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To: Thomas Plunkett

From: Susan Johnson

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Re: Alex Kueng

Subject: Interview of Officer Jer Yang

Officer Jer Yang

Formerly Minneapolis 4th Precinct

Officer Jer Yang was interviewed at 1811 University Avenue N.E, Minneapolis, MN on October 27, 2020 Those present were:

Thomas Plunkett, attorney for Alex Kueng;

Natalie Paule, attorney for Tou Thao; and

Susan Johnson, investigator for Thomas Plunkett.

Yang has worked as a Minneapolis police officer since 2006. He started as a patrol officer, then worked in narcotics and has been in the 4th precinct Community Response Team for the past 2 years.

On May 6, 2019, he worked with a confidential informant regarding a suspected purchase of oxycodone pills. Yang arranged for other officers to make a traffic stop after the suspected purchase was made. Yang monitored the stop by radio, but he was not involved in the traffic stop.

Officer DuBay was relatively new to the CRT and was supposed to interview George Floyd after his arrest. DuBay's job was to try and flip dealers and purchasers to

become informants. Yang described this process as one in which both sides are playing a game. The officer is trying to gain trust and the arrested person is trying to get released.

DuBay tried to talk with Floyd but found that she was unable to get him to talk. He could not answer simple questions and was very agitated. DuBay informed Yang that she was not able to get information from Floyd and was concerned about him being under the influence.

Yang interacted with Floyd and thought he was high. His speech was incoherent and he made no sense. He was agitated and fidgety. His eyes were bouncing around. Yang explained that with drug dealers, there is often a manipulative game. They do not want to be sent to jail and use various methods to manipulate the situation. Yang decided Floyd needed medical help because he was so out of touch with reality. EMTs were called, conducted an initial exam of Floyd, and transported him to the hospital.

Yang was upset because he felt that the county attorney's office declined too many of the drug cases that he referred for prosecution. Because the county attorney declined to charge so many times, Yang did not submit this case.

Yang feels that the two young officers (Lane and Kueng) do not deserve to be prosecuted regarding the May 2020 incident involving George Floyd. As young officers, they were in a position of "damned if you do or damned if you don't." They were trained to follow the lead of the more senior officers.