

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

Can I tell him on background we are involved?

From: Mallin, Alexander W (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

Hi Matt,

Wanted to reach out to you just to see if you can provide any background/comment on whether the DOJ civil rights division plans to get involved in the investigation of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Any guidance as always is much appreciated.

Thanks!
Alex

Alex Mallin // ABC News - Justice Reporter / (b) (6)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Mallin, Alexander W.
Subject: RE: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

Here is what USA office put out: The US Attorney's Office will review all evidence presented at the conclusion of the federal investigation. We will have no further comment during the pendency of the investigation.

No other statement. Can talk to you on background or off the record if you'd like.

From: Mallin, Alexander W (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

Thanks -- here is the only statement I saw yesterday out of the FBI's field office, hadn't seen yet that CRT was involved. Was there one on that I missed?

Statement from the FBI Minneapolis Division

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Mallin, Alexander W. (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

On background: CRT has been involved from the start working with USAO and FBI. Did you see statements from them yesterday?

From: Mallin, Alexander W (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:45 AM

To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))

Subject: Hi Matt -- quick question on Minneapolis/George Floyd

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:39 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI. (OPA) (FBI)
Subject: Re: How are we doing?

Thanks had not seen. Will check.

On May 28, 2020, at 7:31 AM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI) wrote:

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Matt, I'm sure you're already aware, but attached is the new statement from the USAO in Minneapolis, in coordination with Main Justice and the FBI, to be released this morning. Let me know if you have any further information.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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FBI National Press Office

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI. (MP) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:21 AM
T (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (OPA) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: How are we doing?

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Attached is a new statement that the USAO here is releasing this morning.

I got a call from my SAC late last night saying he had spoken with the DD who had spoken with the AG about another statement regarding the federal investigation to underscore our commitment to the investigation. Probably based on another night of unrest here.

This is what we (USAO and I) came up with. Our SAC is good with it and OPA has it at Main Justice as well.

Will call you later.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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From: "Zerna, Tasha (USAMN) (b) (6)"
Date: May 28, 2020 1:03 AM
Subject: RE: How are we doing?
To: "MacDonald, Erica (USAMN (b) (6))"; LaTour, Angella (USAMN)"
(b) (6) "Folk, Anders (USAMN) (b) (6)"
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (MP) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Final draft attached. Waiting for approval from SAC Drolshagen and OPA.
Tasha

From: MacDonald, Erica (USAMN (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:50 AM
To: Zerna, Tasha (USAMN (b) (6)); LaTour, Angella (USAMN (b) (6));
Folk, Anders (USAMN (b) (6))
Subject: How are we doing?

<Draft statement on Floyd investigation.docx>

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Zerna, Tasha (USAMN)
Subject: Fwd: Draft statement- please review
Attachments: Draft statement on Floyd investigation.docx; ATT00001.htm

Thanks Tasha. Copying in Matt Lloyd who will need to approve for CRT.
We will get back ASAP

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zerna, Tasha (USAMN)" (b) (6)
Date: May 28, 2020 at 7:33:51 AM EDT
To: "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)" (b) (6)
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Zerna, Tasha (USAMN)" (b) (6)
Date: May 28, 2020 at 1:01:32 AM CDT
To: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" (b) (6)
Cc: "LaTour, Angella (USAMN)" (b) (6) > (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (MP) (FBI)"
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: Draft statement- please review

Hi Peter, can you please give me a call when you receive this. Thank you,
Tasha

Tasha Rose Zerna | Public Affairs
U.S. Attorney's Office
T: 612.664.5743 | C (b) (6)
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
District of Minnesota

U.S. ATTORNEY ERICA H. MACDONALD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 28, 2020

CONTACT: Tasha Zerna
(612) 664-5743

**JOINT STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ERICA MACDONALD AND
FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE RAINER DROLSHAGEN**

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the FBI's Minneapolis Field Office are conducting a robust criminal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd. The Department of Justice has made the investigation a top priority and has assigned experienced prosecutors and FBI criminal investigators to the matter.

The federal investigation will determine whether the actions by the involved former Minneapolis Police Department officers violated federal law. It is a violation of federal law for an individual acting under color of law to willfully deprive another person of any right protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

The Department of Justice asks for cooperation from all witnesses who believe they have relevant information and urges calm as investigators methodically continue to gather facts.

The Department of Justice and FBI's comprehensive investigation will compile all available information and thoroughly evaluate evidence and information obtained from witnesses. Upon conclusion of the FBI's investigation, the U.S. Attorney's Office will determine whether federal criminal charges are supported by the evidence. If it is determined that there has been a violation of federal law, criminal charges will be sought.

Anyone with information can call the FBI at 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5324)

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Tasha, can you hold on this until I can run the traps at Main? Thx

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To: "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)"
Subject: Fw: RE: How are we doing?

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Cc: Moossy, Robert (CRT); Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: Re: How are we doing?

Never saw this but ok.

On May 28, 2020, at 7:55 AM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

Tasha just called and said OAG gave her boss sign off so they are sending now.

On May 28, 2020, at 7:39 AM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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Are you all tracking the below? First I've seen this.

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Subject: Fw: RE: How are we doing?

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Levi, William (OAG)
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA); Bissex, Rachel (OAG); Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)
Subject: Re: Waiting for OPA approval

Yes, was not aware of this timeline. Ali - don't make edits to online version as reporters already have reported on it.

On May 28, 2020, at 8:54 AM, Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) wrote:

Thanks all. The AG instructed that this go out late last night or early this morning, hence the abbreviated timeline. (Kerri, this is the statement we discussed in passing late last night.) I'm sure we can make edits still to the online version if there are any that should be made.

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA (b) (6))
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6)); Levi, William (OAG (b) (6))>
Subject: Re: Waiting for OPA approval

To Peter's point, this was sent out without me seeing it. Nothing more from Main Justice OPA on this front.

On May 28, 2020, at 7:55 AM, Carr, Peter (OPA (b) (6)) wrote:

Hi Rachel,

Thanks for highlighting this for us. I got this from the USAO at 2am and hadn't seen it before your email. I've added Matt and Ali, who cover CRT. Between them and Kerri we'll get this approved.

Thx,
Peter

From: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:19 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA (b) (6))>
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)); Levi, William (OAG (b) (6))>
Subject: Fwd: Waiting for OPA approval

Hi Peter,

I understand from Erica that this came to you last night as you were on deck for night duty.

Can you please review/approve so we can get this out? The AG wants this out ASAP.
Thank you!

Rachel

Begin forwarded message:

From: "MacDonald, Erica (USAMN) (b) (6)"
Date: May 28, 2020 at 7:15:00 AM EDT
To: "Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6)", "Levi, William (OAG)"
(b) (6)
Subject: Waiting for OPA approval

Good morning Rachel and Will:

Attached is the joint statement waiting for OPA approval.

Erica H. MacDonald
United States Attorney
District of Minnesota

<Draft statement on Floyd investigation.docx>

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: RE: How are we doing?

Yes, we can background reporters on that for sure. To Robert's point, I want to make sure they get it right.

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Moosy, Robert (CR (b) (6)) >
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)) >; Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6)); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: How are we doing?

Thanks but will be important for our beat reporters to know as they suddenly have an interest in the nuts and bolts of investigations

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)); Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6)); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OP (b) (6))
Subject: Re: How are we doing?

Thanks. I don't see any errors or problems in it. For the record: CRT and USAO make the prosecution decision, not just USAO, so we should sa (b)(5) per CRT. But that's a small inside-baseball thing in this kind of release.

Robert Moosy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

On May 28, 2020, at 7:55 AM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Long, Shannon (COPS); Mastropasqua, Kristina (OPA)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST

(b) (5) . Active investigation.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Long, Shannon (COPS (b) (6)) Mastropasqua, Kristina (OPA)
(b) (6)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST

+Matt for guidance he may have, but from my perspective, given the ongoing matte (b) (5)

From: Long, Shannon (COP (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (OPA)
(b) (6) >
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST
Importance: High

Good morning as you may know, the COPS Office sponsored a report in 2017 on a protest in Minneapolis. A local reporter reached out to the grantee that did the work for us wanting to do an interview and they asked us for guidance. Wanted to get this in front of you ASAP for your thoughts (b) (5) since there's now an active investigation, but appreciate your feedback.

Shannon Long

Assistant Director

Communications Division

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)

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(b) (6) (mobile (b) (6))

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From: Jennifer Zeuni (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Long, Shannon (COPS (b) (6)) Chapman, Robert (COP (b) (6))
Scheider, Matthew (COP (b) (6))
Cc: Tamara Mart (b) (6) Ben Gorb (b) (6) >; Frank Straub
(b) (6) ; Jennifer Zeuni (b) (6) >
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST
Importance: High

Shannon, Rob and Matthew:

I hope you are all doing well!

Below is a media request we received from a Minneapolis news source last night regarding the COPS-funded Minneapolis work we did in 2016/2017. We just wanted some guidance from your office regarding response. I have cc'd our Comms Director, Tamara Martin, on this email as well as the other NPF team members on this project.

As a reminder, we only reviewed the response to the protest/demonstrations and 14 day occupation of the MPD precinct building. We did not review the incident that sparked protests.

Thanks in advance for your response!

Best,
Jen

Jennifer Zeunik | Director, Local Programs
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Advancing Policing Through Innovation & Science

From: Tamara Martin (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9:27 AM
To: Jennifer Zeuni (b) (6), Ben Gorban (b) (6) >, Frank Strau (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST

Jen, Ben, and Frank,

Can you assist me on the request below? I'm trying to get background on the 2016 report/team members involved as I received an interview request. I will also need to find out about non-disclosures/no-media agreements.

Any info on this project?

Tamara N. Martin | Director of Development & Marketing
The National Police Foundation
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Advancing Policing Through Innovation and Science

From: Augustine, Jo (b) (6) >
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:35 PM

To: Media <media@policefoundation.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]KSTP -MINNEAPOLIS-REQUEST

This is Joe Augustine from KSTP in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

I would like to interview members of the foundation's team that participated in the Maintaining First Amendment Rights and Public Safety in North Minneapolis Report from 2016.

Given the developments in Minneapolis over the death of George Floyd, this report has added significance.

I would appreciate speaking to anyone who could offer additional perspective/context.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Augustine

Joe Augustine | Senior Investigative Producer
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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Brookings
Attachments: 5.28.20 USAO FBI joint statement.pdf; FBI Statement MPD incident 5.26.2020 - FINAL.doc

In case you need it for MN since it's hot right now, attached are the statements that went out and below is hold line USA office used on Tues.

The US Attorney's Office will review all evidence presented at the conclusion of the federal investigation. We will have no further comment during the pendency of the investigation.

From: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Brookings

Herding all the cats to update the Brookings materials I will try to flip them to you before I send to the DAG, in case you have time to review.

Laura J. Plack
(b) (6) (cell)



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 26, 2020

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION
Kevin W. Smith
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Statement from the FBI Minneapolis Division

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT); Assefi, Omeed (CRT)
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: FW: Questions about George Floyd death

Send her latest statement from this morning and say we will follow investigation where it leads?

From: Phillips, Kristin (b) (6) >
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)
Subject: Questions about George Floyd death

Hi Kerri/Matt,

Just a few questions:

- Is DOJ considering a civil rights investigation of the individual officers?
- Some civil rights groups have called for a federal investigation of the police department's policies and practices. Would DOJ consider looking at a broader, pattern-and-practice investigation?
- The president said yesterday that he will receive a full report of the incident. Will this report be coming from DOJ? If so, who would be giving it to the president?

Thank you,

Kristine Phillips | Justice and legal affairs reporter

Office (b) (6) | Cell (b) (6) | Twitter: [bykristinep](https://twitter.com/bykristinep)

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Subject: RE: NPR--Floyd

Crickets

I just pinged PIO in MN again. You and Eric will be first to know

From: Moossy, Robert (CR (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Re: NPR--Floyd

Any update on
Press conference w USA?
National statement by Barr or President?

Robert Moossy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

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Thanks. I gave him your cell too.

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Subject: Re: NPR--Floyd

(b)(5) per CRT

Robert Moossy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

On May 28, 2020, at 3:45 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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Send him latest statement (attached)?

From: Ryan Luca (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: NPR--Floyd

Hey Matt,

I tried calling you earlier but got your voicemail. I saw the statement out of Minneapolis about Floyd. Is it correct that this is not technically a civil rights investigation at this point?

Thanks,

Ryan

Ryan Lucas
NPR Justice Correspondent

(b) (6)

<5.28.20 USAO FBI joint statement.pdf>

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Levi, William (OAG)
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG)
Subject: RE: George Floyd's Death a Priority for Justice Department

Expectations are now through the roof.

From: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) >
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)) >
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)) >
Subject: Re: George Floyd's Death a Priority for Justice Department

Good

On May 28, 2020, at 3:40 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) wrote:

“The Department of Justice asks for cooperation from all witnesses who believe they have relevant information and urges calm as investigators methodically continue to gather facts,” the department said in a statement issued by U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald and the Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent in charge, Rainer Drolshagen.

It was a notably strong statement from the Justice Department, which often takes a more muted tone in describing continuing investigations.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/minneapolis-protests-over-george-floyd-death-escalate-and-spread-11590676810?mod=hp_lead_pos7

Kerri Kupec
Director of Communications & Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
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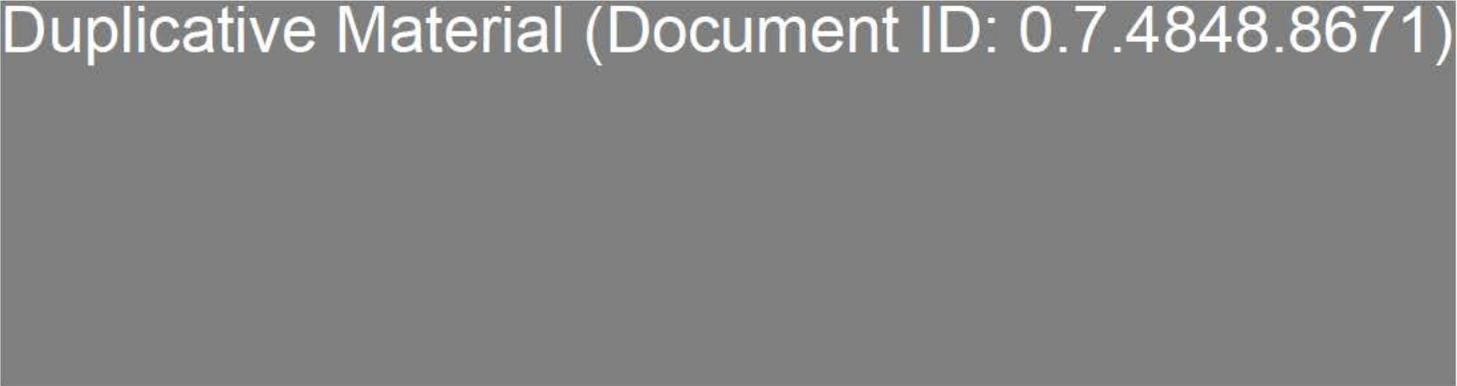
Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Ryan Lucas
Subject: RE: NPR--Floyd
Attachments: 5.28.20 USAO FBI joint statement.pdf

Ryan, see latest statement attached. You can report that it is a civil rights investigation.

