

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



“Eye on the World” comment: As you know, each edition is constructed with some full-length articles and a collection of many headlines. (Last week’s edition had six articles and 310 headlines.) Since this edition was completed on Monday, Nov. 22, it will have only seven full-length articles—without the normal collection of headlines. We expect to resume the collection of headlines in next week’s edition.



An article by Joseph A. Wulfson titled “Joy Reid Says Kyle Rittenhouse Acquittal Traces Back to ‘Slave Catchers,’ BLM Activists Should Be ‘Afraid’ ” was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 20, 2021. Following is the article.

MSNBC host Joy Reid made the case that the Kyle Rittenhouse acquittal has a historic precedent that goes back to the days of slavery.

Appearing on her own show as a guest, Reid began by saying she was “not at all surprised” by the Rittenhouse verdict, which she said was “expected.”

“I think we have to keep in mind, when we’re watching the criminal justice system at work, that it was designed to do exactly what it did today,” Reid told her fill-in host Jason Johnson. “Gun laws helped to enhance the design to allow this verdict to happen today. This country was built on the idea that White men had a particular kind of freedom and a particular kind of citizenship that only they have that gives, you know, from the slave catchers on,

the right to inflict violence In the name of protecting property. That’s like the foundational creation of the United States.”

The “ReidOut” host urged viewers to think about the families of “those who died,” hailing Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber for “defending Black lives,” saying they “paid for it with their lives” and comparing them to White allies who helped Black Americans in the Civil Rights Movement.

“What I am concerned about is the precedent this sets for what people will believe that they can do under law when Black Lives Matter protests happen in the future,” Reid said. “And that people may use this as an excuse to start going out of state and doing what this teenager did, believing that they’ll get away with it, and in some cases, getting away with it.”

“What we need to worry about is we have nothing in place legally. We have nothing in place culturally or socially to stop the next group of White nationalists, Proud Boys MAGA people, whoever they want to take from this burden what they want, and to use it as permission to attack Black Lives Matter,” Reid later added. “And Black Lives Matter and just Black people as we just saw. Mr. Huber and Mr. Rosenbaum are White, they’re Jewish. They are also victims and easily make victims because anyone who supports Black Lives Matter should be very afraid tonight.”



An article by Max Sherry titled “Former NFL Player Colin Kaepernick Calls Kyle Rittenhouse a ‘White Supremacist’” was posted at sportsbible.com on Nov. 19, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

Colin Kaepernick has had his say on the Kyle Rittenhouse verdict, labeling him a “white supremacist.”

The former NFL star also made calls to “abolish our current system,” claiming “white supremacy cannot be reformed.”

Rittenhouse has been on trial for the murders of two men and attempted murder of a third during civil unrest in the United States last year.

The Kenosha gunman claimed he acted in self-defense when he fired at people during a protest in Wisconsin following the police shooting of Jacob Blake.

Rittenhouse, who was armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 assault rifle, insisted he was trying to protect a car dealership from being vandalized during the protests.

After a lengthy trial, the jury has now come to a decision, finding him not guilty on all charges.

“We just witnessed a system built on white supremacy validate the terrorist acts of a white supremacist,” Kaepernick tweeted.

“This only further validates the need to abolish our current system. White supremacy cannot be reformed.”



An article by Miranda Devine titled "10 Heinous Lies About Kyle Rittenhouse Debunked" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 17, 2021. Following is the article.

Of all the willful lies and omissions in the media's coverage of the Steele dossier, Brian Sicknick, the Covington kids, Jussie Smollett, the Wuhan lab, Hunter Biden's laptop and so on, nothing beats the evil propaganda peddled about Kyle Rittenhouse.

They try to make the Rittenhouse case about race, but it's about class, punching down at the white working-class son of a single mother because they don't see him as fully human, and it makes them feel good.

They lie about him because they can.

The central media narrative is that Kyle Rittenhouse is a white supremacist whose mother drove him across state lines with an AR-15 to shoot Black Lives Matter protesters. All lies.

"A white, Trump-supporting, MAGA-loving Blue Lives Matter social media partisan, 17 years old, picks up a gun, drives from one state to another with the intent to shoot people," was typical from John Heilemann, MSNBC's national affairs analyst.

So, let's go through 10 lies about Rittenhouse, debunked in court.

1. He killed two black BLM protesters. All three of the men he shot in self-defense during violent riots in Kenosha on Aug. 25 last year were white.

2. He crossed state lines. He lived 20 miles from Kenosha in Antioch, Ill., with his mother and sisters. But his father, grandmother, aunt, uncle, cousins and best friend live in Kenosha. He had a job as a lifeguard in Kenosha and worked a shift on Aug. 25 before helping clean graffiti left by rioters at a local school. There, he and his friend were invited to join other adults who had been asked by the owners of a used car lot in Kenosha to guard the property after 100 cars had been torched the previous night, when police abandoned the town to rioters. Kyle took his gun to protect himself, since the rioters were violent and armed, including, for instance, Antifa medic Gaije Grosskreutz, who lunged at him with a loaded Glock pointed at his head before he was shot in the arm.

