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Potential New Chauvin Trial Will Use Autopsy Report Showing Floyd Died of Fentanyl Overdose

If Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis police officer wrongly convicted of murdering career criminal and drug addict George Floyd in May 2020, gets a new trial and is acquitted, the key piece of evidence will be the autopsy report and a subsequent memo from an assistant county attorney.

The autopsy report shows no “life-threatening” injuries and that Floyd was tripping on a fatal dose of fentanyl. But the memo from assistant county attorney Amy Sweasy goes even further. It shows that Floyd didn’t die of asphyxiation from Chauvin’s now-notorious neck restraint that day.



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Derek Chauvin

Rather, Sweasy wrote, the toxicology showed that a massive overdose of fentanyl killed Floyd.



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[#DerekChauvin](#), the former Minnesota police officer who was convicted of murdering [#GeorgeFloyd](#) by kneeling on his neck, is seeking a new trial.

Chauvin's defense has accused prosecutors of misconduct and argue that false testimony from expert witnesses deprived him of a fair [Show more](#)



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Multiple Problems With Trial

As [The New American's Selwyn Duke wrote](#) on Friday, citing Chauvin's "Memorandum in support of petition for postconviction relief," Chauvin's conviction involved suborning perjury on the stand.

While 50 Minneapolis cops testified that the neck restraint Chauvin used "was part of MPD [Minneapolis Police Department] training," MPD officials "falsely claimed the restraint used on Floyd was neither taught nor approved under MPD policy."

Indeed, one of those officials attempted to file a defamation lawsuit against Alpha News because the website questioned her testimony. The official lost that lawsuit and paid attorney's fees.

Other problems with the trial included permitting on the jury a Black Lives Matter partisan [who believed](#) juries must settle verdicts to achieve "social justice." That same juror [falsely claimed](#) during [voir dire](#) never to have attended a BLM rally.

And as even far-left Harvard law Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz observed, the verdict should be overturned because jurors obviously feared that pro-Floyd mobs would either attack them or raze Minneapolis should Chauvin be found not guilty. An alternate juror confessed that she worried about "rioting and destruction" and "people coming to my house."

Far-left Democratic Representative Maxine Waters of California had [warned that](#) the jury had better convict, or "we've got to get more confrontational." Race hustler [Al Sharpton warned](#) at the beginning of the trial that "America is on trial."





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"I did not want to go through rioting and destruction again and I was concerned about people coming to my house," the juror said.

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“No Life-threatening Injuries”

Yet the case never should have gone to a jury because of the autopsy report and county attorney Sweasy’s memo.

As [The New American reported](#) at the time, the [final autopsy report was clear](#).

Floyd’s poor health and drug use, not Chauvin, killed him.

Floyd suffered from “severe” coronary artery disease and high blood pressure, as well as an enlarged heart, and had a “clinical history of hypertension.”

The autopsy found fentanyl and methamphetamine in his bloodstream. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says](#), that is “50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.” Opioids are respiratory depressants. [Floyd complained](#) that he couldn’t breathe even



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before Chauvin pinned him to the ground.

The coroner found “no life-threatening injuries.” And, crucially, the autopsy revealed “no facial, oral mucosal, or conjunctival petechiae.”

The absence of [petechiae](#) — small red or purple spots in the eyes or skin from bleeding capillaries — is significant because they occur in upwards of 85 percent of strangulation or traumatic asphyxia deaths.

A nasal swab revealed that Floyd also had Covid-19.

Toxicology Was Clear

The autopsy revealed the load of drugs coursing through Floyd’s circulatory system as he claimed “I can’t breathe,” [cries that began](#) as cops attempted to put him in a police car *before* Chauvin restrained him.

[Sweasy’s memo](#), written for the prosecutors’ file on Chauvin, [recounts a conversation](#) with a colleague, Patrick Lofton, and Dr. Andrew Baker, the county coroner.