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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: NPR--Floyd

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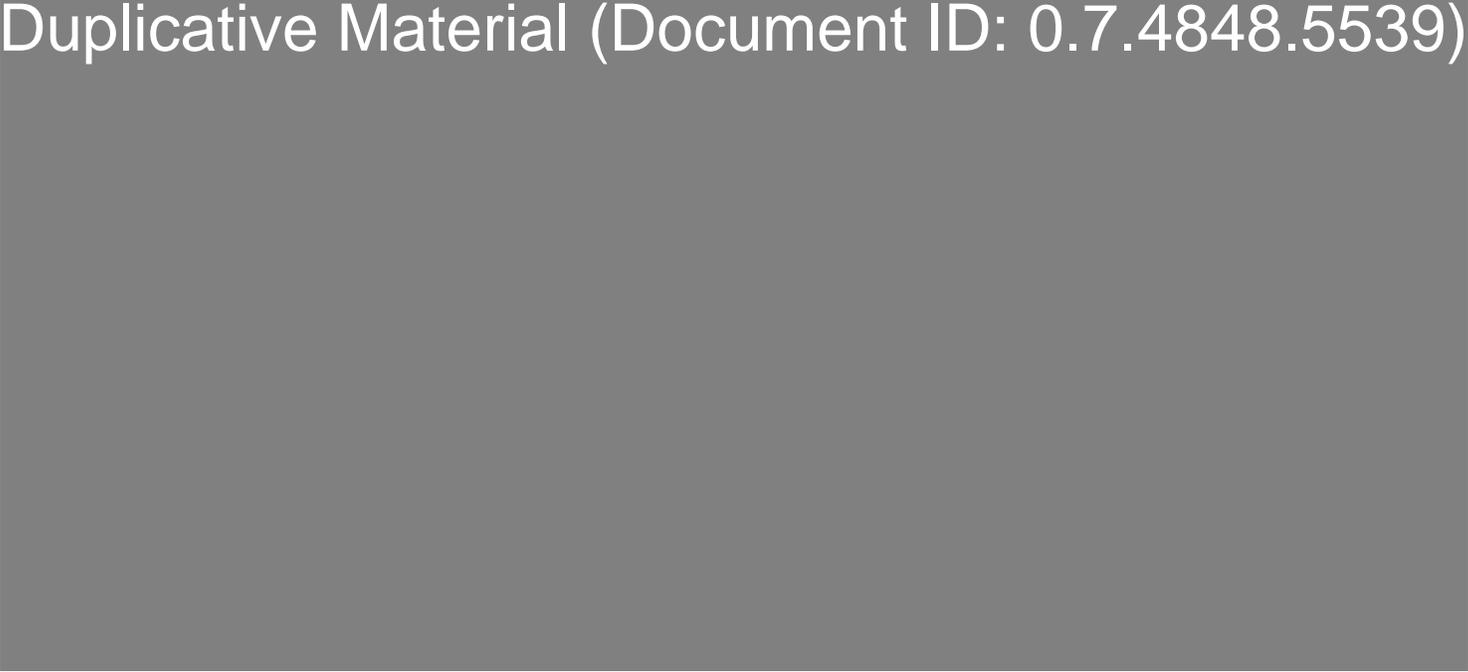


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Subject: Questions about George Floyd death

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Moosy, Robert (CRT); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Dreiband, Eric (CRT)
Subject: RE: Yamiche Alcindor on Twitter: "Q: Why haven't charges been filed when George Floyd was pinned to the ground by his neck on video for more than 7 mins? Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman: That video is graphic and horrific but there is other evidence"

Did US Attorney do press conference with County Attorney?

-----Original Message-----

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6)) Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)); Dreiband, Eric (CR (b) (6))
Subject: Yamiche Alcindor on Twitter: "Q: Why haven't charges been filed when George Floyd was pinned to the ground by his neck on video for more than 7 mins? Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman: That video is graphic and horrific but there is other evidence ..."

I didn't know this was actually happening. And didn't know she was doing this alongside the county attorney, who just said this. Ugh. Likely not very helpful in quelling violent protests.

<https://mobile.twitter.com/yamiche/status/1266130971344146433>

Robert Moosy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:30 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: FBI Officials, Minneapolis Police Hold Briefing on George Floyd Killing - YouTube

USA led the presser

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dreiband, Eric (CRT) (b) (6)"
Date: May 28, 2020 at 7:21:36 PM EDT
To: "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)"
Subject: **FBI Officials, Minneapolis Police Hold Briefing on George Floyd Killing - YouTube**

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<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1vICJniTyA>

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Dreiband, Eric (CRT)
Subject: RE: FBI Officials, Minneapolis Police Hold Briefing on George Floyd Killing - YouTube

Wow-she led it off

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From: Dreiband, Eric (CR (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: FBI Officials, Minneapolis Police Hold Briefing on George Floyd Killing - YouTube

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1vICJniTyA>

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:36 PM
To: (b)(6): Tucker Higgins email address
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Tucker Higgins - CNBC
Attachments: 5.28.20 USAO FBI joint statement.pdf

Tucker,
See attached

-----Original Message-----

From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO (b) (6)); Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Tucker Higgins - CNBC

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from Tucker Higgins - CNBC

Date Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 2:39pm EDT

Name: Tucker Higgins

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: CNBC

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:
Good afternoon,

Tucker Higgins here. Reaching out to see if it would be possible to get comment from the DOJ on the status of its investigation into the death of George Floyd?

Please do let me know.

Thanks,

Tucker

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA); Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: FW: Nadler letter/Minnesota

(b) (5)

From: Zapotosky, Mat (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)
Subject: Nadler letter/Minnesota

Hey Kerri and Matt--

I understand Nadler sent the following letter (pasted below) to DOJ asking for a "pattern or practice" investigation to be opened in Minnesota. Do you guys have any response to it? I know the US Attorney is talking now, but I haven't see any talk of a pattern or practice.

Many thanks,

Matt

Dear Attorney General Barr and Assistant Attorney General Dreiband:

We the undersigned Members of the House Judiciary Committee ask that the Department of Justice: (i) evaluate the actions of local officials responsible for investigating the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, including the role played by local prosecutors, and whether they conspired to deprive Mr. Arbery of his constitutional rights, (ii) initiate an investigation into whether the death of Breonna Taylor, an unarmed COVID-19 first responder who was shot eight times by Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) officers while asleep in her own apartment, was part of a pattern or practice of unconstitutional conduct by the LMPD, and (iii) investigate the death of George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) including whether it was part of a pattern or practice of unconstitutional conduct by the MPD. We further ask that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, and the Department of Justice Community Relations Service brief the Committee on the status of these matters at the earliest practical time.

Facts Pertaining to the Death of George Floyd

Mr. Floyd's detention by the MPD, which occurred yesterday and was captured on video, is the latest in a string of high profile and outrageous extrajudicial killings of African Americans suspected of committing minor criminal violations and is eerily reminiscent of the NYPD killing of Eric Garner. The nine-minute video appears to show an officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd's neck as he begs for help, stating repeatedly that he can't breathe.^[1]

MPD officers claim that Mr. Floyd was resisting their attempts to arrest him for forgery—a non-violent offense.^[2] As the officer applied the full force of his full body weight on top of Mr. Floyd with a knee to the

neck, bystanders called for officers to reduce the amount of force being applied.^[3] “He’s not even resisting arrest right now, bro,” one bystander tells the officer and his partner.^[4] One bystander observed that the officer was cutting off Mr. Floyd’s air supply: “You’re...stopping his breathing right now, you think that’s cool?”^[5] After about five minutes into the video, Mr. Floyd appears to go unconscious.^[6] Police then called an ambulance which took Mr. Floyd to the Hennepin County Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.^[7]

There simply is no excuse for any law enforcement officer to treat any human being in the brutally callous way the Minneapolis Police Department treated Mr. Floyd, apparently causing his death. We applaud MPD’s decision to fire four of the officers involved but call for an investigation into the full extent to which all persons involved may be civilly or criminally liable for Mr. Floyd’s death, including whether it was part of a pattern of civil rights violations by the MPD.^[8]

Facts Pertaining to the Killing of Ahmaud Arbery

The killing of Mr. Arbery and its subsequent investigation are reminiscent of early 20th century lynchings in the Jim Crow South. On February 23, 2020, Travis and Gregory McMichael killed Mr. Arbery while he was out for a jog, purportedly because they suspected him of committing a burglary. Gregory McMichael was a former police officer and investigator with the Glynn County Police Department (GCPD) and Brunswick Judicial Circuit, the entities responsible for investigating the killing. The killing was captured on video, yet law enforcement refused to arrest the McMichaels for 74 days—until the video was leaked to the public on May 7, 2020.

Gregory McMichael’s status as a former law enforcement officer, in addition to his relationship with the officials responsible for investigating Mr. Arbery’s killing, raise questions as to whether some combination of racial bias, conflicts of interest, or gross negligence led to Mr. Arbery’s death and compromised the integrity of the subsequent investigation. Reports indicate that Gregory McMichael worked as an investigator with the Brunswick Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office under Jackie L. Johnson, the attorney who allegedly instructed responding officers to refrain from arresting the McMichaels at the scene. Reports also indicate that McMichael had a history of failing to complete required use-of-force and firearms trainings, and that in 2014, Johnson intervened on his behalf to waive those requirements so that he could continue to work as an investigator in her office.

In 2019, McMichael was stripped of his arrest powers due to his continued failure to comply with peace officer use-of-force training standards. On February 27th, 2020, the Georgia Attorney General’s Office received a letter from Johnson indicating her intent to recuse herself from the case. In this letter, she omitted any reference to communications she had with the GCPD regarding the arrest of the McMichaels.

Reports indicate that Johnson personally recruited George Barnhill, District Attorney for the Waycross Judicial District, to take over the case following her recusal, another fact she omitted from her recusal letter. Barnhill’s son works as an assistant district attorney under Johnson’s supervision, and apparently worked with McMichael on a prior prosecution involving Mr. Arbery—yet another fact Johnson omitted in her communications with the Georgia Attorney General’s Office. The day after the killing, Barnhill advised the GCPD that they lacked probable cause to arrest the McMichaels for killing Mr. Arbery.

On April 7, 2020, Barnhill decided to recuse himself based on his son’s work with McMichael on the prior case involving Mr. Arbery, a fact which Barnhill claims to have discovered in early March 2020. In two communications regarding his decision to recuse, Barnhill defended his refusal to charge the McMichaels for killing Mr. Arbery. In doing so, Barnhill accepted the McMichaels’ version of the events, including their self-serving assertions that: (1) they confronted Arbery with openly drawn firearms because they had probable cause to believe Mr. Arbery burglarized a home that was under construction, (2) Mr. Arbery violently attacked Travis McMichael, and (3) Travis killed Mr. Arbery in self-defense. Barnhill also seemed to justify Mr. Arbery’s

killing by citing his prior criminal record and that of his family members.^[9] Finally, Barnhill falsely asserted that there was a video recording of Mr. Arbery “burglarizing a home immediately preceding the chase and confrontation.”^[10]

Several evidentiary sources undermine Barnhill’s conclusions, including video surveillance footage of several individuals—of different races—walking in and out of the home construction site that the McMichaels accused Mr. Arbery of burglarizing. Also, the owner of the home construction site, alleged burglary victim Larry English, stated that there was no property stolen from the site.

Facts Pertaining to the Killing of Breonna Taylor

As with Mr. Arbery, Breonna Taylor’s tragic death highlights the need for federal oversight of state and local law enforcement agencies to ensure they remain accountable to the communities they serve. Ms. Taylor was shot eight times and killed by LMPD Criminal Interdiction Division officers executing a “no-knock” search warrant on her apartment during the early morning hours of March 13, 2020. Apparently, the subject of the warrant was already in police custody prior to LMPD officers arriving at Ms. Taylor’s apartment. Upon arrival, the officers, who were in plain clothes, did not knock and did not identify themselves as police.^[11] Ms. Taylor’s boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, a licensed gun owner, used his firearm to defend the home against what he believed to be an attempted burglary.^[12] The officers fired a hail of bullets into the apartment, over twenty rounds, striking Ms. Taylor eight times and killing her.^[13] The officers were not wearing body cameras.^[14]

The LMPD claims that despite securing a “no-knock” warrant, the officers knocked multiple times and announced their presence. LMPD also arrested Mr. Walker for attempted murder and first-degree assault, despite his claims that he lawfully used his firearm in self-defense pursuant to the “castle-doctrine” which would be an absolute affirmative defense to the charges. As of May 13, 2020, Jefferson County Commonwealth’s Attorney Tom Wine was continuing to pursue Walker’s prosecution, raising questions about whether the prosecution is intended to provide cover for charges of officer misconduct. Ms. Taylor’s killing is the latest in a string of excessive force allegations against the LMPD, all of which require federal scrutiny into whether the LMPD is engaging in a pattern or practice of depriving individuals of their constitutional rights pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12601.^[15]

The decision to prosecute Mr. Walker for defending his home with a lawfully possessed firearm, especially when compared to the investigation into Mr. Arbery’s killing, raises serious public concerns over whether law enforcement can be trusted to enforce the law with fairness and transparency and in a manner that values the lives of African American citizens.

The killings of Mr. Floyd, Mr. Arbery, and Ms. Taylor all illustrate the need for national evidence-based policing and training standards that promote safe and humane local, state, and federal law enforcement practices, as well as an increase in federal resources to incentivize reform. In response to Ms. Taylor’s killing, the LMPD has imposed additional oversight for no-knock warrants and now requires all sworn officers to wear body cameras when serving warrants.^[16]

The fair, transparent, and equal administration of justice is a bedrock principle for citizens to maintain the trust required to govern themselves in an ordered society. However, public trust in the blind administration of justice is being seriously tested by recent high-profile killings of African Americans during attempts to enforce state laws as well as by the lack of transparency regarding how and why those killings occurred. It is for these reasons that we are today asking the relevant sections of the Department to: (1) review the role of local prosecutors in the Ahmaud Arbery case and whether they conspired to deprive Mr. Arbery of his constitutional rights, (2) initiate a “pattern or practice” investigation into the LMPD in the Breonna Taylor case, (3) support

existing investigations into the death of George Floyd while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department, and (4) provide a briefing to the members of this Committee regarding all three matters. We look forward to hearing from your office.

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Dreiband, Eric (CRT); Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: WSJ editorial/MN

https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-death-in-minneapolis-11590708162?mod_opinion_lead_pos3

A Death in Minneapolis

A video of disturbing police behavior leads to violent protests.

By

The Editorial Board

May 28, 2020 7:22 pm ET

Details about the fatal Memorial Day encounter between George Floyd and Minneapolis police remain limited. For now, all we have to go on is a highly disturbing video of Floyd on the ground, an officer's knee pressing on his neck, and pleas for air before he was brought to a hospital and pronounced dead.

The video has raised understandable questions about the police use of force against a young African-American man. The former police commissioner for New York City, Bernard Kerik, called the way the Minneapolis cops treated Floyd "atrocious," saying it defied all training and procedure. **The U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension are all investigating, and the four officers involved have been fired. In other words, the justice system is working the case.**

Meanwhile, thousands of innocent people in Minneapolis have been put at risk by protests that have turned violent. Mayor Jacob Frey publicly called for criminal charges against the officer who pinned Floyd down. But when it came to doing right by the people he serves maintaining public order in his city he failed. Now the Governor has activated the National Guard at the mayor's request.

People have a right to protest, even to angry protest. But this should not mean tolerance for those who would use the tragic death of a fellow citizen as an opportunity to loot stores, burn down buildings or throw bottles and rocks at police.

Emotions are understandably raw, but the path forward is clear. Let the investigations establish the facts. If criminal charges are warranted, the police officers involved should be fully prosecuted. But the same must go for those using George Floyd's death to turn the streets of Minneapolis into a battlefield.

Matt Lloyd
Principal Deputy Director, Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6) (cell)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Woltornist, Alexei (PAO); Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: Re: current events

+Matt

On May 29, 2020, at 9:46 AM, Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6) wrote:

Who would be a good person to talk to regarding government response in general, and DOJ response in particular, to civil unrest in Minneapolis, Louisville etc ? pls advise. tks mh

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:08 PM
To: (b)(6): AG Barr
Subject: Fwd: Statement for your review

Begin forwarded message:

From (b)(6): Kerri Kupec
Date: May 29, 2020 at 1:06:59 PM EDT
To (b)(6): AG Barr
Cc: William Lev (b) (6)
Subject: Statement for your review

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Sonoff, Kevin (USAOR)
Subject: RE: Talking Points on George Floyd

Exactly and you can always refer reporters to Main Justice so you don't have to answer (this inbox is monitored 24/7): <https://www.justice.gov/opa/contact-office>

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) Sonoff, Kevin (USAOR (b) (6))
Subject: RE: Talking Points on George Floyd

I agree with Matt, an (b) (5) except to confirm the matter is under investigation by federal authorities in Minnesota.

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Sonoff, Kevin (USAOR (b) (6))
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: Talking Points on George Floyd

+ Wyn

Attached are the releases that went out on Minneapolis situation. Basic message is we opened investigation but as you know we don't comment on ongoing investigations. I think it's appropriate to say our hearts go out to the victims' family and FBI, USA and CRT are investigating and leave it there.

From: Sonoff, Kevin (USAOR (b) (6))
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Talking Points on George Floyd

Hi Matt,

I hope you are doing well. Do you know if OPA plans to provide any talking points on the death of George Floyd, DOJ's pending investigation, the subsequent responses in communities throughout the country? It seems to me that the USA community would benefit from having some comms consistency on this issue. We are receiving inquiries both from media and community partners.

Thanks,
Kevin

Kevin Sonoff
Public Affairs Officer
United States Attorney's Office | District of Oregon

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Dreiband, Eric (CRT); Levi, William (OAG); Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Bissex, Rachel (OAG)
Subject: Re: Draft Minnesota Statement

He said that was confusing. Just FYI.

On May 29, 2020, at 1:45 PM, Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) > wrote:

That language would help with our relationship with the USAO.

From: Dreiband, Eric (CRT)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6); Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6); Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Draft Minnesota Statement

One minor change:

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) >
Cc: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Assefi, Omeed (CRT) (b) (6); Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CRT) (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: Draft Minnesota Statement

Here's revised statement from AG. If everyone is good with it, I'll put it out in next ten mins.