3. Rittenhouse took an AR-15 across state lines. Esquire accused him of "terrorist tourism." False. His rifle was kept in a safe at his best friend's stepfather's house in Kenosha.

4. The gun was illegal. Wrong. Under Wisconsin law, he was entitled to possess the AR-15 as a 17-year-old. The judge dismissed the gun charge, which the prosecution never should have brought.

5. Rittenhouse's mother drove him across state lines to the riot. Wendy Rittenhouse, 46, never went to Kenosha. She slept late the morning of Aug.

25 after working a 16-hour shift at a nursing home near her home in Antioch, she told the Chicago Tribune. Kyle had already gone to his job in Kenosha when she woke up.

6. He was an “active shooter” who took his gun to a riot looking for trouble. “A 17-year-old kid just running around shooting and killing protesters,” said MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough, “who drove across state lines with an AR-15 and started shooting people up.” On Friday, after evidence in court already had debunked his talking points, Scarborough called Rittenhouse a “self-appointed militia member . . . unloading 60 rounds.” When the defense called out the lie in closing arguments, Scarborough had the gall to tweet that he was “embarrassed” for the lawyer.

7. Rittenhouse is a “white supremacist,” as then-candidate Joe Biden labeled him in a tweet showing the teenager’s photograph. When White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked to explain why recently, she slyly slimed Rittenhouse again, without naming him, as a “vigilante.”

In one story, the Intercept used the term “white supremacist” 16 times. The accusation has become holy writ, but there is zero evidence. The FBI scoured Kyle’s phone and found nothing about white supremacy or militias, the court heard. All they saw were pro-police, “Blue Lives Matter” posts from a kid who had been a police and fire department cadet, wanted to be a police officer or paramedic and once sat near the front of a Trump rally. That was enough for the media to brand him a white supremacist.

8. He “flashed white power signs” with Proud Boys. After spending three months in jail, Kyle was freed on \$2 million bail two days after his 18th birthday last year, and went to a bar for a beer, with his mother and other adults, which is legal in Wisconsin. He posed for selfies with strangers at the bar, who the media say are Proud Boys, and was pictured making the OK sign with his thumb and forefinger. The false claim that this is a white supremacist sign comes from a 2017 hoax on the website 4chan, to punk liberals, who keep falling for it. Biden uses the gesture frequently. It was unwise to pose for the photo, but it does not mean Kyle is associated with white supremacists.

9. He wore surgical gloves “to cover his fingerprints.” This pearl was spread by Matthew Modine, another celebrity bigmouth. Kyle wore gloves because he was giving first aid to protesters. His face was bare, so he was hardly hiding.

10. Judge Bruce Schroeder is a “Trumpy” racist biased toward the defense. This slur is based on the fact he would not let the prosecution use the term “victim”—common practice when the jury has not ruled on a case. He told a lame joke about Asian food for lunch being held up by the supply-chain crisis, and his phone’s ring tone sounds like a 1980s ditty played at Trump rallies. Ridiculous. In fact, Schroeder is a Democrat, has run as a Democrat for the Wisconsin Senate and was first appointed by a Democratic governor. Bias was also perceived in what the Chicago Tribune said was his “highly unusual” decision to allow Kyle to draw names randomly out of a container at the end of the trial to determine which 12 of the 18 jurors would decide his fate. It’s something this judge always does, he told the court.

On the second day of jury deliberations Wednesday, the judge railed against media distortions, although he seemed most aggrieved about attacks on his reputation, rather than Kyle's. He threatened to stop trials from being televised, but that's exactly the wrong solution.

Only because the public was able to hear the evidence for themselves did they become aware of the malevolent dishonesty of the media coverage, which has threatened a fair trial and ensured riots if Kyle is justly acquitted.



An article by black journalist Jason Whitlock titled "The Absurd Coverage of Kyle Rittenhouse's Murder Trial Will Likely Lead to Another Kenosha Atrocity" was posted at theblaze.com on Nov. 15, 2021. Following is the article.

This weekend, while appearing on "Life, Liberty & Levin," I butchered a famous quote by Voltaire, the 18th-century French philosopher and culture critic.

I was using Voltaire to explain 21st-century America. The prolific writer said, "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

I applied the quote to the overreaction to the Capitol riot on Jan. 6. Corporate media, social media, and many of our lawmakers have absurdly defined the mostly peaceful riot as an "insurrection" or the most dangerous attack on American democracy since Pearl Harbor. The absurd analogy has justified the atrocity of treating the rioters as domestic terrorists.

On Saturday [Nov. 13], I gave a speech in West Palm Beach, Fla. I used Voltaire again. I talked about the 1965 Moynihan Report. It was written by sociologist Daniel Patrick Moynihan, assistant secretary of labor in the Johnson administration. The Moynihan Report called for investment in the black family in general and investment in black men in particular. Corporate media framed Moynihan and the report as racist. President Lyndon Johnson pulled his support of Moynihan's suggested initiatives and implemented his Great Society welfare agenda.

