

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

GAG ORDER

vs.

Derek Michael Chauvin,
Tou Thao,
Thomas Kiernan Lane,
J. Alexander Kueng,

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

Defendants.

The Court has been made aware that two or more attorneys representing parties in the above-captioned cases granted interviews or talked with the media yesterday, expounding on the merits of the case or commenting on other aspects of the case after a motion to dismiss was filed in *State of Minnesota v. Thomas Kiernan Lane*. The court finds that continuing pretrial publicity in this case by the attorneys involved will increase the risk of tainting a potential jury pool and will impair all parties' right to a fair trial.

Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. The parties and all attorneys for the parties shall not disclose, directly, indirectly or through third parties, any information, opinions, strategies, plans or potential evidence that relate to any of the above-captioned cases, either to the media or members of the general public. This includes, but is not limited to, any discovery provided to the parties, and any exhibits in the cases.

2. This order applies to all parties, attorneys, their employees, agents, or independent contractors working on their behalf.
3. Access to public records is not restricted by this order. *See* Minn. R. Crim. P. 25.03. Documents that are filed and are classified as public will be available on the Court's website at <http://www.mncourts.gov/Media/Current-High-Profile-Cases.aspx>. Non-documentary exhibits that are filed and classified as public will be made available for review at the Hennepin County Government Center through the court's media contact, Spenser Bickett, whose email address is Spenser.Bickett@courts.state.mn.us.

BY THE COURT

Peter A. Cahill
Judge of District Court