

Greetings,

We are lawyers who represent journalists and photographers in an ongoing federal lawsuit seeking redress for their mistreatment by law enforcement while covering the protests following the killing of George Floyd and Daunte Wright, *Goyette, et al. v. Minneapolis, et. al., 20-cv-01302 (D. Minn.)*. We write to let you know about an important piece of the recent settlement between our clients and the **Minnesota State Patrol** that may affect you or someone you know.

Terms of the Settlement Agreement. As has been reported, the settlement included an injunction preventing the State Patrol from assaulting, threatening, detaining, and otherwise harming journalists for doing their jobs. You can view the [settlement agreement](#) here.

The settlement also establishes an Independent Expert review of all complaints alleging mistreatment of the media by the State Patrol during the George Floyd and Daunte Wright protests. Cliff Greene, an experienced Twin Cities lawyer, will serve as the Independent Expert Reviewer. Mr. Greene's role is to ensure that the investigations of all complaints are handled in a thorough and timely manner. **He will only consider complaints related to mistreatment of journalists during the Floyd and Wright protests by the State Patrol that are submitted by October 19, 2022.**

What you can do. If you or another member of the media believes they were mistreated by the Minnesota State Patrol during the George Floyd or Daunte Wright protests, they can initiate a complaint by submitting a **signed** (/s Name or your actual signature) complaint describing what happened. The complaint can be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Internal Affairs by email, dps.ia@state.mn.us; by U.S. mail, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Internal Affairs/Affirmative Action, 445 Minnesota St., Suite 530, St. Paul MN 55101-5530; or by phone, 651-201-7136. The State provides a complaint form for this purpose that you may use [complaint](#). You can also include materials that support your complaint.

Some things to keep in mind:

1. The Independent Expert will only be involved with complaints submitted by October 19, 2022 that involve the Minnesota State Patrol. We suggest submitting the complaint as early as possible.

2. We encourage you to let the ACLU know when a complaint is submitted, either by copying Renee Hamilton, rhamilton@aclu-mn.org, on the electronically submitted complaint or emailing that same address to let us know you have submitted a complaint by U.S. mail or by phone.
3. Mr. Greene will not decide the outcome of any complaint. His role is to oversee the process to see that complaints are handled in a thorough and timely manner.
4. We do not provide legal advice on individual complaints. We write simply to let you know about the temporarily enhanced review process. We imagine you may have questions about things such as whether your complaint will be treated as confidential or made public, whether you may be represented by an attorney in the investigation, what to include in a complaint, and related topics. We suggest you contact an attorney who can advise you on these and any related concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Teresa Nelson, ACLU-MN
On behalf of the *Goyette* litigation team