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(b) (5)

On May 29, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you very much.

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6); Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6) >
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6) >; Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Draft Minnesota Statement

Omeed and I will prepare a revised draft to the last you and KK approved.

From: Levi, William (OAG)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6) Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Draft Minnesota Statement

Thank you. The AG would like a statement ready to go statin (b) (5)

Can we tweak the below to fit that purpose?

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6); Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Draft Minnesota Statement

Hearing the officer has been taken into custody on state charges. Finding out more.

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6); Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6) Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Draft Minnesota Statement

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: Fwd: Draft Minnesota Statement

Please tee up the one from me below.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))"
Date: May 29, 2020 at 1:52:12 PM EDT
To: "Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))"
Cc: "Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6))", "Levi, William (OAG)"
(b) (6), "Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6))", "Dreiband, Eric (CRT)"
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: Draft Minnesota Statement

Here's what he wants:

The video images of the incident that ended with death of Mr. Floyd while in custody of Minneapolis police officers were harrowing to watch and deeply disturbing. The state prosecutor is in the process of determining whether any criminal charges are appropriate under state law. On a separate and parallel track, the Department of Justice, including the FBI, are conducting an independent investigation to determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated. Both state and federal officers are working diligently and collaboratively to ensure that any available evidence relevant to these decisions is obtained as quickly as possible. Under our system, charging decisions must be and will be based on the law and facts. This process is proceeding quickly. As is the typical practice, the state's charging decisions will be made first. I am confident justice will be served.

On May 29, 2020, at 1:49 PM, Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)) > wrote:

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6))
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) >; Moosy, Robert (CRT)
(b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)) ;
Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Draft Minnesota Statement

He also wants to add sentence at en (b) (5)

Something like this (b) (5)

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On May 29, 2020, at 1:42 PM, Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6) [Redacted]) wrote:

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON MINNEAPOLIS: TEST

Just switch Minneapolis to "the Death of Mr. George Floyd"

And then good to go.

On May 29, 2020, at 2:07 PM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON MINNEAPOLIS: TEST

Attorney General William P. Barr has issued the following statement: "The video images of the incident that ended with death of Mr. Floyd w

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON MINNEAPOLIS

WASHINGTON Attorney General William P. Barr has issued the following statement:

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA); Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Jeffery Martin - Newsweek

I assume this is more of the same from Nadler. Don't plan to comment.

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO (b) (6)); Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Jeffery Martin - Newsweek

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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:49 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from Jeffery Martin - Newsweek

Date Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 8:48pm EDT

Name: Jeffery Martin

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: 5/28/2020

Inquiry:

Hello!

I am working on a story about a letter sent to the DOJ by the House Judiciary Committee asking for a probe into the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. Does the DOJ have a statement on this letter? Any response can be added to the story as an update if not received before publication.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Burns, Barbara (USANYW)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: RE: FOX News

Fine to move forward with this. If he is asked about the Floyd case in Minnesota (b) (5) [REDACTED]. Please send us the resulting article.

From: Burns, Barbara (USANYW (b) (6) [REDACTED]) >
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6) [REDACTED])
Subject: FOX News

Hi

Just wanted to run something by you...

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Ahern, Bill (OAG)
Subject: RE: My statement

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ahern, Bill (OAG (b) (6))
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: My statement

Please send final how it went out.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Gurman, Sadie
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: Re: Barr on policing

That works thanks

On May 29, 2020, at 5:02 PM, Gurman, Sadi (b) (6) wrote:

That's great to know. Are you ok as a person familiar on this stuff or do you have a preference?

Sadie Gurman
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On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 4:59 PM Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) > wrote:

On background - He directed and worked with the USA to put out that statement and hold a press conference

On May 29, 2020, at 4:26 PM, Gurman, Sadie (b) (6) > wrote:

Got it that is helpful -- I see he found the video disturbing -- did he have any kind of reaction to the case initially when he heard about it that you would be willing to share?

Thanks for this.

Sadie Gurman
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On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 4:24 PM Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) > wrote:

Background, just so you have the timeline:

-On Tuesday, the FBI announced an investigation into the death of George Floyd.

-I addressed on Hannity on Wednesday night.

-At the direction of and in close coordination with Attorney General Barr, US Attorney Erica MacDonald issued a statement announcing an investigation on Thursday morning and followed up with a press conference early Thursday evening.

-On Friday afternoon, Officer Chauvin was arrested by local police and charged with third-degree murder by the state. The AG then issued the below statement.

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On the fed side - Some understanding on what we will look at once the state goes - the federal investigation will focus on whether the evidence would support a federal criminal prosecution under the federal law enforcement misconduct statute, 18 U.S.C. § 242. This statute requires the government prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the officer, while acting under color of law, willfully used excessive force that deprived the victim of his constitutional rights.

From: Gurman, Sadie (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:15 PM

To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) [REDACTED]); Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: Barr on policing

Hey guys,

I am going to write a story looking at the Minneapolis case as a test of how the AG handles a federal civil rights investigation of this high profile. I am going to include his statement from today, and a look at how he handled the Rodney King stuff in the 1990s, but is there any chance you'd be able to share some details about his initial thoughts or observations on the case, or his approach to civil rights investigations of police officers more broadly?

I appreciate your help with this!

Sadie Gurman

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To: Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FLOYD

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:22 PM
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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)
Subject: RE: current events

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From: Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuter (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) >
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OP (b) (6) > Woltornist, Alexei (PAO (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: current events

Is there a good phone number for Matt ? Tks

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:01:37 AM
To: Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters) (b) (6) >
Cc: Carr, Peter (OP (b) (6) >; Raimondi, Marc (OP (b) (6) >; Woltornist, Alexei (PAO (b) (6) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: current events

+Matt

On May 29, 2020, at 9:46 AM, Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuter (b) (6) > wrote:

Who would be a good person to talk to regarding government response in general, and DOJ response in particular, to civil unrest in Minneapolis, Louisville etc ? pls advise. tks mh

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Sigh

Thanks for flagging. I walked Shortell through this during the conversation I had with him that she wasn't forthcoming about her story

From: Kjergaard, Alison (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Casey will not stop

From: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6)) Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali, I just wanted to follow up on this as I haven't heard back and we're finishing up our story. Apologies for asking for comment over the weekend, but my deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. eastern time.

Several former DOJ lawyers who worked on police investigations have told us they believe the DOJ has all but abandoned its use of pattern or practice investigations of police departments during the Trump administration they say that the Springfield, Massachusetts investigation is the only pattern or practice investigation the DOJ has announced publicly. And they say that in the wake of the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, the DOJ should launch investigations of the police departments (or the prosecutor's office in the Arbery case).

A few quotes we're including that are critical of the DOJ:

In the wake of the outrage in Minneapolis and around the country, "the DOJ is needed more than ever," said William Yeomans, a Columbia University law professor who spent 26 years at the department prosecuting cases such as police misconduct and hate crimes. The DOJ should "examine the Minneapolis police department from top to bottom, every detail, every practice, every policy, every record of abuse of its power to use force, every complaint that has ever been launched against it," he said. "But it isn't going to do that."

"It's an abdication of their responsibility," said Emily Gunston, a lawyer who helped lead several DOJ investigations of police departments during the Obama administration. Without the department training its sights on law enforcement agencies, she said, "it means that there's just no check on these police departments."

We are mentioning that the DOJ announced that an investigation into the officers involved in George Floyd's death was a "top priority." Can you tell me whether the DOJ is doing any kind of investigation into circumstances of the Ahmaud Arbery shooting or the Breonna Taylor shooting?

And would you like to comment in response to the criticism that the DOJ hasn't been doing enough to hold police misconduct accountable during the Obama administration?

Let me know if you'd like to comment again our deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. eastern.

Thank you very much,

Casey

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Casey Tolan

CNN Investigates

Cel (b) (6)

Twitter: [@caseytolan](#)

From: "Tolan, Casey (b) (6)"
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 at 12:14 PM
To: "Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6)"
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali just wanted to check in on the status of this. Thank you!

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Casey Tolan

CNN Investigates

Cel (b) (6)

Twitter: [@caseytolan](#)

From: "Tolan, Casey (b) (6)"
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 10:46 AM
To: "Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6)"
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali, just wanted to check in on these questions -- would it be possible to get responses by the end of the day today? If it's possible to do an interview with someone, I could do that anytime today or Friday, or Monday if that's necessary.

Also, I heard from a former lawyer at the Special Litigation Section that the section should be able to provide you with a "one pager" with all of the open matters it is investigating under Section 14141 or 12601 (the pattern or practice law enforcement statute) for public release. Can you send me that document?

Thanks again for all your help with this!

Casey

Casey Tolan

CNN Investigates

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Twitter: [@caseytolan](#)

From: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Thank you Ali. We saw news reports that the Civil Rights Division launched an investigation of the Springfield police department in April 2018 -- see here: https://www.masslive.com/news/2018/04/us_department_of_justice_to_in.html -- but that case is not mentioned on that website. Is that investigation still ongoing? Are there any other cases that are not included on that site?

Also, can you tell me how many attorneys are currently working in the Special Litigation Section, and how many in the Special Litigation Section are assigned to law enforcement/police practices cases?

And would it be possible to speak to either someone in leadership of the Civil Rights Division or the Special Litigation Section, or someone who is working on law enforcement investigations, about how the DOJ has been handling those cases? We would just hope to talk generally about the department's priorities and how it approaches these kind of cases, I understand if they wouldn't be able to talk about any specific cases at all.

Thanks again,

Casey

Casey Tolan
CNN Investigates
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From: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Casey,

All our public cases can be found on the section's special litigation site: <https://www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section-cases-and-matters/download>

Ali

From: Tolan, Cas (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali, I just wanted to follow up on this -- specifically this question: Can you tell me whether the civil rights

division has opened any new pattern or practice investigations into law enforcement agencies since January 2017, or entered into new consent decrees with law enforcement organizations?

Also, can you tell me how many attorneys are currently working in the Special Litigation Section, and how many in the Special Litigation Section are assigned to law enforcement/police practices cases?

Let me know if you can get me an answer by the end of the day today or tomorrow.

Thanks very much,

Casey

Casey Tolan

CNN Investigates

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Twitter: [@caseytolan](https://twitter.com/caseytolan)

From: Tolan, Case (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:25 AM

To: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))

Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali,

Hope you're well -- just wanted to follow up on this as our angle has changed. We're looking more specifically at pattern or practice investigations the DOJ has opened into local law enforcement agencies.

We saw this listing of cases investigating law enforcement agencies: <https://www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section-cases-and-matters/download#police> Can you tell me whether the civil rights division has opened any new pattern or practice investigations into law enforcement agencies since January 2017, or entered into new consent decrees with law enforcement organizations?

Also, what is the status of the division's investigation into the Chicago and Cleveland police departments? Are the departments both still under consent decree?

Finally, what is the threshold the division considers for deciding whether there may be a discriminatory pattern or practice in an agency that would merit an investigation?

My deadline for this is the end of the day next week Tuesday. Let me know if it would be possible to speak with someone working on these kind of cases at the Civil Rights Division or the divisions' Special Litigation section to discuss these issues.

Thanks very much,

Casey

Casey Tolan

CNN Investigates

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From: Tolan, Case (b) (6) >
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Got it, thanks so much!

Casey Tolan
CNN Investigates
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Twitter: [@caseytolan](#)

From: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Casey,
I would start with FBI on those as well.

Ali

From: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Thanks and sorry, just want to make sure, are they also best point of contact for Civil Rights Division investigations into potential hate crime charges? We're looking at that too.

Best,

Casey

Casey Tolan
CNN Investigates
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From: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Yes, FBI would be the best point of contact for specific numbers on these cases.

Ali

From: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Ali -- I will reach out to Lauren, but I am specifically interested in the DOJ Civil Rights division's work on this issue. Is she the best person to talk to about that or would that be someone else?

Thanks,

Casey

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From: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Tolan, Case (b) (6)
Subject: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Hi Casey,

Let me refer you to Lauren Hagee with F (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Ali Kjergaard
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:21 AM
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Subject: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

Date Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - 10:20am EDT

Name: Casey Tolan

Email Address (b) (6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: CNN

Deadline: Thursday, May 14 at 1 p.m. eastern

Inquiry:

Hello,

Hope you're well -- my name is Casey Tolan and I'm a reporter at CNN.

We're working on a story about DOJ investigations of police officer-involved shootings. Can you provide me any kind of data about the number of investigations or cases the DOJ Civil Rights division has handled that had to do with officer-involved shootings? Ideally we're hoping to get a breakdown of how many cases it handled each year.

Also, is there any other branch of the DOJ other than the Civil Rights division that would investigate or handle these cases?

Please contact me (b) (6) o (b) (6)

Thanks very much,

Casey

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Shortell, David
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

I thought we've been over this. do we need to talk again?

From: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

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Subject: Re: Media Inquiry from Casey Tolan - CNN

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Thank you very much.

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Moosy, Robert (CRT); Assefi, Omeed (CRT)
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: Media query about DOJ police brutality investigations

“Police killings”

From: Masood Fariv (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Media query about DOJ police brutality investigations

Hi Matt,

I hope you're safe and well.

Quick question for you: In addition to the George Floyd killing and the Michael Brown case, what other high-profile police killings has the department investigated in recent years? Also, do you have any update on the ongoing investigation?

Thanks!

Masood

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Masood Farivar
Justice Correspondent
Voice of America
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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Subject: Re: Consent decree q

Ok is she right in prison question?

On May 29, 2020, at 7:24 PM, Moossy, Robert (CR (b) (6)) > wrote:

? LA is not a consent decree.

Robert Moossy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

On May 29, 2020, at 6:37 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) wrote:

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From: Katie Benn (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Consent decree q

i just want to make sure i got it right:

DoJ opened a pattern/practice investigation into the Springfield MA police dept in 2018,

And it entered into a consent decree with a police dept in Louisiana in 2018, based on an investigation opened in 2015.

also, are the agreements with AL and NJ over prison abuses consent decrees?

thank you!

On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 6:14 PM Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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City Officials Meet with U.S. Attorney's Civil Rights Division

Springfield, MA Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Police Commissioner John Barbieri, along with members of the police command staff, City Solicitor Edward M. Pikula and Chief of Staff Denise Jordan met today with the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Andrew Lelling, as well as the Chief of the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Steven Rosenbaum, and members of their team to discuss the opening of an independent federal investigation to review practices to see if any persistent patterns exist within the former Narcotics Unit of the Springfield Police Department.

The investigation, prompted by public reports, is a civil investigation that will look at whether the Police Department's former Narcotics Unit has engaged in a pattern or practice of using excessive force in violation of the Constitution.

Mayor Sarno said, "We seek to work with the DOJ, with input from community stakeholders, to effectively remedy any unlawful practices that may be found. It is my hope that the City will be able to institutionalize and adopt any reforms the experts can offer us as we move the City forward. I have asked my Chief of Staff, Denise Jordan to act as a liaison to all community stakeholders to provide input for the investigation."

U.S. Attorney Lelling and his team indicated a cooperative, collaborative and transparent approach will be undertaken with our Springfield Police Department, Police Union, District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and community stakeholders and not to hinder our City's public safety and proactive policing initiatives.

In addition to gathering information directly from community members, all pattern and practice investigations involve interviewing police and local officials, gathering information from other criminal justice stakeholders, observing officer activities, and reviewing documents and specific incidents that are relevant to the investigation.

Commissioner Barbieri stated, "The reform processes that have been initiated since I became Commissioner will be supported by this investigation by enabling our Police Department to identify and remedy any problems. It can also help police officers, both by ensuring that they have the policies and training they need to police safely and by helping to foster the community confidence they rely on in performing their duties."

Solicitor Pikula added, "The City will cooperate in all phases of the investigation to make sure the process is as transparent as possible, without compromising the need to maintain confidential information."

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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 3:05 PM

To: >

Subject: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REACHES AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLE PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EVANGELINE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

NOTE: The relevant court documents can be found here: [VVPD settlement agreement](#) and [EPSO settlement agreement](#).

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REACHES AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLE PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EVANGELINE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON The Justice Department today announced that it reached an agreement with the City of Ville Platte and a separate agreement with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office (Louisiana) to end the pattern or practice by the Ville Platte Police Department (VPPD) and the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office (EPSO) of conducting arrests in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. After a thorough investigation, the United States concluded that it had reasonable cause to believe that these agencies had arrested and held people in jail sometimes without obtaining a warrant and without probable cause to believe that the detained individuals had committed a crime in violation of the Fourth Amendment. VPPD and EPSO sometimes used these arrests, called "investigative holds," as a regular part of their criminal investigations, inducing people to provide information to officers under threat of continued wrongful incarceration.

