

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

**AFFIDAVIT OF JERRY W.
BLACKWELL**

v.

J. Alexander Kueng,

Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12953

Thomas Kiernan Lane,

Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12951

Tou Thao,

Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12949

Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

JERRY W. BLACKWELL, being first duly sworn deposes and states:


1. I represent the State of Minnesota as a Special Attorney General in the above captioned matter, and I make this affidavit in response to this Court's request.
2. I was not the source of the information in the newspaper articles of February 10 and 11, 2021 regarding alleged plea discussions with Defendant Chauvin's counsel; I first learned of the facts set forth in these articles from reading the actual articles.
3. The February 11 article references a source with "direct knowledge" of the talks. I have no knowledge of those talks. I was unaware of any plea negotiations or William Barr's role in any such negotiations and did not disclose any information to anyone.
4. I do not know the source of the information in the articles.

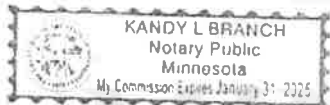
5. I did not order or ratify disclosure of this information to the media.

PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 358.116 (2020), I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT EVERYTHING I HAVE STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.


JERRY W. BLACKWELL

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 28th day of May, 2021.


Notary Public
My commission expires 1/31/2025



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