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Photo: Courtesy of Attorney Benjamin Crump. George Floyd.

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An independent autopsy conducted by doctors hired by the George Floyd family's legal team found he died from asphyxia due to sustained forceful pressure.

Attorney Ben Crump and co-counsel Antonio Romanucci, who are representing the family of George Floyd, announced the findings of the independent autopsy Monday afternoon.

Dr. Michael Baden and Dr. Allecia Wilson were hired by the Floyd family's legal team to conduct the independent autopsy. They say the sustained pressure on George Floyd's neck impeded blood flow to the brain while the weight on his back impeded his ability to breathe. They ruled the manner of death as homicide.

George Floyd family's legal team hires independent medical examiner to conduct autopsy
(<https://kstp.com/news/george-floyd-family-legal-team-hires-independent-medical-examiner-to-conduct-autopsy/5745577/>)

The attorneys previously said the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office didn't address the "effect of the purposeful use of force on Mr. Floyd's neck."

"We are not surprised, yet we are tragically disappointed in the preliminary autopsy findings released today by the medical examiner," Crump said Saturday after preliminary autopsy results were released. "We hope that this does not reflect efforts to create a false narrative for the reason George Floyd died. Attempts to avoid the hard truth will not stand and on behalf of the family, we are fiercely committed to bringing the truth to light."

With the independent results, the legal team and Floyd's family called for the arrests of the other three Minneapolis police officers who were fired in connection to Floyd's death. Former officer Derek Chauvin is charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's death and was the arresting officer who was seen kneeling on Floyd's neck in video.