Under the agreement, VPPD and EPSO will develop policies and provide training and adequate supervision to officers to ensure the pattern or practice of unlawful seizures does not continue. The agencies also will increase transparency by collecting and reporting data on its Fourth Amendment activities.

The Department's investigation into EPSO and VPPD began in April 2015 and concluded in an [investigative findings report](#), released on Dec. 19, 2016. The Department determined through interviews with command staff, detectives, officers, and a cross-section of community members, as well as review of documents including jail logs, arrest records, and more, that the investigative hold practice was routine at EPSO and VPPD. Both agencies acknowledged that they sometimes used holds to investigate criminal activity for as long as anyone at the agency can remember. Because these "investigative holds" were conducted without probable cause, they violated the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. "Police officers across the country are called upon to protect and safeguard members of their communities by investigating criminal activity. Officers are afforded the authority needed to do so, including the power to arrest and detain individuals when there is proper legal justification," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Civil Rights Division. "It is imperative that officers use that authority within the boundaries of the law. Both agencies cooperated fully

throughout this matter, and we are eager to continue to work together with the Ville Platte Police Department, the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office, and the local municipalities to help ensure that their officers can protect the public and investigate crime without violating the civil rights of members of the public."

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 prohibits state and local governments from engaging in a pattern or practice of misconduct by law enforcement officers that deprives individuals of federally-protected rights. The Act also allows the Justice Department to remedy such misconduct through civil litigation. The Special Litigation Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. enforces the Act.

To read the report of the investigation, please click [here](#). Additional information about the Civil Rights Division is available on its website at www.justice.gov/crt.

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From: Katie Benn (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Consent decree q

Hi Matt,

Has DOJ entered into any new consent decrees under the Trump administration? I think so, the ones with the prisons in Alabama and NJ? Or were those not official consent decrees?

This is for a story today about the DOJ investigation into Floyd. Thank you so much!

Katie

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Katie Benner

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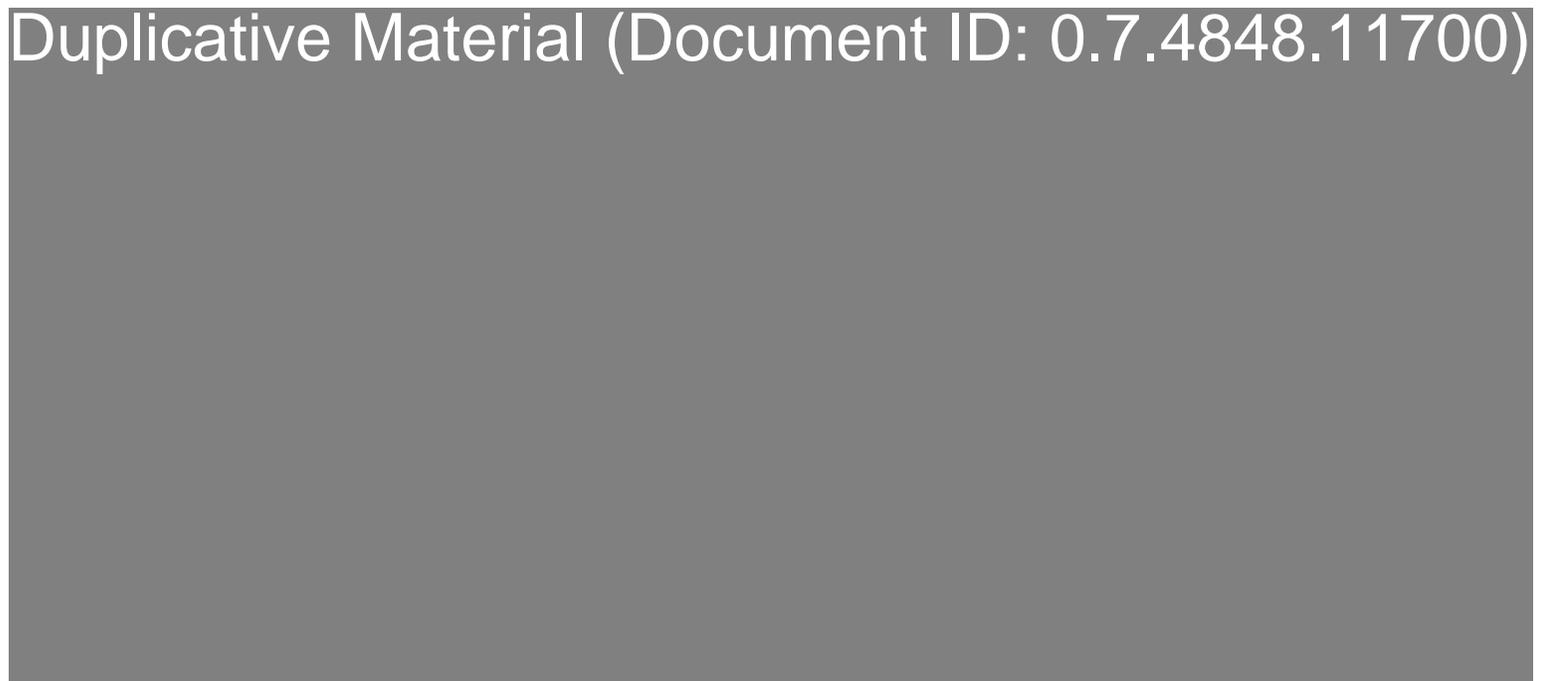
Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:46 PM
To: (b)(6): Masood Farivar email address
Subject: FW: Media query about DOJ police brutality investigations

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-north-charleston-south-carolina-police-officer-michael-slager-sentenced-20-years>

From: Masood Fariva (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Media query about DOJ police brutality investigations

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: 10. CRT - Color of Law and Excessive Force (5.29)
Attachments: 10. CRT - Color of Law and Excessive Force (5.29).docx

Forgot to copy you. We'll need to keep this handy.

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Cc: Moosy, Robert (CR (b) (6)); Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6))
Subject: FW: 10. CRT - Color of Law and Excessive Force (5.29)

Kerri, next round of incoming from nationals/beat reporters re: MN is that DOJ is soft on police, pattern and practice etc. CRT put together the attached for DAG that is useful on this score. Below is also helpful.

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, April 13, 2018

Contact: Marian Sullivan, Communications Director
(413) 886-5166, msullivan@springfieldcityhall.com

City Officials Meet with U.S. Attorney's Civil Rights Division

Springfield, MA Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Police Commissioner John Barbieri, along with members of the police command staff, City Solicitor Edward M. Pikula and Chief of Staff Denise Jordan met today with the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Andrew Lelling, as well as the Chief of the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Steven Rosenbaum, and members of their team to discuss the opening of an independent federal investigation to review practices to see if any persistent patterns exist within the former Narcotics Unit of the Springfield Police Department.

The investigation, prompted by public reports, is a civil investigation that will look at whether the Police Department's former Narcotics Unit has engaged in a pattern or practice of using excessive force in violation of the Constitution.

Mayor Sarno said, "We seek to work with the DOJ, with input from community stakeholders, to effectively remedy any unlawful practices that may be found. It is my hope that the City will be able to institutionalize

and adopt any reforms the experts can offer us as we move the City forward. I have asked my Chief of Staff, Denise Jordan to act as a liaison to all community stakeholders to provide input for the investigation.”

U.S. Attorney Lelling and his team indicated a cooperative, collaborative and transparent approach will be undertaken with our Springfield Police Department, Police Union, District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and community stakeholders and not to hinder our City’s public safety and proactive policing initiatives.

In addition to gathering information directly from community members, all pattern and practice investigations involve interviewing police and local officials, gathering information from other criminal justice stakeholders, observing officer activities, and reviewing documents and specific incidents that are relevant to the investigation.

Commissioner Barbieri stated, “The reform processes that have been initiated since I became Commissioner will be supported by this investigation by enabling our Police Department to identify and remedy any problems. It can also help police officers, both by ensuring that they have the policies and training they need to police safely and by helping to foster the community confidence they rely on in performing their duties.”

Solicitor Pikula added, “The City will cooperate in all phases of the investigation to make sure the process is as transparent as possible, without compromising the need to maintain confidential information.”

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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 3:05 PM

To: >

Subject: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REACHES AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLE PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EVANGELINE PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

NOTE: The relevant court documents can be found here: [VVPD settlement agreement](#) and [EPSO settlement agreement](#).

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REACHES AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLE PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EVANGELINE PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE

WASHINGTON The Justice Department today announced that it reached an agreement with the City of Ville Platte and a separate agreement with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Office (Louisiana) to end the pattern or practice by the Ville Platte Police Department (VPPD) and the Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Office (EPSO) of conducting arrests in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. After a thorough investigation, the United States

concluded that it had reasonable cause to believe that these agencies had arrested and held people in jail sometimes without obtaining a warrant and without probable cause to believe that the detained individuals had committed a crime in violation of the Fourth Amendment. VPPD and EPSO sometimes used these arrests, called "investigative holds," as a regular part of their criminal investigations, inducing people to provide information to officers under threat of continued wrongful incarceration.

Under the agreement, VPPD and EPSO will develop policies and provide training and adequate supervision to officers to ensure the pattern or practice of unlawful seizures does not continue. The agencies also will increase transparency by collecting and reporting data on its Fourth Amendment activities.

The Department's investigation into EPSO and VPPD began in April 2015 and concluded in an [investigative findings report](#), released on Dec. 19, 2016. The Department determined through interviews with command staff, detectives, officers, and a cross-section of community members, as well as review of documents including jail logs, arrest records, and more, that the investigative hold practice was routine at EPSO and VPPD. Both agencies acknowledged that they sometimes used holds to investigate criminal activity for as long as anyone at the agency can remember. Because these "investigative holds" were conducted without probable cause, they violated the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. "Police officers across the country are called upon to protect and safeguard members of their communities by investigating criminal activity. Officers are afforded the authority needed to do so, including the power to arrest and detain individuals when there is proper legal justification," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Civil Rights Division. "It is imperative that officers use that authority within the boundaries of the law. Both agencies cooperated fully throughout this matter, and we are eager to continue to work together with the Ville Platte Police Department, the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office, and the local municipalities to help ensure that their officers can protect the public and investigate crime without violating the civil rights of members of the public."

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 prohibits state and local governments from engaging in a pattern or practice of misconduct by law enforcement officers that deprives individuals of federally-protected rights. The Act also allows the Justice Department to remedy such misconduct through civil litigation. The Special Litigation Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. enforces the Act.

To read the report of the investigation, please click [here](#). Additional information about the Civil Rights Division is available on its website at www.justice.gov/crt.

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CRT

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Do not reply to this message. If you have questions, please use the contacts in the message or call the Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007.

From: Moosy, Robert (CR (b) (6)) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >
Subject: FW: 10. CRT - Color of Law and Excessive Force (5.29)

From: Moossy, Robert (CRT)

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:54 AM

To: Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6) >; Assefi, Omeed (CR (b) (6) >; Hodes, Jarad (ODAG) (b) (6) >

Subject: 10. CRT - Color of Law and Excessive Force (5.29)

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Katie Benner
Subject: Re: Consent decree q

Thx

On May 29, 2020, at 10:06 PM, Katie Benne (b) (6) > wrote:

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I fudged it a bit by saying “pursued abuses” perpetuated by state prisons rather than saying a consent decree. i feel like the spirit of oversight is there and it’s good to mention.

On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 9:26 PM Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

LA: not a consent decree

AL: still in early phases (no consent decree a this time)

NJ: I’m still trying to track down where that stands

From: Katie Benn (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Consent decree q

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Barnett, Gary (OAG); Levi, William (OAG)
Cc: Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC); Bissex, Rachel (OAG); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)
Subject: RE:

I just got off the phone with him he wants to make following points

(b) (5) [Redacted]
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From: Barnett, Gary (OAG) (b) (6) >
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) [Redacted]
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) [Redacted]; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) [Redacted] >; Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) [Redacted] v>; Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) [Redacted] DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) [Redacted]
Subject: Re:

Do we want to say somethin (b) (5) [Redacted] ? Edits below.

On May 30, 2020, at 10:46 AM, Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) [Redacted] wrote:

Here's a start: (b) (5) [Redacted]
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From: Levi, William (OAG)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) [Redacted]; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) [Redacted]
(b)(6): Curtis Gannon (OLC) email address; Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) [Redacted]; Barnett, Gary (OAG) (b) (6) [Redacted] >

Cc: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6) [REDACTED])

Subject:

AG would like a statemen (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Can we please start putting something
together along these lines for use later this morning.

William R. Levi
Chief of Staff & Sr. Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

M (b) (6) [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Ahern, Bill (OAG); Levi, William (OAG)
Subject: DRAFT STATEMENT

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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Kerri Kupec
Director of Communications & Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) [Redacted]

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Ahern, Bill (OAG); Levi, William (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: DRAFT

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6)
Date: May 30, 2020 at 11:50:15 AM EDT
To: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" (b) (6)
Subject: DRAFT

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From: Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6) >
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)
Cc: Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6); Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)
Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC (b) (6); Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)
DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6)
Subject: Re:

Would just want to confir (b) (5). Let me see.

On May 30, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)) > wrote:

Thoughts? Per him, need to send asap

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6)); Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6)) >
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) >; Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC (b) (6)) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6)) >
Subject: RE:

Wants this out by noon - Not sure I want t (b) (5) thoughts on that/

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6)); Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6)) >
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) >; Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC (b) (6)) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6)) >
Subject: RE:

This is his re-write:

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted].

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6)); Barnett, Gary (OAG) (b) (6) >
Cc: Levi, William (OAG) (b) (6) >; Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6); Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >; DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6))
Subject: RE:

Just typed up something like this he's sending me more notes

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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From: Engel, Steven A. (OL (b) (6))
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6))
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)) >; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6); Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC (b) (6)) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)) DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Subject: Re:

A few suggested tweaks:

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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(b) (5) [Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Sent from my iPad

On May 30, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Barnett, Gary (OAG)
(b) (6) [Redacted] > wrote:

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Barnett, Gary (OAG)
Cc: Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Levi, William (OAG); Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC); Bissex, Rachel (OAG); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)
Subject: Re:

I would drop the reference personally

On May 30, 2020, at 12:10 PM, Barnett, Gary (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Sounds like yes, but would like confirmation from law enforcement. Trying Bowdich now.

On May 30, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) wrote:

Duplicative Material (Document ID: 0.7.4848.5649)



From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Mattathias Schwartz
Subject: Re: question re. Manafort

FYI the AG is about to make a public statement on Floyd and riots

> On May 30, 2020, at 12:55 PM, Mattathias Schwart (b) (6) > wrote:

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> Hi Kerri,

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> And that's a wrap! My thanks again to you, your colleagues, and the
> AG. I especially appreciate you all fielding so many questions from us
> as we approached our close. From what I can tell, the piece will be
> posted online early next week. I'll send you an email with a link as
> soon as it's up. Feedback always welcome, of course.

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> Best,

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> Matt

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> On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 7:18 PM Mattathias Schwartz

(b) (6) > wrote:

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>> All good to know. Thank you.

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>> On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 7:09 PM Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

> (b) (6) > wrote:

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>>> Let me know if you need anything more for this. For context, it was pretty unusual how quickly we announced the DOJ investigation. And the AG personally directed the US Attorney in Minneapolis is issue that strong statement and hold the press conference.

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>>>> On May 29, 2020, at 3:06 PM, Mattathias Schwart (b) (6) > wrote:

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>>>> details on Barr/DOJ role in Floyd case, from Kerri. Barr's

>>>> statement is also up here:

>>>> [https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barrs-sta](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barrs-statement-death-mr-george-floyd)

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>>>> ----- Forwarded message -----

>>>> From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6) >

>>>> Date: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 3:02 PM

>>>> Subject: RE: question re. Manafort

>>>> To: Mattathias Schwart (b) (6)

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>>>> Timeline:

>>>> -On Tuesday, the FBI announced in a statement the investigation
>>>> into the death of George Floyd.
>>>> -I addressed on Hannity on Wednesday night.
>>>> -In close coordination with Attorney General Barr, US Attorney
>>>> Erica McDonald (Minneapolis) issued a statement announcing an
>>>> investigation on Thursday morning and followed up with a press
>>>> conference early Thursday evening.
>>>> -On Friday afternoon, Officer Chauvin was arrested by local police
>>>> and charged with third-degree murder by the state.
>>>> -On Friday afternoon, the AG issued the below statement. See below
>>>> - it also explains the process (state goes first, then feds).
>>>> "The video images of the incident that ended with death of Mr.
>>>> Floyd, while in custody of Minneapolis police officers, were
>>>> harrowing to watch and deeply disturbing. The state prosecutor has
>>>> been in the process of determining whether any criminal charges are
>>>> appropriate under state law. On a separate and parallel track, the
>>>> Department of Justice, including the FBI, are conducting an
>>>> independent investigation to determine whether any federal civil
>>>> rights laws were violated. Both state and federal officers are
>>>> working diligently and collaboratively to ensure that any available
>>>> evidence relevant to these decisions is obtained as quickly as
>>>> possible. Under our system, charging decisions must be, and will be, based on the law and facts.
>>>> This process is proceeding quickly. As is the typical practice,
>>>> the state's charging decisions will be made first. I am confident
>>>> justice will be served."

