

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

**AFFIDAVIT OF
ZURIZADAI BALMAKUND**

vs.

J. Alexander Kueng,

MNCIS No: 27-CR-20-12953
Attorney General File No.: 36.EC57.0227

Thomas Kiernan Lane,

MNCIS No: 27-CR-20-12951
Attorney General File No.: 36.EC56.0227

Tou Thao,

MNCIS No: 27-CR-20-12949
Attorney General File No.: 36.EC55.0227

Defendants.

ZURIZADAI BALMAKUND, being first duly sworn deposes and states:

1. I am one of the attorneys working in the above-captioned matter, and I submit this affidavit in response to this Court's request.
2. I was not the source of the information regarding alleged plea discussions with Co-Defendant Derek Chauvin's counsel that was reported on by the media on February 10 and 11, 2021.
3. The newspaper articles in question refer to former United States Attorney General William Barr's position on plea negotiations related to Co-Defendant, Derek Chauvin, Minnesota District Court No. 27-CR-20-12646. I do not know Attorney General William Barr, nor was I aware of these plea negotiations.
4. I do not know the source of the information in the articles referenced in ¶¶ 2-3 above.

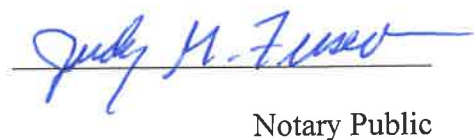
5. Accordingly, I neither had knowledge of, nor did I share information regarding, the above ¶¶2-3 with anyone.
6. I did not order or consent to the disclosure of the information referenced in ¶¶2-3 above to the media.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



ZURIZADAI BALMAKUND

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 19th day of May 2021.



Notary Public

