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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

DISTRICT COURT

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AFFIDAVIT OF NATHANIEL AVI GIDEON ZELINSKY

V.

J. Alexander Kueng,

Thomas Kiernan Lane,

Tou Thao,

Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12953 Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12951 Court File No.: 27-CR-20-12949

Defendants.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)) ss. NEW HAVEN COUNTY)

NATHANIEL AVI GIDEON ZELINSKY, being first duly sworn deposes and states:

- 1. I represent the State of Minnesota in the above captioned matter.
- 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.
- 3. Those newspaper articles are about William Barr's asserted position on those plea negotiations. I have never spoken with William Barr about this case in any way, shape, or form. Nor was I ever aware of any involvement of William Barr in plea negotiations.
- 4. The February 11 article references a source with "direct knowledge" of the talks. I was not aware of the talks or the release of this information until I read about both

in February. Accordingly, I did not disclose any information about the plea negotiations to anybody.

- 5. I do not know who was the source of the information referenced in these articles.
- 6. I also did not order or ratify the disclosure of this information, in any way, to any member of the media.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

NATHANIEL AVI GIDEON ZELINSKY Subscribed and sworn to before me this \underline{M} day of May 2021.

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