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May 13, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. Cahill
Hennepin County Courthouse
300 South 6th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55487

RE: State v. Chauvin, Kueng, Lane and Thao
Court File No. 27-CR-20-12646, 27-CR-20-12953, 27-CR-20-12951, 27-CR-20-12646

Dear Judge Cahill:

No one in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office had conversations with the New York Times concerning terms of plea negotiations in the Chauvin case on or around February 10, 2021.

Reporting about consideration of a plea bargain concerning Chauvin appeared in a number of national and local media outlets in June 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael O. Freeman", written over a large, faint watermark of the word "MINNESOTA" and "JUDICIAL ANCHOR".

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