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#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

## COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

v,

J. Alexander Kueng,

Thomas Kiernan Lane,

Tou Thao,

### DISTRICT COURT

## FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# DECLARATION OF NATASHA T. ROBINSON

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Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ) ss.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

NATASHA T. ROBINSON, being first duly sworn deposes and states:

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- I represent the State of Minnesota as an Assistant Attorney General in the above captioned matter, and I make this declaration in response to this Court's request.
- 2. I was not the source of the information in the newspaper articles of February 10 and 11, 2021 regarding alleged plea discussions with Defendant Chauvin's counsel; indeed, I only learned of the facts set forth in these articles from reading the actual articles.
- 3. The February 11 article references a source with "direct knowledge" of the talks. I have no direct knowledge of those talks and accordingly, certainly did not disclose any information about potential plea negotiations or William Barr's role in those negotiations to anyone.
- 4. I do not know who was the source of the information in the articles.

5. I did not order or ratify disclosure of this information to the media.

PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 358.116 (2020), I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT EVERYTHING I HAVE STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

NATASHA T. ROBINSON