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May 13, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. Cahill  
Hennepin County Courthouse  
300 South 6<sup>th</sup> 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".

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