



CHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STATEMENT ON GEORGE FLOYD

Over the last several days, I, like many of you, have been saddened and troubled by the death of George Floyd. I send my deepest sympathies to the family and loved-ones of Mr. Floyd and to all of those who have been impacted by this tragedy. Sadly, we are once again reminded of how far we still must go as a community to ensure equality and justice for all people. We are confronted, yet again, with the incalculable pain felt when a society must do better.

As the Chester County District Attorney, I am committed to seeking justice for everyone. My job demands that I hold those who violate the law accountable, irrespective of their profession. We must condemn the actions of those who violate their duty to uphold the law. Police are sworn to protect all citizens regardless of their race, sex, creed, orientation, socioeconomic class or disability. The countless good police officers I know share this commitment, and I have been heartened to see how many of them have been speaking up and speaking out against this senseless killing.

I am committed to doing everything in my power to prevent this from happening here in Chester County.

To do better, it is critical for us to engage in an honest and open dialogue about how we can affect change. The conversation may not be comfortable, but it must be had. I am committed to meeting with the community and hearing all voices. My office will take affirmative steps to start that dialogue in the coming days and weeks and be open for change.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of the Chester County community who has engaged in civil and peaceful protests. Thank you for treating one another with respect. I hope we can continue to move forward peacefully together.

Approved for release:

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