

Weekly Current Events: Posted: 4.26.21

[Drew and Lavoie, "Sheriff to Seek Body Cam Footage," Associated Press, 4.24.21.](#)

1. What is the issue in this case?
2. In North Carolina, what is the law regarding release of body-camera footage?
3. Who wants to see the footage and why?
4. How accessible do you think such police body-cam footage ought to be?

[Zansberg, "Public Access to Police BWC Recordings," American Bar Association, 1.22.21.](#)

1. What is the author's overall point?
2. How did the author introduce his article? Was it effective?
3. Describe the ABA and its relevance to this topic? Is it a trustworthy source?
4. Why is transparency essential to good government?
5. List and explain one Supreme Court justice quote.
6. How do police regard public access to body-worn camera (BWC) footage?
7. To what degree have police BWCs increased in last few years?
8. How was Congress involved in the increase?
9. What are some recent state legislative changes?
10. How do states differ in body cameras and public record law?
11. How have courts ruled on the matter?
12. Do you agree or disagree with the author? Why?

[Pelly, "The Prosecutors of Derek Chauvin," 60 Minutes, 4.25.21 \(13:18 min\).](#)

1. Who is Keith Ellison? What is his title/position and what was his relationship to the trial?
2. Describe Ellison's attitude toward the defendant Derek Chauvin.
3. Describe the jury or the jurors.
4. What did Ellison say about charging Chauvin with a hate crime?
5. Do you disagree with anything said/presented in the piece? If so, what and why?
6. What do you believe is the appropriate prison sentence for Chauvin?