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>>>> Some understanding on what we will look at once the state goes -
>>>> the federal investigation will focus on whether the evidence would
>>>> support a federal criminal prosecution under the federal law
>>>> enforcement misconduct statute, 18 U.S.C. § 242. This statute
>>>> requires the government prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the
>>>> officer, while acting under color of law, willfully used excessive
>>>> force that deprived the victim of his constitutional rights.

>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Mattathias Schwart (b) (6)
>>>> Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:58 PM
>>>> To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)) >
>>>> Subject: Re: question re. Manafort

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>>>> We are getting there! I have another one that's come up about the
>>>> George Floyd case. Saw you on Hannity and I know the AG has
>>>> delegated this one to an AUSA. I also know the president has
>>>> expressed an interest in the case. I know we can't predict exactly
>>>> how the process will play out, but is it fair to say that the
>>>> decision to charge or not will likely reside with the AG? Or is that a stretch?

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>>>> On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 12:02 PM Mattathias Schwartz

>>>> (b) (6) wrote:

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>>>>> Thank you, this is very helpful.

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>>>>> On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 11:31 AM Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

>>>> (b) (6) > wrote:

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>>>>>> On Stone: yes, input from Shea and the Acting Criminal Chief John Crabb (career) agreed with decision and signed that brief.

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>>>>>> On Flynn: After conducting his review, Jensen made the recommendation to the AG that the case be dropped (his statement is on my Twitter page). Jensen was previously a career prosecutor of 10 years and also in the FBI for 10 years.

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>>>>>> Manafort, Cohen, and all of the hundreds inmates who have been released in the last two months were decisions made by BOP. At the very beginning of the covid pandemic when BOP was considering how to handle early/home release, the AG told Director Carvajal to not give special treatment to anyone.

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>>>>>>> On May 29, 2020, at 10:06 AM, Mattathias Schwartz (b) (6) > wrote:

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>> Hi Kerri,

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>> Thank you so much for all your help throughout. I wish I'd known
>>>>>>> about the screenplay sooner, I would have asked to read it.

>>>>>>> Sounds like an interesting episode in US history, one that I knew nothing about.

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>>>>>>> The piece is really shaping up and we'll be sending it off to
>>>>>>> production tonight. Not sure if you have pending questions with
>>>>>>> Cynthia -- if so she'll be in touch about those.

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>>>>>>> I do have one basic question for you that's popped up as I write
>>>>>>> some summary of everything that's happened...

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>>>>>>> My understanding is that Barr made the call on DOJ's changed
>>>>>>> stance w/r/t Stone's sentencing and Flynn's prosecution. He had
>>>>>>> input from Shea on Stone,

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>>>>>>> and from Jensen on Flynn. With Manafort's release, did he sign
>>>>>>> off before that happened? Or was that a BOP decision that Barr
>>>>>>> found out about after it had been made?

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>>>>>>> Best, Matt

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>>>>>>> Mattathias Schwartz

>>>>>>> New York Times Magazine, Contributing Writer

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: AG statement

Attorney General Barr on the Death of George Floyd and Riots

The greatness of our Nation comes from our commitment to the rule of law.

The outrage of our national community about what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis is real and legitimate. Accountability for his death must be addressed, and is being addressed, through the regular process of our criminal justice system both at the State and at the federal level. That system is working and moving at exceptional speed. Already initial charges have been filed. That process continues to move forward. Justice will be served.

Unfortunately, with the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful protest are being hijacked by violent radical elements.

Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate and violent agenda.

In many places, it appears the violence is planned, organized and driven by anarchistic and far left extremists, using Antifa like tactics, many of whom travel from out of state to promote the violence.

We must have law and order on our streets and in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the local and state leadership, in the first instance, to halt this violence. The Department of Justice (including the FBI, Marshals, ATF, and DEA)

and all of our 93 U.S. Attorneys across the country will support these local efforts and take all action necessary to enforce federal law.

In that regard, it is a federal crime to cross state lines or to use interstate facilities to incite or participate in violent rioting. We will enforce these laws.

Kerri Kupec

Director of Communications & Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

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Director of Communications & Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

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Kerri Kupec

Director of Communications & Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Betsy Woodruff
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: RE: Civil unrest conference?

Yep, it was a text thread with our beat reporters giving them a heads up. I'll add you to that thread.

-----Original Message-----

From: Betsy Woodruff (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Civil unrest conference?

Hey there, I didn't get an email notification about Barr's latest press conference. Can you make sure I'm still on the list for those?

Betsy

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)
Subject: Re: cartel/white supremacist/leftist infiltration of protests?

With respect to what I told you earlier regarding the AG, we are relying on information provided to us by state and local authorities.

Thanks,
Kerri

On May 30, 2020, at 2:21 PM, Zapotosky, Mat (b) (6) wrote:

Hi Kerri, Marc and Peter--

Sorry to interrupt your weekend and include you all on a group email, but I figured each of you separately might have some perspective on this.

Minnesota's governor said today that he suspects and has "seen" infiltration of protests by both white supremacists and drug cartels. I know the AG just now said "far left extremist groups" are inciting some of the violence.

I wonder if you all would be able to answer...

- a) whether you have seen evidence of infiltration by white supremacists? If so, what is that evidence? I made a similar inquiry of FBI, which declined to comment.
- b) whether you have seen evidence of infiltration by drug cartels? If so, what is that evidence? I made a similar inquiry of DEA, which hasn't gotten back to me yet.
- c) What is the evidence of far left infiltration that the AG is relying upon?
- d) Have you seen any evidence of foreign influence on the protests, such as through social media?

Many thanks in advance for your help,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post
(b) (6) (cell)

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Hale, Brian Patrick (DO) (FBI)
Subject: JTTF Statement (draft) v. 2.docx
Attachments: JTTF Statement (draft) v. 2.docx; ATT00001.txt

Lots of edits being made still.

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG)
Cc: Sofer, Gregg (OAG)
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Yep, I'm bombarded with requests.

From: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6))
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6))
Cc: Sofer, Gregg (OA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Carpenito is confirming and will get back to us ASAP they had it from a "source" we want to be sure it's concrete for this purpose.

Have some other leads we are running down.

Also POTUS just tweeted about Antifa: The United States of America will be designating ANTIFA as a Terrorist Organization.

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6)); Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6))
Cc: Levi, William (OA (b) (6)); Barnett, Gary (OA (b) (6)); Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6)); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA (b) (6)); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6)); Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVA (b) (6)); Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); Sofer, Gregg (OA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

This is extremely helpful. Thanks.

From: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6))
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)); Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6))
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Subject: RE: JTTF statement

See attached from USA Carpenito r (b) (5) Will forward any others to you that we identify.

From: Plack, Laura (ODAG)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:06 PM

To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6) >; Blue, Matthew (ODA) (b) (6)
Cc: Levi, William (OA (b) (6) Barnett, Gary (OA) (b) (6) Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6) ; Boyd, Stephen E. (OL (b) (6) DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) ; Sofer, Gregg (OA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Thanks, Kerri. Checking with some USAs to see if we can get solid confirmation.

From: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6)
Cc: Levi, William (OA (b) (6) Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6) >; Barnett, Gary (OAG) (b) (6) >; Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6) >; Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6) DuCharme, Seth (ODA (b) (6) ; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OA (b) (6) >; Sofer, Gregg (OAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: JTTF statement

I agree (b) (5) _____).

On May 31, 2020, at 11:49 AM, Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6) wrote:

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Matthew F. Blue
Associate Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6) Barnett, Gary (OA (b) (6)
Cc: Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6) Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6) Engel, Steven A. (OLC (b) (6) ; Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA (b) (6) ; DuCharme, Seth (ODA) (b) (6) >; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) Bissex, Rachel (OA (b) (6) >; Sofer, Gregg (OAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Thanks. A few new sentences at the beginning. Please give me your reaction to these.

From: Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Levi, William (OA (b) (6) Barnett, Gary (OA (b) (6)
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(b) (6) Bissex, Rachel (OA (b) (6) >; Sofer, Gregg (OAG)

Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Here's a new version added Steve's edits into Gary's re-work. Note the FBI suggests (b)(5) per FBI (b) (6) which I redlined into this version.

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(b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OA) (b) (6) >; Sofer, Gregg (OAG)

Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Laura can you please roll Steve's and Gary's edits into your nits draft please and circulate? Thanks!

From: Barnett, Gary (OA (b) (6) >
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Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG) (b) (6) >; Sofer, Gregg (OA (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: JTTF statement

Apologies, I'm having VPN issues, so had to use my phone, and was not able redline. If too difficult, just ignore my edits below.

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On May 31, 2020, at 11:06 AM, Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)) wrote:

?Will -

Here's an initial draft. I'm currently running by the FBI to see if they have any nits.

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From: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6))
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Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Thanks all. Please let me know if you will NOT have a product to circulate in 5 minutes so I can make any necessary arrangements.

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From: Levi, William (OAG)
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To: Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6)); Blue, Matthew (ODAG (b) (6)); Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)); Engel, Steven A. (OL (b) (6)); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6)

Cc: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6) >; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE (b) (6) >; Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6) >; Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6) > Sofer, Gregg (OAG (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: JTTF statement

Thank you. Adding Kerri and Steve and Stephen, and Gregg from OAG.

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From: Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6) >
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Blue, Matthew (ODAG (b) (6) >
Cc: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6) >; Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE (b) (6) > Levi, William (OAG (b) (6) > Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6) >; Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: JTTF statement

Great. Thanks.

On May 31, 2020, at 10:29 AM, Blue, Matthew (ODAG (b) (6) > wrote:

?Adding Laura, she is working this now.

Matthew F. Blue
Associate Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

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From: Barnett, Gary (OAG (b) (6) >
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 10:27 AM
To: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG (b) (6) > Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVA (b) (6) > Blue, Matthew (ODA (b) (6) >
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6) > Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6) >
Subject: JTTF statement

Hey guys. AG wants statement out by 11:30am, so need to get going on

a draft. Would be good to get a draft by 11am to show the AG.

Who can take the lead on the first draft?

Thanks,

Gary

<JTTF Statement (draft) v. 2.docx>

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Levi, William (OAG); Watson, Theresa (OAG)
Subject: RE:

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From: Levi, William (OA (b) (6))
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Watson, Theresa (OA (b) (6)); Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: RE:

Let's this out right away and to the WH

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Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 1:12 PM
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William R. Levi
Chief of Staff & Sr. Counselor to the Attorney General
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To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON THE RIOTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY: TEST

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A protester in St. Paul, Minn., last week after the death of George Floyd.

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By

Sadie Gurman

Updated May 31, 2020 1:01 pm ET

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The Justice Department has taken a number of steps officers have embraced, such as the formation of a commission whose aims include “addressing the need to promote public confidence and respect for the law and law enforcement officers.”

Law-enforcement groups that work closely with Mr. Barr said police should have no expectation of preferential treatment. A person familiar with the matter said Mr. Barr personally directed strongly worded public announcements in the Floyd case, including a Thursday news conference.

“In all of our dealings with Barr he has been totally fair. That doesn’t mean that he isn’t willing to come down on someone who has done wrong,” said Jim Pasco, executive director of the national Fraternal Order of Police, which, like other major law-enforcement organizations, has condemned the police treatment of Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Barr, through a spokeswoman, declined to be interviewed for this article.

In pursuing a federal civil-rights investigation into police officers, the Justice Department has a tough task ahead. To convict, prosecutors face a standard of proof that requires them to establish that the officer willfully violated Mr. Floyd’s constitutional rights meaning that he knew that his conduct was against the law and acted anyway.

The probe will dovetail with the investigation at the state level, but will focus on the officers’ intent. Federal authorities will look at evidence such as whether Minneapolis police training specifically forbids the maneuver used on Mr. Floyd and whether the officers lied in reports of the event, which could speak to willfulness.

The Justice Department conducted a similar investigation after Eric Garner’s death in 2014 when a New York City police officer placed him in a deadly chokehold. The department last year decided not to charge the officer with federal civil-rights violations after a five-year investigation that was started under the prior administration; some prosecutors who worked on the case didn’t believe there was enough evidence to prosecute the officer successfully.

In the King case in 1992, friends of Mr. Barr said he took a personal interest. He chose Wayne A.

Budd the son of the first black police officer in Springfield, Mass., and the department's No. 3 official to oversee the investigation. When riots erupted, Mr. Barr dispatched 2,000 federal officers to the city to tamp down the violence, which he attributed to gangs.

Two of the four officers were found guilty of civil-rights violations in federal court in April 1993 and sentenced to 2½ years in prison, after Mr. Barr had left office following Bill Clinton's election victory in 1992.

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The Justice Department has taken a number of steps officers have embraced, such as the formation of a commission whose aims include “addressing the need to promote public confidence and respect for the law and law enforcement officers.”

Law-enforcement groups that work closely with Mr. Barr said police should have no expectation of preferential treatment. A person familiar with the matter said Mr. Barr personally directed strongly worded public announcements in the Floyd case, including a Thursday news conference.

“In all of our dealings with Barr he has been totally fair. That doesn’t mean that he isn’t willing to come down on someone who has done wrong,” said Jim Pasco, executive director of the national Fraternal Order of Police, which, like other major law-enforcement organizations, has condemned the police treatment of Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Barr, through a spokeswoman, declined to be interviewed for this article.

In pursuing a federal civil-rights investigation into police officers, the Justice Department has a tough task ahead. To convict, prosecutors face a standard of proof that requires them to establish that the officer willfully violated Mr. Floyd’s constitutional rights meaning that he knew that his conduct was against the law and acted anyway.

The probe will dovetail with the investigation at the state level, but will focus on the officers’ intent. Federal authorities will look at evidence such as whether Minneapolis police training specifically forbids the maneuver used on Mr. Floyd and whether the officers lied in reports of the event, which could speak to willfulness.

The Justice Department conducted a similar investigation after Eric Garner’s death in 2014 when a New York City police officer placed him in a deadly chokehold. The department last year decided not to charge the officer with federal civil-rights violations after a five-year investigation that was started under the prior administration; some prosecutors who worked on the case didn’t believe there was enough evidence to prosecute the officer successfully.

In the King case in 1992, friends of Mr. Barr said he took a personal interest. He chose Wayne A.

Budd the son of the first black police officer in Springfield, Mass., and the department's No. 3 official to oversee the investigation. When riots erupted, Mr. Barr dispatched 2,000 federal officers to the city to tamp down the violence, which he attributed to gangs.

Two of the four officers were found guilty of civil-rights violations in federal court in April 1993 and sentenced to 2½ years in prison, after Mr. Barr had left office following Bill Clinton's election victory in 1992.

Kerri Kupec

Director of Communications & Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Raimondi, Marc (OPA)
Subject: Re: HEADS-UP -- Release in Georgia

This is a great releas (b) (5).

On May 31, 2020, at 5:11 PM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)) wrote:

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It's great

On May 31, 2020, at 5:04 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6)) > wrote:

Some USAOs are planning to issue releases locally based on the AG's statement today. This is from three USAOs in Georgia. Let me know now if any concerns with this. I think it makes sense and this will be a good model for others to use. I can underscore messaging on PAO call tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Page, Robert (USAGAN) (b) (6)"
Date: May 31, 2020 at 4:55:38 PM EDT
To: "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6)"
Subject: HEADS-UP -- Release in Georgia

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Wyn,

Below is the final approved draft release that all three districts in Georgia are issuing tonight. I will call you too:

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Very Respectfully,

Bob Page
Public Affairs Officer
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(b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address

From: (b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Page, Robert (USAGAN)
Subject: Re: Adjustment to our release

Thanks Bob

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On May 31, 2020, at 6:12 PM, Page, Robert (USAGAN) (b) (6) wrote:

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Wyn,

We got the link. All good. Thank you again.

Very Respectfully,

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Page, Robert (USAGAN) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Adjustment to our release

Ok thanks. We're good with this

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On May 31, 2020, at 5:24 PM, Page, Robert (USAGAN) <RPage@usa.doj.gov> wrote:

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Wyn,

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Thank you. The new draft is below. We are still set for 6.

ATLANTA Attorney General William P. Barr has directed federal law enforcement actions aimed at apprehending and charging the violent criminal agitators who have taken over peaceful protests and are engaging in violations of federal law. The U.S. Attorneys from the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Georgia, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are employing the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) to identify criminal organizers and instigators, coordinating federal resources with state and local partners, and seeking federal prosecutions where applicable.

