



STATEMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY ERIK NASARENKO

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Derek Chauvin Verdicts

I am pleased the jury in the Derek Chauvin trial has reached guilty verdicts and that justice on behalf of George Floyd has been served. The trial prosecutors presented compelling evidence of Mr. Chauvin's guilt which moved this jury to hold him accountable for Mr. Floyd's murder. This verdict also affirms that our criminal justice system can reach just results and impose consequences for police brutality.

The District Attorney's Office continues to stand in partnership with our law enforcement professionals, the overwhelming majority of whom serve and protect our communities with distinction and honor. Our office remains steadfast in our commitment to ensure that any individual who commits a criminal act, including a peace officer, will be brought to justice.

The jury's verdict is a reminder that we must work to secure justice on behalf of all victims. We have a responsibility as prosecutors, along with the women and men in law enforcement, to work together to end racism, bias, excessive use of force, and the unequal treatment of people of color. By continuing to create solutions that improve community relations, transparency, de-escalation techniques, and collaborative decision-making, I am confident we can help to build a more just, fair, and equitable criminal justice system.