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To: Thomas Plunkett

From: Susan Johnson

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Re: Alex Kueng

Subject: Interview of Officer Scott Creighton

Officer Scott Creighton

Formerly Minneapolis 4th Precinct

Officer Scott Creighton was interviewed at 1811 University Avenue N.E, Minneapolis, MN on October 29, 2020 Those present were:

Thomas Plunkett, attorney for Alex Kueng; and

Susan Johnson, investigator for Thomas Plunkett.

Natalie Paule, attorney for Tou Thao joined remotely by cell phone.

Creighton has been a career officer as has his father (40 years with the Minneapolis Police Department) and his father- in- law (28 years with the Minneapolis Police Department). Creighton started out with 4 years in the Air Force, 2 years in the Air Force reserve, a short stint as a corrections officer in Merced County, CA, and 3 years as a deputy in Fresno County, CA. In 1993, he was hired as an officer with the Minneapolis Police Department where he has served for 28 years. His assignments included 5 years in the 3rd precinct as a 911

patrol officer, 1 year in public housing and 22 years in the 4th precinct as a member of the Community Response Team (CRT) working narcotics and weapons on the street. He has received numerous citations including being honored as the officer of the year in the 4th precinct and receiving the Medal of Valor. (The Medal of Valor may be awarded to any MPD employee for an act of bravery that demonstrates obvious self-sacrifice in the face of death or serious physical injury.) He has no history of discipline with the department.

Creighton did not review his body worn camera footage or his reports prior to this interview.

On May 6, 2019, Creighton was on a “buy/bust detail” and was asked to stop and arrest a person in a motor vehicle who was thought to have bought or sold dope. Creighton was working with Officer Alexandra DuBay. They were the first squad to stop the vehicle. Creighton went to the passenger side of the car and ordered the passenger to get out of the car but was reluctant and resistant. Creighton learned that the passenger was George Floyd.

Creighton recalled that Floyd was an exceptionally large man. Creighton who was 6’1” tall and then weighed about 230 pounds thought Floyd was about 3 to 4 inches taller and 50 pounds heavier.

Floyd was very emotional. He was transported to the precinct for an interview but taken from the precinct to the hospital by ambulance.

Creighton said that taking orders from a supervisor in the police department would be the same as in any other job. If you had four days on the job and a higher-up person gave you instructions, you would follow them. Based on Creighton's experience and training, he believes that the two rookie officers at the Floyd incident in May of 2020 did what they were trained to do in following more senior officers. Creighton said that he could not imagine a situation where an officer with three days of experience would challenge a more senior officer on the scene.

Field training does not fully prepare a trainee for work on the street. Until the last 10 days of training, the field training officer makes all the decisions.

Creighton has noticed a change in policing starting about 14 years ago. People who are arrested are more likely to fabricate accusations against officers and use a great deal more manipulation. For example, now it is not uncommon for an arrested person to claim, "I can't breathe" as a way to manipulate what is happening during an arrest.