

# California couple charged with a hate crime for painting over Black Lives Matter mural

A viral video showed the couple in the act.

See the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwoM8Vmrb0U>

A couple captured on cellphone video painting over a Black Lives Matter street mural installation has been charged with a hate crime over the incident.

Black Lives Matter supporters recorded a woman using a roller paintbrush to paint over the art and her male partner in a very heated viral video. The incident happened in Martinez, California, on the Fourth of July.

“There is no oppression, there is no racism,” says the man. “It’s a leftist lie.”

On Tuesday Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton announced in a statement that the couple had been charged with a hate crime.

“Today, the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office charged Nichole Anderson (42-years old Martinez resident) and David Nelson (53-years-old Martinez resident) with three misdemeanor counts, including a hate crime, for their alleged actions on Saturday, July 4, when defendant Anderson covered up a Black Lives Matter mural with black paint,” read the statement.

Becton points out in the statement that the temporary mural was approved by the City of Martinez, and had been painted just hours prior to the vandalism.

If found guilty, the couple could face up to a year in county jail.

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