



Police Department

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Today, a jury in Minneapolis found former police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of the unlawful killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020. Watching the death of George Floyd and the actions and inactions of the police officers whose duty it is to safeguard and protect people caused many of us to respond with revulsion, anger, and astonishment. What followed were subsequent conversations and protests about racial inequities, police training, law enforcement use of force standards, proposed policy changes, and the damage caused when power is abused.

We appreciate the manner in which members of our community have peacefully expressed their concerns, frustrations, and demands for change in policing broadly. Many of those changes were rapidly made.

Today's verdict makes the path to healing and reconciliation more clear and reminds us of the importance of police-community partnerships. We can and we must all do better to be better.

We will work tirelessly to continue to provide public safety to our community. The members of the Napa Police Department remain committed to reducing harm in its many forms and strengthening our bond for a future of trusting service to all who live, work, and visit Napa.

Yours in service,

Sylvia Moir