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## Supervisor Taylor Statement on Derek Chauvin Guilty Verdict

MILWAUKEE – Yesterday former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was <u>found guilty</u> on one count each of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter for the May 25, 2020 killing of George Floyd. The jury's decision came after 12 hours of deliberation.

"While yesterday the justice system delivered a guilty verdict, I am overwhelmed with feelings and emotions," said Supervisor Taylor. "This verdict should be seen as just the beginning of accountability for law enforcement. For far too long people of color have died unjustly at the hands of those tasked with protecting us."

Floyd's murder set off a global movement demanding police reform and accountability, with thousands taking to the streets to <u>march in Milwaukee</u> and cities across the world. The marches are still going on to this day.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the <u>George Floyd Justice in Policing Act</u>, inspired by Floyd's murder, in March. The bill would ban chokeholds, carotid holds and no-knock warrants, establish a national police misconduct registry, and overhaul qualified immunity for law enforcement. The bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

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