“The Attorney General has made it clear that those who instigate or carryout violence will be arrested and prosecuted,” said U.S. Attorney Byung J. “BJay” Pak. “Americans enjoy the right to peacefully assemble and protest. However, when it turns violent and destructive, a line has been crossed. We are employing every federal asset our districts have to assist our state and local partners as they work to maintain order and public safety.”

“The right to peaceful protest is protected by the First Amendment, but there is no cover for the violent, needless destruction of personal property, and the chaos we have witnessed across the country over the past several days. Let me be clear: anyone who chooses that criminal path will be aggressively prosecuted by our office,” said Charlie Peeler, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia. “I want to thank our federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, and Georgia’s National Guard, who are on the ground protecting our lawful right of expression, as well as our property and safety.”

“Peaceful demonstrations throughout the Southern District in recent weeks have been a model for appropriate exercises of citizens’ constitutional right to express their grief and concerns,” said Bobby L. Christine, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. “If anyone, whether locals or outside individuals, escalates to unlawful behavior and disrupts our communities, we stand ready to assist local law enforcement with federal resources to safeguard the lives and property of our citizens.”

“The FBI is dedicated to protecting our citizens and upholding the Constitution,” said Chris Hacker, Special Agent in Charge of FBI Atlanta. “The Constitution gives every citizen the right to protest peacefully, but

when a few people abuse the rights of the many peaceful protesters by stoking violence and destroying property, we must enforce the law. Federal prosecutions are a tool we will use to assist our state and local law enforcement partners who are on the front lines trying to maintain order.”

For further information please contact the U.S. Attorney’s Public Affairs Office at USAGAN.PressEmails@usdoj.gov or (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Georgia is <http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga>.

Very Respectfully,

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(b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address

From: (b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 6:34 PM
To: McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON RIOTS AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Thanks again

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On May 31, 2020, at 6:29 PM, McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA (b) (6)) wrote:

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Just refreshed the home page so it should start to show up very shortly

On May 31, 2020, at 6:28 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6)) > wrote:

Ok thanks Mollie

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On May 31, 2020, at 6:06 PM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO (b) (6)) wrote:

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It's on there. If it's not showing up yet on the news page, you can always get to it via the Twitter.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barrs-statement-riots-and-domestic-terrorism>

On May 31, 2020, at 5:57 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6)) wrote:

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

**ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON
RIOTS AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM**

WASHINGTON Attorney General William P. Barr has issued the following statement:

“With the rioting that is occurring in many of our cities around the country, the voices of peaceful and legitimate protests have been hijacked by violent radical elements. Groups of outside radicals and agitators are exploiting the situation to pursue their own separate, violent, and extremist agenda.

It is time to stop watching the violence and to confront and stop it. The continued violence and destruction of property endangers the lives and livelihoods of others, and interferes with the rights of peaceful protestors, as well as all other citizens.

It also undercuts the urgent work that needs to be done through constructive engagement between affected communities and law enforcement leaders to address legitimate grievances. Preventing reconciliation and driving us apart is the goal of these radical groups, and we cannot let them succeed.

It is the responsibility of state and local leaders to ensure that adequate law enforcement resources, including the National Guard where necessary, are deployed on the streets to reestablish law and order. We saw this finally happen in Minneapolis last night, and it worked.

Federal law enforcement actions will be directed at apprehending and charging the violent radical agitators who have hijacked peaceful protest and are engaged in violations of federal law.

To identify criminal organizers and instigators, and to coordinate federal resources with our state and local partners, federal law enforcement is using our existing network of 56 regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF).

The violence instigated and carried out by Antifa and other similar groups in connection with the rioting is domestic terrorism and will be treated accordingly.”

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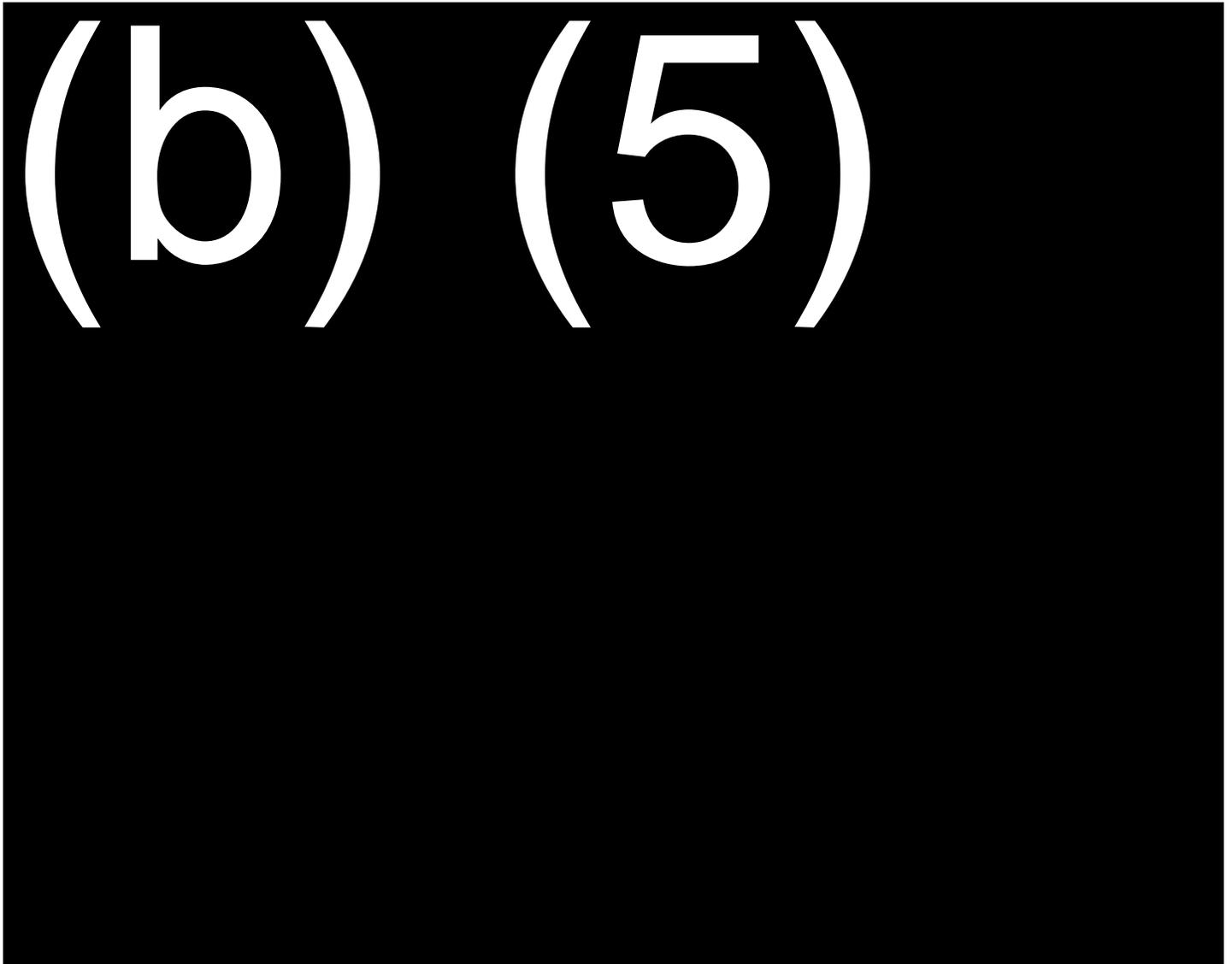
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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Bissex, Rachel (OAG); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Levi, William (OAG); Favitta, Jeff (OAG); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Watson, Theresa (OAG)
Subject: RE: AG recording
Attachments: LE thanks 5-31-20.docx

Draft script for consideration attached and below. I've been texting friends in LE this weekend and have some good stories I could add to this to personalize like husband and wife who are both cops and have been on duty all weekend etc. Happy to get some more details and add something like that if he wants. LMK what else you need.

Law Enforcement Thanks Script
5-31-20



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From: Bissex, Rachel (OA (b) (6))
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)); Favitta, Jeff (OAG (b) (6)); Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6); Watson, Theresa (OAG (b) (6))
Subject: AG recording

Hi Team OPA –

The AG wants to record a short video clip for release (likely Tuesday) to thank all of the state and locals for their work and reinforce the importance of our partnerships. Can you please assist with that? Matt – can you please have someone draft an initial script that we can work off of?

Rachel P. Bissex
Deputy Chief of Staff & Counselor to the Attorney General
(b) (6) (desk)
(b) (6) (cell)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Favitta, Jeff (OAG); Bissex, Rachel (OAG)
Subject: FW: Unrest

Rachel/Jeff,
Indiana State Police Supt. is one of my best friends. This is his message to his troopers tonight.

From: Carter, Doug <DCarter@isp.IN.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: FW: Unrest

From: Carter, Doug
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 7:58 PM
To: #ISP !Everyon (b) (6)
Subject: Unrest

All,

The changes that have occurred to our daily routines and our profession because of the global pandemic and now civil unrest/anarchy in our very communities are difficult to comprehend. From a very personal perspective, I stood outside the east doors of the statehouse and looked east towards monument circle late last night and early this morning which is one of my favorite downtown views. The beauty of the Monument Circle, the majesty of the many spectacular statues which represent historical events which have allowed us to be free and civilized are extraordinary, but the view was anything but civilized. The view was obstructed by hundreds of angry, violent and destructive people. I could see fires, taste the smell of tear gas, and the view of broken windows, trash and debris was simply overwhelming. I have said many times that law enforcement is not without sin and we collectively own some of this distrust, but this is not the way to solve complex, real and historic conflict. If we all cannot move beyond our past the future will never allow us to heal.

All around our great Nation communities have been burned, been looted and forever changed which has caused the COVID-19 Pandemic to suddenly seem long ago, but the virus is still very much a threat to each of us. Hope you do not let the threat of the virus be diminished because of the last few days. Rather, you should be commended for responding to this unrest all the while knowing of the COVID threat.

We were spread out all over Indiana these last few days in communities large and small. I have received countless calls, emails and text messages thanking you for your presence, professionalism and willingness to be the protector of peace and civility. George Floyd's death in Minneapolis this past week is a stern reminder that much is left to be done. I was asked countless times by protestors last night "what should we do?" The only thing I could say or think of is "not this".

Thank you seems like an insignificant gesture for all of you that were on the front line, in a support role or to a family member waiting for you to arrive home safely, but right now it's all I have - so THANK YOU!

Very respectfully and sincerely,

Doug

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Cardwell, Jeff (PAO)
Subject: FW: Twitter: Alex Mallin

You should have a section in the document you send Kerri for tweets and include this one and the next one I send you

From: DOJ Real Time News Clips <alert-doj@rendon.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Twitter: Alex Mallin

Twitter: Alex Mallin

Media: Twitter
Byline: @alex_mallin
Date: June 1, 2020
URL: https://twitter.com/alex_mallin/status/1267477049746370561

NEW: A senior DOJ official says AG Barr has directed the Bureau of Prisons to send riot teams (Special Operation Response Teams) to Miami and Washington, DC to assist in crowd control efforts. The team in Miami was present over the weekend, this official said. @ABC

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From: (b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Larson, Chris (USACO)
Cc: Dorschner, Jeffrey (USACO)
Subject: Re: National Call with OPA at Today at 3:30

Excellent thanks Chris

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 11:55 AM, Larson, Chris (USACO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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Hi Wyn

DCO pushed this yesterday: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-co/pr/statement-united-states-attorney-jason-dunn-use-federal-joint-terrorism-task-force>

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (O A (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:52 AM
To: USAEO-PublicInformationOffice (b) (6)
Cc: Mastropasqua, Kristina (OPA) (b) (6); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) (b) (6); Navas, Nicole (O A (b) (6))
Subject: National Call with OPA at Today at 3:30

Dear Colleagues,

Looking forward to full participation in this afternoon's conference call. Given the protest and riot activity ongoing in many districts, we encourage amplification of the [AG's statement](#) yesterday, as well as federal support for state and local response, and JTTF partnerships. See below an example from the US Attorneys in Georgia and West Virginia. Also USA Trutanich in Nevada participated in a state and local press conference. Others amplified the AG's statement on social media.

Thanks for all of your support and be safe,

Wyn

AG Statement: <https://twitter.com/TheJusticeDept/status/1267146207102631936>

Georgia Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-us-attorneys-and-fbi-warn-criminal-instigators-could-face-federal-prosecution>

West Virginia Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/west-virginia-us-attorneys-and-fbi-warn-those-who-are-inciting-violence-and-crime-will>

Wyn Hornbuckle

Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (cell)

(b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address

From: (b)(6): Wyn Hornbuckle email address
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Rydalch, Melodie (USAUT)
Subject: Re: National Call with OPA at Today at 3:30

Thanks Melodie

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On Jun 1, 2020, at 11:54 AM, Rydalch, Melodie (USAUT (b) (6)) wrote:

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Things are lit in SLC. Tanks all over the place...we are looking at several cases with the JTTF, including burning of SLCPD vehicle. Melodie

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (O A (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:52 AM
To: USAEO-PublicInformationOffice (b) (6)
Cc: Mastropasqua, Kristina (O A (b) (6)); McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
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Subject: National Call with OPA at Today at 3:30

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Assefi, Omeed (CRT); Dreiband, Eric (CRT)
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: Floyd independent autopsy

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From: Moossy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6)); Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)) Dreiband, Eric (CRT (b) (6))
Subject: Floyd independent autopsy

Fox reporting the family is having a 2pmCT press conference to announce results of their independent autopsy.

If we get media (b)(5) per CRT

Robert Moossy
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: FW: Floyd independent autopsy

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Subject: Floyd independent autopsy

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Janita Kan - The Epoch Times

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6))
Cc: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO (b) (6)); Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from Janita Kan - The Epoch Times

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from Janita Kan - The Epoch Times

Date Monday, June 1, 2020 - 3:53pm EDT

Name: Janita Kan

Email Address (b) (6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: The Epoch Times

Deadline: 6pm June 1

Inquiry:

Re: AG Barr Direction to BOP to send riot teams to Washington DC and Miami

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a reporter with the Epoch Times and I am covering a story about AG Barr's direction to BOP to send riot team to DC and Miami to respond to violent protests.

I would like to confirm the veracity of the reports about AG Barr's direction as covered by numerous media reports.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send me a confirmation or a statement relating to these reports about the riot teams and any other steps the DOJ will take in order to respond to the rioting in the rest of the country by 6pm today so that I could meet my deadline.

Thank you

Kind regards,

Janita

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:59 PM
To: John Wittman
Subject: RE: Release with Texas US Attorneys

Excellent, put it out.

From: John Wittma (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)
Subject: Release with Texas US Attorneys

Kerri I am Governor Abbott's comms director. We wanted to push this out asap. As I am sure you can imagine, these things can take some time with four different offices. Wondering if you could help speed this up?

Governor Abbott, US Attorneys Announce Federal Prosecution For Protest Agitators Violating Federal Law

AUSTIN Governor Greg Abbott, along with all four United States Attorneys in Texas, announced today that individuals who come to Texas from out of state to engage in looting, violence, or other destructive acts in violation of federal law will be subject to federal prosecution. Anyone who is arrested and charged with such offenses will be transferred to federal custody. The United States Attorneys will be working with local prosecutors and law enforcement officials to aggressively identify crimes that violate federal law. The four United States Attorneys joining this announcement are: John F. Bash, Erin Nealy Cox, Stephen J. Cox and Ryan K. Patrick.

"Texans must be able to exercise their First Amendment rights without fear of having agitators, including those coming from out-of-state, hijack their peaceful protest," said Governor Abbott and the US Attorneys. "Today's announcement will ensure there are harsh consequences for those breaking the law and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OP (b) (6) >
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Dodge, Angela (USATX (b) (6) >
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Joint TX/USAO release

A few suggestions below (b) (5)

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From: Dodge, Angela (USATX (b) (6) >
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Joint TX/USAO release

Have some suggested changes that I will be sending, but anything specific from you?

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From: Dodge, Angela (USATXS)
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: FW: Joint TX/USAO release
Importance: High

Don't have anything yet but any specific guidance on this?

From: Dodge, Angela (USATXS)
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Walston, Davilyn (USATXE (b) (6)); Dooley, Erin (USATXN)
(b) (6); Fields, Daryl (USATX (b) (6)) >
Subject: Joint TX/USAO release
Importance: High

FYI-
Note from my USA.

The governor wants to send out a release with his office and the four us attys th (b) (5)
(b)(5) per EOUSA

Once I get a draft I'll send it and find out who the pic is.