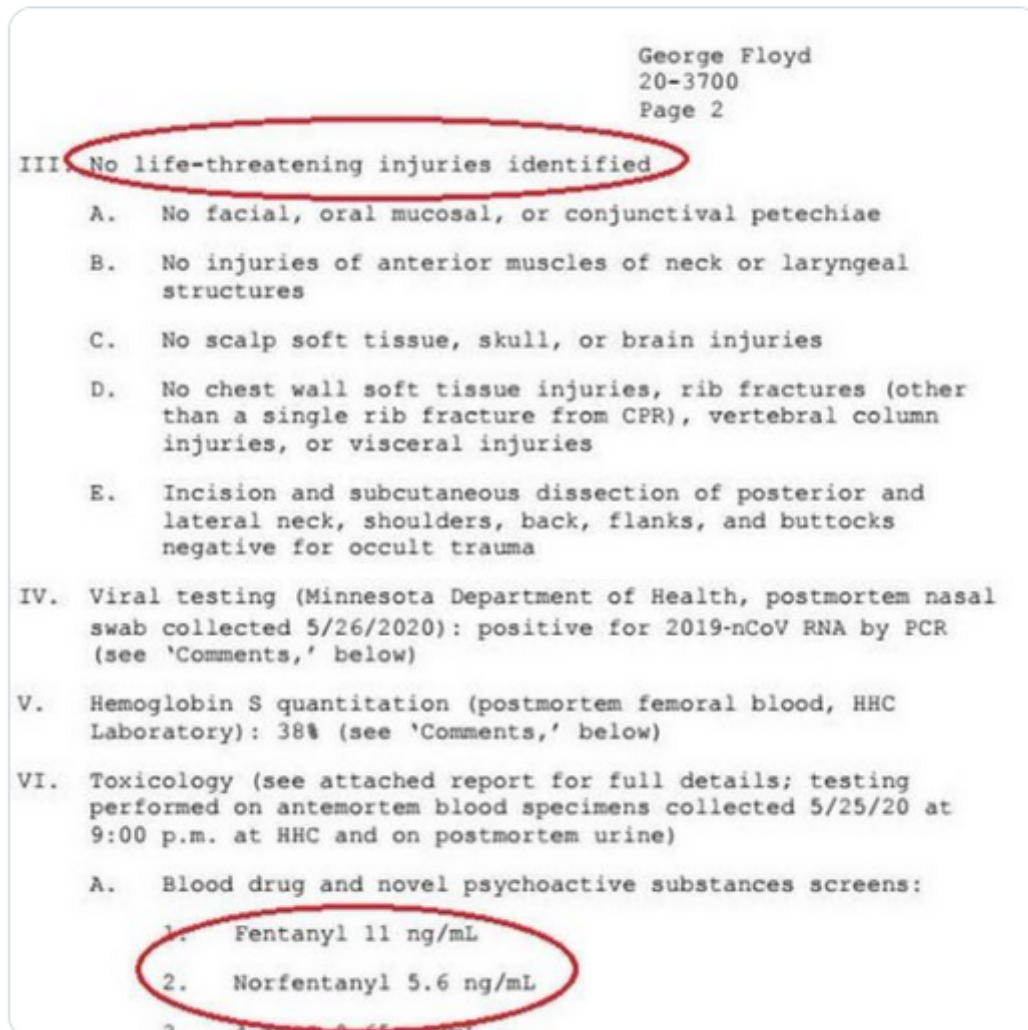
“Dr. Baker said he had (and had recently received) the final toxicology results from Mr. George Floyd’s samples which were analyzed by NMS labs,” [Sweasy wrote](#).



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Sweasy recounted Baker's rendition of the drugs in Floyd's system:

- 4ANPP — a precursor and metabolite of fentanyl present in Mr. Floyd's blood.
- Methamphetamine — 19 ng/ML which he described as "very near the low end" and "a stimulant hard on the heart."



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- Fentanyl — 11. He said, “that’s pretty high.” This level of fentanyl can cause pulmonary edema. Mr. Floyd’s lungs were 2-3x their normal weight at autopsy. That is a fatal level of fentanyl under normal circumstances.
- Norfentanyl — 5.6 a metabolite of fentanyl.

Sweasy included Baker’s most important conclusion: “If Mr. Floyd had been found dead in his home (or anywhere else) and there were no other contributing factors he would conclude that it was an overdose death.”

Yet as *TNA*’s Duke reported, [citing emergency room physician John Dunn](#), though Baker found “no life threatening injuries,” the coroner “changed his position after phone calls from Washington, D.C., pathologist Dr. Roger Mitchell, who warned Baker in two phone calls that he would publicly accuse him of misconduct unless neck compression appeared in the autopsy report. Within days, the final autopsy did include ‘neck compression.’”

Chauvin Stabbed

[Chauvin has](#) unsuccessfully appealed for a [new trial before](#). He was nearly murdered two years ago while serving his concomitant federal civil rights sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tucson, Arizona.



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Derek Chauvin is locked up for doing his job,
while the thug, Floyd resisted arrest & OD'd on fentanyl
was given a funeral fit for a king 🏰

Chauvin was stabbed 22X by an inmate who happens to
be an FBI informant.

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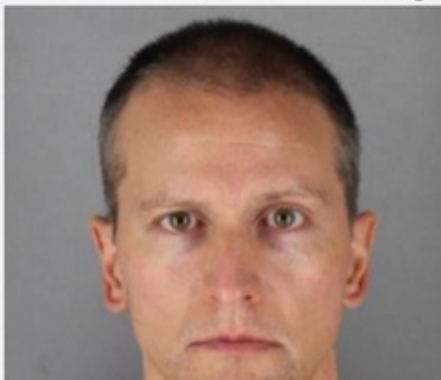


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BREAKING: Derek Chauvin was stabbed 22 times in federal prison by BLM inmate after being moved there for 'his own safety'

John Turscak, 52, has been charged with attempted murder.



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Mexican Mafia member John Turscak, an FBI informant, stabbed Chauvin 22 times, a crime he readily admitted to. "He told correctional officers he would have killed Chauvin had they not responded so quickly, prosecutors said," [Politico reported](#).

Turscak wanted to murder Chauvin because he is a BLM sympathizer.



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