ASI Strategic Priority 3.3.3) Review University Police Department policies and practices and advocate for transparency and accountability

Board Members on Priority: PRES

-Working with administration on creating a Police Advisory Council and recruiting students

-Assessing policing on the Sacramento State campus