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Statement from 17th Judicial District Attorney Brian Mason
Re: Guilty Verdict in Murder of George Floyd

"I am grateful to the jury in Minnesota for calling the death of George Floyd exactly what it was: murder. I am also grateful to the law enforcement officers who took the stand and testified that the defendant's conduct was not policing, it was a crime. It takes courage to do the right thing and that is what the jury and police witnesses did. Their service to their community is also a service to ours.

I applaud the prosecution team for their professionalism in presenting this case as well. Their outstanding work is an example to which all prosecutors should aspire.

This murder conviction is an important step, but is only a step. The work of addressing racial disparities in our criminal justice system should and must continue. Since George Floyd's murder, we have engaged in a serious, difficult and often painful conversation about race, policing and the criminal justice system. We cannot become complacent because this case ended with the appropriate result. The conversation must go on. I am committed to the difficult task ahead in addressing these issues forthrightly and honestly.

I am glad to see justice achieved in this egregious, horrific case. George Floyd should still be alive today. May his death – and the conviction of his killer – help us move forward to a better tomorrow for all."

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District Attorney Mason assumed the oath of office on January 12, 2021. The 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office prosecutes and seeks justice in criminal felony, misdemeanor, and traffic cases for the citizens of Adams and Broomfield counties.

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