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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

PLAINTIFF,

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT PAULE

V.

TOU THAO,

DEFENDANT.

COURT FILE NO. 27-CR-20-12949

STATE OF MINNESOTA) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Robert Paule, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

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- 1. I am the attorney for the above-named Defendant, as well as an officer of the court.
- 2. On or about February 10, 2021 The New York Times published an article titled Why William Barr Rejected a Plea Deal in the George Floyd Killing.
- 3. On or about February 11, 2021 the StarTribune published an article titled *Officials:* Chauvin was ready to plead to 3rd-degree murder.
- 4. In the two articles, it was reported that someone with direct knowledge of the plea deals told press that Chauvin was ready to accept a plea deal for his role in the death of George Floyd.
- 5. I was not the source of information to either paper.

Further your affiant sayeth naught.

Dated: February 22, 2021

Robert Paule

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 22 day of February, 2021.

Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 01/31/2025

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