



# Cumberland County District Attorney's Office

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The Cumberland County criminal justice community, which includes the police chiefs from Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Windham, Gorham, Falmouth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, Freeport, Brunswick, Bridgton, and the Cumberland County Sheriff, along with the Cumberland County District Attorney, stand united with Maine people in our mourning the senseless and unjust death of George Floyd. Together, we condemn the actions of those responsible for Mr. Floyd's murder.

We offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Floyd. We cannot ignore the video or the pleas of help from George Floyd. We must all learn from this and other tragic events so that they are never repeated. The pain and outrage across our country is justified. We, too, are outraged. Dr. Martin Luther King described riots as the language of the unheard. The circumstances of George Floyd's murder speak loudly and clearly. We hear that message and we hear those voices. There is no place for racism and police brutality in Cumberland County, the State of Maine, or in our country. Maine law enforcement officers can and must do better.

We cannot change what happened, but we can and must look inward and forward. We will all thoroughly review our policies and procedures, and we will continue to attract, hire, and retain only the best law enforcement candidates to serve our communities. We commit to remaining transparent and eliminating police cultures that condone any social injustices. We will continue to enhance our training to include important topics, such as implicit bias and culturally sensitive services, to ensure that we support a system that guarantees equal justice under the law to every person in Maine.

As community leaders, we are all accountable for the actions of our law enforcement officers. We must continue to build trust and follow best practices. We recognize that change starts with us. We embrace and honor this responsibility.

We work every day to protect and serve every person in our great State. We strive to ensure that our police officers, deputies, and prosecutors treat every person with respect, dignity, and fairness, without regard to race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. We can and will do this with your support, so that Maine never witnesses such a tragic and senseless death in any of our own communities.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, we recognize that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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