Angela Dodge

Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Attorney's Office-Southern District of Texas
1000 Louisiana, Suite 2300
Houston, TX 77002

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG); Sofer, Gregg (OAG)
Subject: RE: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Yes, anything you can send me as far as what DOJ is doing at large would be very helpful - thanks

From: Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6))
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); Sofer, Gregg (OAG (b) (6))
Subject: RE: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Understood. Okay. I will not have anything helpful AG related, but if you need any talkers or thoughts on what we are doing DOJ writ large or can be helpful, I am in JCC and will be for whatever you need

Direct dial because my cell isn't working (b) (6) if for some reason I do leave or leave the JCC (my personal cell (b) (6))

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVA (b) (6))
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); Sofer, Gregg (OAG (b) (6))
Subject: RE: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Yep I'm at WFO but AG and Will just went to the WH. Sherwin is going to help me put together a statement that Will and AG can review if/when they return. The WH has told us to stand down regardless (until POTUS speaks)

From: Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE) (b) (6) >
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)
Cc: Bissex, Rachel (OAG (b) (6)); Sofer, Gregg (OA (b) (6)) >
Subject: RE: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Kerri,

(b)(5) per EOUSA
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(b)(5) per EOUSA

Can you advise if you are there or here.

Thanks so much

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Escalona, Prim F. (OL (b) (6)); Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

We do not. The WH has asked us to hold everything until they allegedly make a statement (I think from POTUS). I am about to begin working on something with the info that I have.

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Terwilliger, Zachary (USAVAE (b) (6)); Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: Fwd: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Totally understand that you are both swamped and don't want to pile on. But if you already have some talking points that could be used for Hill interaction, could you please send them my way?

Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Linares, Elva E. (OLA) (b) (6)"
Date: June 1, 2020 at 5:21:48 PM EDT
To: "Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) (b) (6)", "Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)"
(b) (6) >
Subject: FW: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

?

Hi Mary Blanche and Prim,

If there are any talking points or guidance for congressional inquiries regarding the protests?

Thank you,

Elva

From: Delaney, William (USM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per USMS)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Linares, Elva E. (OLA (b) (6))
Subject: We understand POTUS may be making an announcement at 5 pm, followed by the AG

Can you find out from your leadership if there are any talking points or guidance for congressional inquiries?

William Delaney

Chief of Congressional and Public Affairs

United States Marshals Service

(b) (6) cell

Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:02 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: FW: Urgent. Us attorney statement

From: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PA (b) (6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OP (b) (6)
Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6) >; Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6)
Subject: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Hi all sorry for the urgent as (b)(5) per EOUSA
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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Thornton, Jennifer (USAOHS)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: RE: Protest related

Thanks Jennifer, just ccing Matt for awareness

From: Thornton, Jennifer (USAOHS) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6)
Subject: Protest related

Hi Wyn,

Heads up, in case it's useful, that the President tweeted about our suspect in Columbus, Ohio.

<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1267515702652678144>

We have a matter opened on him and have been in communication with his attorney.

Regards,
Jennifer

Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:21 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: FW: FYI
Attachments: 6.1.20 Rupert complaint.pdf
Importance: High

First person charged in Minn. I believe. We'll prepare a national push on this

From: Zerna, Tasha (USAMN (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: FYI
Importance: High

Hi Wyn- fyi I'll be sending this out shortly.

Tasha Rose Zerna | Public Affairs
U.S. Attorney's Office
T: 612.664.5743 | (b) (6)
(b) (6)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 1, 2020

CONTACT: Tasha Zerna
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**FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT CHARGES ILLINOIS MAN WITH TRAVELING
TO MINNESOTA TO RIOT, POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES**

United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald today announced a federal criminal complaint against MATTHEW LEE RUPERT, 28, charging him with civil disorder, carrying on a riot, and possession of unregistered destructive devices. RUPERT, who was taken into federal custody earlier today in Chicago, Illinois, will make his initial appearance later today before Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer in U.S. District Court in Chicago, Illinois.

According to the allegations in the complaint, on May 28, 2020, RUPERT posted messages on his Facebook account referencing the public protests occurring in the Twin Cities following the death of George Floyd, including one that stated, "I'm going to Minneapolis tomorrow who coming only goons I'm renting hotel rooms." On May 29, 2020, RUPERT posted a self-recorded cell phone video to his Facebook account indicating that he was in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the video, RUPERT can be seen passing out explosive devices he possessed, encouraging others to throw his explosives at law enforcement officers, actively damaging property, appearing to light a building on fire and looting businesses in Minneapolis.

According to the allegations in the complaint, in the video, RUPERT stated, "They got SWAT trucks up there . . . I've got some bombs if some of you all want to throw them back . . . bomb them back . . . here I got some more . . . light it and throw it." RUPERT makes these statements as he hands out an item with brown casing and a green wick to other individuals. The video also depicts RUPERT asking for lighter fluid before entering a Sprint store, followed by his statement, "I lit it on fire." RUPERT then goes to a nearby Office Depot and states, "I'm going in to get [expletive]." RUPERT can be seen taking items from the store.

According to the allegations in the complaint, on May 30, 2020, RUPERT posted messages on his Facebook account stating that he was headed to Chicago, Illinois. Specifically, RUPERT stated, "comr [sic] with bro Chicago let's go" and "We will be back bro we can loot til 2:30." In the early morning hours of May 31, 2020, RUPERT posted multiple videos to his Facebook account showing him in and around the Chicago area. RUPERT can be heard saying "let's start a riot" and "I'm going to start doing some damage." At approximately 2:21 a.m., Chicago police officers arrested RUPERT and his associates for violating the City of Chicago's emergency curfew order.

Law enforcement officers searched RUPERT'S vehicle and recovered several destructive devices, a hammer, a heavy-duty flashlight, and cash.

The FBI is urging the public to report suspected arson, use of explosive devices, or violent, destructive acts associated with the otherwise peaceful protests of the last week. Anyone with information can call the FBI at 1-800-CALLFBI (800-225-5324).

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI Minneapolis Field Office, with assistance from the FBI Chicago Field Office and the Chicago Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Angela M. Munoz and Jordan L. Sing.

The charges contained in the complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Defendant Information:

MATTHEW LEE RUPERT, 28
Galesburg, Ill.

Charges:

- Civil disorder, 1 count
- Organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot, 1 count
- Possession of unregistered destructive devices, 1 count

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:23 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG); Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG)
Subject: AG remarks
Attachments: LE thanks 5-31-20.docx

This is what I gave AG last night to work off of to thank police.

I'm in SIOC and need to get something done on here asap then can help on this. I'd rewrite this and use AG statements

I can hopefully help after 8

Matt Lloyd
Principal Deputy Director, Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) 4 (cell)

Law Enforcement Thanks Script
5-31-20

(b) (5)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:46 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Felte, James (CRT); Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT); Beer, Sheldon (CRT); Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: Omaha, NE Shooting

+ Melissa

From: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))
Cc: Felte, James (CRT (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT (b) (6)); Beer, Sheldon (CRT (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Omaha, NE Shooting

Yes, decline to comment is our answer at this point.

Ali

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 17:27, Moossy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)) > wrote:

(b)(5) per CRT

From: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Felte, James (CRT (b) (6)) >
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Moossy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)); Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT (b) (6)); Beer, Sheldon (CRT (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Omaha, NE Shooting

Thank you, Jim!

Ali

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 17:01, Felte, James (CRT (b) (6)) > wrote:

Matt & Ali,

Per below, you may get inquiries regarding a DA's decision not to bring charges against a white bar owner who shot and killed a black man during protests in Omaha, NE. CRM, USAO, and FBI have discussed this incident (b)(5) per CRT and FBI

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I wanted to let you know should you get inquiries.

Jim

From: Beer, Sheldon (CRT)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT (b) (6) [REDACTED]); Felte, James (CRT (b) (6) [REDACTED])
Subject: Omaha, NE Shooting

Hi Paige and Jim,

Please see the attached new articles regarding a death resulting shooting in Omaha, Nebraska. The local District Attorney declined to bring charges against a white bar owner who shot and killed a 22-year-old black Omaha man. The district Attorney held a press conference this afternoon saying the shooting was self-defense, and there is purportedly video to support that finding. The USAO and FBI expect significant protests this evening as a result of the announcement.

https://www.omaha.com/news/crime/no-charges-will-be-filed-against-omaha-bar-owner-who-fatally-shot-protester-don-kleine/article_8e71702d-d5bf-544e-9fac-26108ac81a24.html

https://www.omaha.com/news/crime/downtown-omaha-businesses-closing-in-anticipation-of-announcement-about-charges-in-shooting-death/article_6390090e-1049-5136-8c3f-e217bce51cdc.html

We will continue to monitor the situation.

Thanks,

Shelly

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:53 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Ridiculous. That USA office is usually really good to work with. Thanks for letting me know.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Hey Matt,

The USAO already released the statement and FBI Louisville re-tweeted. Are you tracking on that?

<https://twitter.com/WDKYnews/status/1267573291713286145?s=20>.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C),
(b)(7)(E) per FBI

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

National Press Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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On Jun 1, 2020 7:16 PM, "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)" > wrote:
Change of plans. We are clearing boilerplate language now that all USA offices can use for the next 24 hrs as we expect a lot of these tonight. Please standby.

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW (b) (6)) >; Moossy, Robert (CRT (b) (6)); Assefi, Omeed (CRT (b) (6)) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI OPA) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (b) (6) >; Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Clark, Melissa D. (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Moving KK to bcc
Adding FBI
This needs to be joint

FBI, if you have edits, pls let us know asap

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW) (b) (6)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6)); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Matt - check with CRT. Otherwise fine with me.

On Jun 1, 2020, at 4:33 PM, Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW) (b) (6) > wrote:

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:15 PM
To: Moosy, Robert (CRT); Kjergaard, Alison (OPA); Felte, James (CRT)
Cc: Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT); Beer, Sheldon (CRT)
Subject: RE: Omaha, NE Shooting

FBI is no comment

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Kjergaard, Alison (OPA (b) (6)); Felte, James (CRT (b) (6))
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Fitzgerald, Paige (CRT (b) (6)); Beer, Sheldon (CRT (b) (6))
Subject: RE: Omaha, NE Shooting

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:23 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA (DEA); Navas, Nicole (OPA (b)(6) per ATF); Wade, Drew J. (USMS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Hale, Brian Patrick (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Coordination on Federal LE Response

Hi, all - see below for our statement. Because of the sensitivity of our operations, we would prefer to say as little as possible so as to not jeopardize lives or movement. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Kerri

“Today, President Trump directed Attorney General Barr to lead federal law enforcement efforts to assist in the restoration of order to the District of Columbia. Beginning tonight, the Department of Justice has deployed all of its law enforcement components FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshals, and BOP and is closely coordinating with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to maximize federal security presence throughout the District. The Department is working hand-in-hand with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Capitol Police, the Federal Protective Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and the D.C. National Guard.” Attributable to Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:25 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6); Navas, Nicole (OP (b) (6); (b)(6) per ATF; Wade, Drew J. (USM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per USMS; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6); Hale, Brian Patrick (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >
Subject: RE: Coordination on Federal LE Response

DEA's points below. Please use this version as needed (b)(5) per DEA

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Thank you!

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (JM (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Navas, Nicole (OPA) (JM (b) (6)) (b)(6) per ATF
Wade, Drew J. (USMS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per USMS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (JM (b) (6)) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Hale, Brian Patrick (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: RE: Coordination on Federal LE Response

Hi, team thanks for joining. The WH has asked us to stand down on a statement for now. In the meantime, please put together some talking points on what your component is doing and send to me. Once WH issues statement and we issues ours, everyone will be free to engage.

We are in for a long night, so let's use this thread to communicate.

Thanks, all -
Kerri

From: Navas, Nicole (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:05 PM
T (b)(6) per ATF (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per USMS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (BO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Cc: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)) >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OP (b) (6)) >
Subject: Coordination on Federal LE Response

Team,

I am starting a smaller group thread so we can coordinate messaging and ensure that all LE component PA Chiefs are aware of DOJ messaging going out. Please hold off on making any proactive statements until after WH leads and AG issues statement, which we anticipate within the hour. As soon as we have information to share, will be in touch.

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman
Senior Communications Advisor for International Law Enforcement/Spokesperson
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

(b) (6) (office)
(cell)

Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW)
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

For you awareness, this is what we are giving folks tonight to use probably for next 24 hrs when it comes to CRT. LMK if you have questions or need anything.

“The US Attorney’s office for xxxxxxx, the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice and the FBI are aware of the situation regarding xxxxx and will review all available evidence to determine what federal response is warranted. Experienced prosecutors and agents will be assigned to review the matter for potential federal civil rights violations.”

From: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:22 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Urgent. Us attorney statement

I get it sorry I missed you. Good luck tonight.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 8:17 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) wrote:

Ok we are all obv scattered so that’s fine. We are going to give USAs a blanket statement to use tonight since we are getting a lot of these.

From: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Re: Urgent. Us attorney statement

I was told by my us attorney he had Eric’s approval at CRT and to go with it

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 7:42 PM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

Why was this released without approval?

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Storm, Nicholas (USAKYW (b) (6))

Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

(b) (6); Kjergaard, Alison (OP (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Urgent. Us attorney statement

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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: For Your Approval: Statement on Operations in Response to Rioting

Yes don't bring u (b) (5) .

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: For Your Approval: Statement on Operations in Response to Rioting

I don't think they should bring u (b) (5) , so recommending edits below

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA (b) (6))
Subject: FW: For Your Approval: Statement on Operations in Response to Rioting

BOP statement on national lockdown in BOP facilities taking effect tonight

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA (b) (6))
C: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP >; Sonya Thompson
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP
Subject: For Your Approval: Statement on Operations in Response to Rioting

As approved by our Director:

(b) (5) per BOP

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:00 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (WF) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Hopefully we don't!

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (WF) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:57 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >
Subject: Re: Urgent. Us attorney statement

Hi Matt,

I'll definitely let you know if we get anything!

Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Public Affairs Specialist
National Press Office
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (JMD) <Matt.Lloyd@usdoj.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (WF) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: RE: Urgent. Us attorney statement

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Eric Katz; Press
Subject: RE: Federal officers

“Today, President Trump directed Attorney General Barr to lead federal law enforcement efforts to assist in the restoration of order to the District of Columbia. Beginning tonight, the Department of Justice has deployed all of its law enforcement components – FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshals, and BOP – and is closely coordinating with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to maximize federal security presence throughout the District. The Department is working hand-in-hand with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Capitol Police, the Federal Protective Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and the D.C. National Guard.” Attributable to Department of Justice Spokesperson Kerri Kupec

From: Eric Ka (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6); Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Federal officers

Hi Kerri,

Can you send me DOJ’s statement on the deployment of DOJ personnel to DC to assist in the ongoing protest?

Thanks,

Eric

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Eric Katz

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Carpenito, Craig (USANJ)
Subject: RE: NYT Article Re: Newark

Nice, thanks

From: Carpenito, Craig (USAN (b) (6)) >
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OP (b) (6))
Subject: NYT Article Re: Newark

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/01/nyregion/newark-peaceful-protests-george-floyd.html>

Witness accounts of outsiders wanting to commit property damage and the citizens "not having it."

*Craig Carpenito
United States Attorney
District of New Jersey
970 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102
Office (b) (6)
Cel (b) (6)*

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG); Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: AG remarks
Attachments: Briefing Call for Mayors on June 2 (LJP) + ML.docx

Sorry for delay

I adjusted language from KK statement tonight and dropped that in and did a bit of reordering.

Attached.

Sorry for the formatting

From: Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6)); Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA (b) (6))
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Here are some edits from me.

From: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:30 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA (b) (6))>
Subject: RE: AG remarks

+ Prim (sorry about that Prim!)

From: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6))
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Here is what I pulled together as a first draft. Please feel free to edit and let me know if you want to chat about this.

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:23 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)); Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))
Subject: AG remarks

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From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG); Plack, Laura (ODAG); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Green light

From: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >; Plack, Laura (ODA (b) (6)) Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Haha, sorry about that. See attached!

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:00 PM
To: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6)) Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)) >; Escalona,
Prim F. (OL (b) (6))
Subject: RE: AG remarks

It's not attached but the collective work of the four of us I am confident is second to none and I would put up against anyone in this admin.

From: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:57 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)) >; Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)) >; Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Ok looks good. I've fixed the formatting and caught a typo or two. I plan to send this up unless you guys see any further issues. Thanks!

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)); Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6)); Escalona,
Prim F. (OLA (b) (6)) >
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Duplicative Material (Document ID: 0.7.4848.12637)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:51 PM
To: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG)
Cc: Plack, Laura (ODAG); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Subject: Re: AG remarks

KK gave to media last night that prison riot team went to Miami

On Jun 1, 2020, at 10:49 PM, Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6)) wrote:

Given the article, are we ok keeping it in?

