

Chauvin Location and Condition Update

Sunday, December 3, 2023. *Minneapolis, MN.. Gregory Erickson, partner, Mohrman, Kaardal & Erickson, P.A.*

Thank you all for your patience. I had a telephone conference with Derek's family yesterday, and they confirmed that his medical condition has improved to the extent that he has been removed from the trauma care facility at a local Tucson hospital and returned to prison custody for his follow up care. His family is very concerned about the facility's capacity to protect Derek from further harm. They remain unassured that any changes have been made to the faulty procedures that allowed Derek's attack to occur in the first place.

As one of his attorneys, my personal attempts to obtain information regarding changes in the prison's procedures have been left with "you can make a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request." A FOIA request, which would take thirty days to be processed and responded to, is completely unacceptable in the constantly evolving situation at hand. Derek's family did receive confirmation from Derek himself that the facts contained in the charging document are accurate; the attack was made in the law library, where the perpetrator attacked Derek from behind with an improvised knife. It remains a mystery how the perpetrator was able to obtain and possess dangerous materials [that were able to be formed into an improvised knife], and how a guard was unable to reach and apprehend the perpetrator until Derek had been stabbed twenty-two times. Why was Derek allowed into the law library without a guard in close enough proximity to stop a possible attack? His family continues to wonder.

The family wishes to avoid any in person interviews and appreciates your ongoing respect of their privacy during this very difficult time. We will continue to try to ascertain what additional measures are being made to protect Derek and will pursue any avenues available under the law to ensure his continued safety.