

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DEREK MICHAEL CHAUVIN,
TOU THAO,
THOMAS KIERNAN LANE,
J. ALEXANDER KUENG,**

Defendants.

**ORDER DENYING STATE'S MOTION
TO RECONSIDER JANUARY 11, 2021
ORDER**

Dist Ct. File 27-CR-20-12646
Dist Ct. File 27-CR-20-12949
Dist Ct. File 27-CR-20-12951
Dist Ct. File 27-CR-20-12953

This matter is before the Court on the State's motion, filed January 19, 2021, seeking reconsideration of the Court's January 11, 2021 Order severing the trial in *State v. Chauvin* from the trials in *State v. Thao*, *State v. Lane*, and *State v. Kueng* due to the present impossibility of holding a joint trial with all four defendants even in the largest available courtroom in the Hennepin County Government Center given social distancing requirements in light of COVID, and denying the State's December 31, 2020 motion to continue trial to June 7, 2021.

Matthew Frank, Assistant Attorney General, and Neal Katyal, Special Assistant Attorney General, appeared in writing on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

Based on all the files, records, and proceedings, the Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. The State's motion to reconsider the January 11, 2021 Order is **DENIED**.

BY THE COURT:

Peter A. Cahill
Judge of District Court