From: Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:42 PM
To: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA (b) (6))
Cc: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6)) Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: AG remarks

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/500491-barr-deploying-federal-riot-teams-to-dc-miami-amid-escalating-george>

On Jun 1, 2020, at 10:41 PM, Plack, Laura (ODAG (b) (6)) wrote:

That may not be public. Maybe we cut that "for example...".

On Jun 1, 2020, at 10:40 PM, Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
(b) (6) wrote:

Quick question what law enforcement did we surge to Miami?

From: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6)); Plack, Laura (ODAG)
(b) (6); Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: AG remarks

Duplicative Material (Document ID: 0.7.4848.12652)

From: (b)(6): Matt Lloyd email address
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:22 AM
To: Levi, William (OAG); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG); Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Cc: Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: Need help ASAP!

I can draft something.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))"
Date: June 2, 2020 at 5:52:51 AM EDT
To: "Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))"
Subject: Need help ASAP!

A Las Vegas metro police officer was killed last night in connection with violent protests. USA Nick Trutanich needs help drafting a statement and/or tweet to send condolences. His PIO is asleep and unreachable, and he is at the command center in Vegas. He has asked for assistance from OPA to get something out in the next hour. Can you help? Let me know. I'm in the JCC if you need to chat (b) (6)
Thanks in advance!

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: Re: Need help ASAP!

I'd be more aggressive

On Jun 2, 2020, at 6:52 AM, Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Kerri/Wyn see below

This officer is in life support. How ab u (b) (5) ?

(b) (5)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Liskamm, Amanda N. (ODAG (b) (6))"
Date: June 2, 2020 at 5:52:51 AM EDT
To: "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)"
Subject: Need help ASAP!

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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Gibson, Jenna
Subject: Re: Hi Kerri

I'll check with him, thanks.

On Jun 2, 2020, at 8:14 AM, Gibson, Jenn (b) (6) wrote:

Hi Kerri
I know yesterday was busy. Wanted to put this request back at the top of your inbox.
Would the AG consider having a conversation with Norah this week?

Thank you again,
Jenna

From: Gibson, Jenna
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:17 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Hi Kerri

I hope you're well.
I'm reaching out to see if AG Barr would consider sitting down with CBS Evening News anchor Norah O'Donnell this week.
With the ongoing protests for racial justice, we'd like to speak with him about keeping communities safe, how to address the distrust between law enforcement and the African American community, and the path forward to unifying the country. As you may know, Norah is based in DC and can work around his schedule. I can be reached on the cell below if you'd like more information. Do you have a moment to discuss further?

Thanks so much,
Jenna

JENNA GIBSON
MANAGING EDITORIAL PRODUCER
CBS NEWS
Cel (b) (6)
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From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Raimondi, Marc (OPA)
Subject: Re: Potential Press Release: Somers (MD Tennessee)

Agree

On Jun 2, 2020, at 8:37 AM, Raimondi, Marc (OPA (b) (6)) > wrote:

I think we ought to release this nationally to show that we are backing up the AG's words with actions. Thoughts?

Marc Raimondi
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Raimondi, Marc (OPA)" (b) (6)
Date: June 2, 2020 at 8:36:18 AM EDT
To: "Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6)"
Cc: "Schrader, Ben (USATNM) (b) (6)", "Sher, Justin (NSD (b) (6))", "Schneider, Larry (NSD) (b) (6)", "Boling, David (USATNM)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Potential Press Release: Somers (MD Tennessee)

I would advocate for a national release given the message we want to send about violent acts during the protests.

Marc Raimondi
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

On Jun 2, 2020, at 6:23 AM, Kjergaard, Alison (OPA) (b) (6) > wrote:

Thank you, David.

Would you mind sending over the complaint?

Ali

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2020, at 01:02, Schrader, Ben (USATNM (b) (6)) > wrote:

Thanks very much Justin, and hello Allison. I have copied David Boling, our press officer, on this email. I don't know for certain whether we will issue a press release in connection with this complaint, but I think it is likely. I also think we will get the complaint tomorrow or Wednesday, depending upon how quickly the complaint gets reviewed in our office tomorrow.

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 11:47 PM, Sher, Justin (NSD (b) (6) [REDACTED]) wrote:

Hi Alison,

The Middle District of Tennessee may charge Wesley Somers with violating 18 USC 844(i). In short, there is evidence that Somers used an accelerant to cause/further a fire in a city government building located in Nashville. I don't know if DOJ intends to issue a national press release on these sorts of charges, but we wanted to give you the opportunity to consider. The USAO likely will issue a statement tomorrow.

I copied my deputy (Larry Schneider) and the AUSA (Ben Schrader). Ben can connect you with the USAO press team for additional discussion.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Thanks,
Justin

Justin Sher
Trial Attorney
Counterterrorism Section
United States Department of Justice

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Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Cc: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Subject: Re: In Lieu of the Morning Meeting

Also us attorney in Atlanta has a previously scheduled interview w WASHINGTON Times Jeff Murdoch on Covid fraud. Told them to expect questions on protests riots and civil rights
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO (b) (6)) > wrote:

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Hi all,

Please send me anything you want to flag for the day.

Thanks!
Mollie Timmons
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Subject: Re: Video indicating Barr orders move on protesters

Like I told you last night, they had made decision much earlier to move perimeter much for security reasons given how the protestors the night before were burning things, defacing property etc. it's possible he was checking on the progress of that move. It was happening regardless of POTUS going to church. Also, it's funny to me when you say "it sure makes it seem" when you don't have the audio. But I'll check to confirm what I'm guessing it is which is checking on the status of the perimeter change that had been in the works and I believe was suppose to happen earlier that day.

On Jun 2, 2020, at 9:09 AM, Zapotosky, Ma (b) (6) wrote:

?Hi Kerri—

There is a video circulating from yesterday that, at about the 4:12 mark, shows Barr conferring with police on the scene in Lafayette Park. About 20-25 minutes later (near the 28 minute mark of the video), the police fire flash bangs and attempt to move the protesters, who are non-violent. Here is the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v_UrMoqSPZym0

I know you've said Barr was "leading" the response last night. This video sure makes it seem like he personally directed police to move on the protesters, just before the president walked over to the church.

Did AG Barr give the order to move the protesters at that time? Why did he do so, given the protestors were non violent?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6) Paul Gigo (Wall Street Journal) email; Dan Henninger; William McGurn
Subject: Fwd: FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT CHARGES ILLINOIS MAN WITH TRAVELING TO MINNESOTA TO RIOT, POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Per your editorial today.....

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To: "Lloyd, Matt (PAO) (b) (6)"; (b) (6)
Subject: FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT CHARGES ILLINOIS MAN WITH TRAVELING TO MINNESOTA TO RIOT, POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES
Reply-To: <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>

United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald today announced a federal criminal complaint against MATTHEW LEE RUPERT, 28, charging him with civ

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The United States Department of Justice

Erica H. MacDonald
United States Attorney
District of Minnesota

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CONTACT: TASHA ZERNA

PHONE: (612) 664-5743

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020

FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT CHARGES ILLINOIS MAN WITH TRAVELING TO MINNESOTA TO RIOT, POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Minneapolis United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald today announced a federal criminal complaint against MATTHEW LEE RUPERT, 28, charging him with civil disorder, carrying on a riot, and possession of unregistered destructive devices. RUPERT, who was taken into federal custody earlier today in Chicago, Illinois, will make his initial appearance later today before Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer in U.S. District Court in Chicago, Illinois.

According to the allegations in the complaint, on May 28, 2020, RUPERT posted messages on his Facebook account referencing the public protests occurring in the Twin Cities following the death of George Floyd, including one that stated, "I'm going to Minneapolis tomorrow who coming only goons I'm renting hotel rooms." On May 29, 2020, RUPERT posted a self-recorded cell phone video to his Facebook account indicating that he was in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the video, RUPERT can be seen passing out explosive devices he possessed, encouraging others to throw his explosives at law enforcement officers, actively damaging property, appearing to light a building on fire and looting businesses in Minneapolis.

According to the allegations in the complaint, in the video, RUPERT stated, "They got SWAT trucks up there . . . I've got some bombs if some of you all want to throw them back . . . bomb them back . . . here I got some more . . . light it and throw it." RUPERT makes these statements as he hands out an item with brown casing and a green wick to other individuals. The video also depicts RUPERT asking for lighter fluid before entering a Sprint store, followed by his statement, "I lit it on fire." RUPERT then

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Sherwin, Michael (USADC)
Subject: Re: Media Misunderstanding

Can someone on my team send me the bad articles?

On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:38 AM, Sherwin, Michael (USADC (b) (6) > wrote:

FYI below Washington Post articles on DDC not prosecuting cases . . .

From: Sherwin, Michael (USADC)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Levi, William (OAG (b) (6)
Cc: Sofer, Gregg (OAG (b) (6)
Subject: Media Misunderstanding
Importance: High

Yesterday, we charged **44** people with crimes stemming from protest-related violence. We no papered charges against just **17** arrestees, primarily because no officer could identify what those individuals did wrong. This is not surprising given the hectic nature of Sunday night for police, and the fact that the arresting officer wasn't necessarily the one who saw the alleged wrongdoing, and much of the police paperwork was generic, not AND individualized to the specific person arrested.

Unfortunately, some news media outlets have misleadingly reported that we aren't prosecuting rioting cases. That is plain wrong.

First, we charged the clear majority of defendants presented to us.

Second, the fact we did not charge the generic "rioting" charge does not mean we did not charge defendants for their particularized criminal wrongdoing. At the complaint stage, we typically only charge the most serious readily provable offense. Additional charges are often added later, as we obtain additional evidence.

Yesterday, the most serious readily provable offense was often felony second-degree burglary, not felony riotin (b)(5) per EOUSA

Where we didn't charge burglary, we still charged the most serious readily provable offense (such as misdemeanor unlawful entry or assault). In such instances, the charge we selected contained the same statutory maximum (180 days) as the most relevant rioting equivalent (the misdemeanor variety, also 180 days ma (b)(5) per EOUSA

In sum, if we had the evidence to charge someone, we did so. And when we charged, we selected the most serious readily provable offense, which also happened to be the charge with the greatest likelihood of resulting in a conviction.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

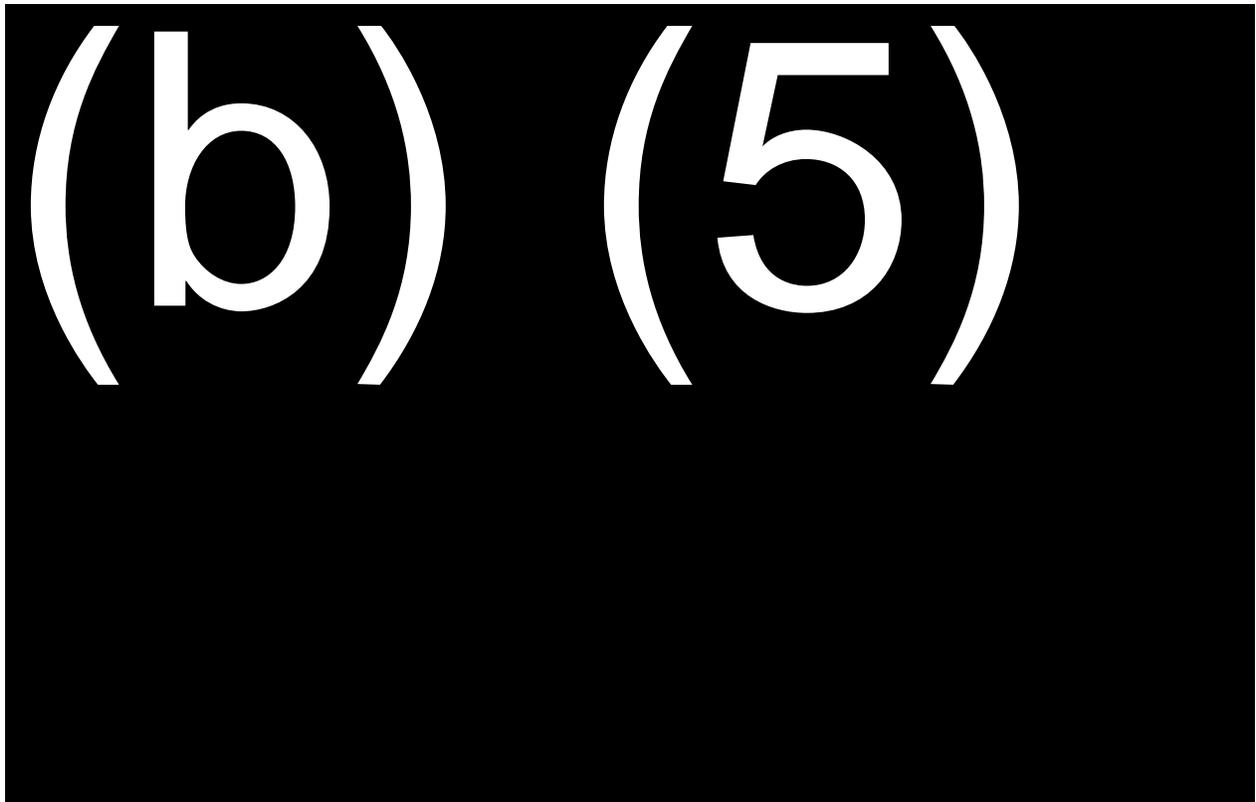
From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Michel, Christopher (OAG)
Cc: Levi, William (OAG)
Subject: Re: Draft Statement

I like it

On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:54 AM, Michel, Christopher (OAG (b) (6)) > wrote:

Here's a quick cut.

**Attorney General Barr Statement
June 2, 2020**



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Lloyd, Matt (PAO)

From: Lloyd, Matt (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:11 PM
To: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG); Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: FW: Mr. George Floyd Memorial Announcement
Attachments: G. Floyd Memorial Announcement updated.doc; ATT00001.htm

Heads up: Floyd memorial service Sat in Matt Martin district

From: Martin, Matt (USANCM (b) (6))
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Lloyd, Matt (PAO (b) (6))
Subject: Fwd: Mr. George Floyd Memorial Announcement

Matthew G.T. Martin
United States Attorney
Middle District of North Carolina

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dunn, Maggie (USANCM) (b) (6)"
Date: June 2, 2020 at 10:03:20 AM EDT
To: "Martin, Matt (USANCM) (b) (6)"
Cc: "Green, Graham (USANCM) (b) (6)", "Fisk, Andrea (USANCM)"
(b) (6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (CE) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: FW: Mr. George Floyd Memorial Announcement

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Matt please see attached.

Respectfully/Maggie

From: Tonya Morrisey (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Dunn, Maggie (USANCM (b) (6))
Subject: Mr. George Floyd Memorial Announcement

See attached...

Mrs. Tonya V. Morrisey
Administrative Assistant
Hubert A. Peterkin, MPA

*Sheriff of Hoke County
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PRESS RELEASE

(Announcement)

AGENCY: HOKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POC: HUBERT A. PETERKIN, SHERIFF
PHONE #: (910) 875-5111
DATE: June 2, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release Information

Hoke County Sheriff Hubert A. Peterkin announces the memorial service for Mr. George Floyd; which will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020. The location will be the Cape Fear Conference B Headquarters (10225 Fayetteville Road, Raeford NC 28376), public viewing starts at 1pm and will end at 3pm. The private memorial service will begin promptly at 3pm and will only be open to the family.

As the Sheriff of Hoke County, I'm asking on behalf of the Floyd family for those who plan on attending the viewing/memorial service to be respectful to the sensitivity of the family's time of grief. The memorial is about the life that Mr. George Floyd lived and this is a time to embrace the family with expressions of love and kindness.

I want to thank the Hoke County Board of Commissioners and all other agencies and businesses involved in coordinating this memorial service.

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Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO)
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: TEST

Good to go put it out

From: Timmons, Mollie R. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: TEST

Not sure what to call it but see below

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:17 PM
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ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARR'S STATEMENT ON PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WASHINGTON Attorney General William P. Barr released the following statement:

“Last night was a more peaceful night in the District of Columbia. Working together, federal and local law enforcement made significant progress in restoring order to the nation’s capital.

I am grateful to Chief Peter Newsham and the Metropolitan Police Department for their outstanding work and professionalism. The District is well served by this exceptional police force.

I also thank Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley, and the men and women of the Department of Defense for their support. I am particularly impressed by the citizen-soldiers of the D.C. National Guard, who are committed to serving their community and did so with great effectiveness last night.

Not least, I am grateful to the many federal law enforcement agencies and personnel who helped protect the District, including the FBI, Secret Service, Park Police, ATF, DEA, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service, Capitol Police, Department of Homeland Security’s CBP and Border Patrol units, and others.

There will be even greater law enforcement resources and support in the region tonight. The most basic function of government is to provide security for people to live their lives and exercise their rights, and we will meet that responsibility here in the Nation’s capital.”

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