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Major County Sheriffs of America Statement on Derek Chauvin Guilty Verdict

Today, a jury of his peers found former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin guilty on all charges in the death of George Floyd. While the system worked to hold Chauvin accountable for his criminal actions, we know the decision will never return Mr. Floyd to his loved ones.

We understand this verdict may lead to demonstrations and we support the peaceful exercise of First Amendment rights. Our members will work with organizers to ensure those rights are protected, however violence and destruction cannot be tolerated.

As sheriffs, we strongly condemn the actions of former Officer Chauvin as they do not meet the training, ethics, nor code of conduct of our profession. As leaders, we remain committed to doing the hard work necessary to build the trust and confidence required to enhance safety for all who live and work in our communities. We will continue to work with Congress and the Administration on efforts to improve policing, build trust, and ensure law enforcement officers have the tools they need to safely serve their communities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Floyd family and communities impacted by this tragedy.