It was absurd to frame Moynihan's call for investment in the black family as racist. I told my Florida audience that 56 years later, as 75% of black children are born into fatherless homes, we are living with the atrocity of the absurd smearing of Moynihan.

Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.

This week, Kenosha, Wis., for the second time in 15 months, may be living with the consequences of the selling of absurdities as truth. Today a jury heard closing arguments in the Kyle Rittenhouse murder trial. If the jury justifiably acquits Rittenhouse of all the serious charges, it is expected that mostly peaceful rioters, looters, and arsonists will peacefully riot, loot, and burn certain areas of Kenosha. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers has already summoned 500 National Guardsmen to help police Kenosha and surrounding areas.

Corporate media have greatly exaggerated Kyle Rittenhouse's importance to American culture. He is on trial for murder because of that exaggeration. There is ample video evidence and eyewitness testimony to substantiate that Rittenhouse fired his rifle in self-defense a year ago.

The first victim, Joseph Rosenbaum, suffered from bipolar disorder. He'd previously served a long stint in prison for molesting a minor. Hours before being shot by Rittenhouse, Rosenbaum had been released from a mental hospital. He was in a psych ward for an attempted suicide. Rosenbaum had a death wish. That's why he attacked Rittenhouse and tried to wrestle away his AR-15 rifle.

The second victim, Anthony Huber, clubbed Rittenhouse with a skateboard. It's all on video. Huber had a criminal record for domestic assault. The third victim, Gage Grosskreutz, admitted walking up to Rittenhouse and pointing a gun at Rittenhouse's head.

Rittenhouse acted in self-defense. He should not be on trial for murder.

There's no proof that Rittenhouse is a white supremacist, as has been insinuated by our president, Joe Biden, and many people in the media. Rittenhouse is white. All three of his victims were white.

Rittenhouse lived in Illinois with his mother. His father lived in Kenosha. It's not difficult to understand how and why he felt compelled to go to Kenosha and attempt to protect businesses and citizens there. You can argue whether a 17-year-old should have involved himself in a situation as volatile as Kenosha. But he's not on trial for visiting Kenosha. He's on trial for murder. He's on trial for whether he acted in self-defense.

The Rittenhouse trial is an atrocity. The riots that ravaged Kenosha in the aftermath of Jacob Blake being shot by cops were an atrocity. Corporate media framed the shooting of Blake as an unarmed, innocent black man being shot by racist white cops. Blake was armed with a knife, had wrestled with police, and had an arrest warrant for sexual assault.

The media keep stacking absurdities on top of absurdities, and no one wants to take responsibility for the inevitable atrocities.

If the jury follows the law and common sense, Rittenhouse will be acquitted this week and violence will erupt in Wisconsin and perhaps in other parts of America.

Much of Voltaire's critique of France was accurate. He died a decade before the French Revolution.

The death of America will be the final atrocity caused by the American media's love of absurdity.



An article by black journalist Jason Whitlock titled "Rittenhouse Trial Demonstrates the Folly of 'Racial Justice' and Trolling White Conservatives" was posted at theblaze.com on Nov. 16, 2021. Following is the article.

The slippery slope of televised “racial justice” started with us, black people, wrapping our arms around O.J. Simpson during a double murder trial 27 years ago. It did not matter to Simpson’s supporters that the all-time great running back eschewed any semblance of racial loyalty or that Simpson likely committed the murders.

Duty called. Black people clung to the hem of Simpson’s garment as if miracles would be derived from the agitation of white people incensed by the murders of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The slippery slope we boarded in 1994 has hit rock bottom in the Kyle Rittenhouse double murder trial. In our never-ending zeal to agitate white people, we have wrapped our arms around Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber, two deceased white criminals.

Rosenbaum was a convicted pedophile. A decade ago, a grand jury in Arizona indicted him on 11 counts of child molestation involving five boys ranging in age from 9 to 11. The charges included anal rape. He copped a plea and was convicted of two of the 11 counts. He suffered bipolar disorder. He attempted suicide. He was released from a mental institution hours before confronting Rittenhouse, threatening to kill Rittenhouse, and trying to take Rittenhouse’s AR-15 rifle.

Huber was a serial domestic abuser. He pled guilty to strangulation, suffocation, and false imprisonment. He had been charged with disorderly conduct and use of a dangerous weapon. In the moments before Rittenhouse shot him, Huber clubbed Rittenhouse with a skateboard.

Rosenbaum and Huber are the new O.J. Simpson. They are the stars of “White Is the New Black,” a docu-series airing on CNN, MSNBC, and across all social media platforms illustrating the utter lunacy of a “racial justice” agenda built around irritating conservative white people.

That’s the point of racial justice. Irritating white people.

We, black people, are so confused, so misled, so lacking in strategy, leadership, integrity, and substance that we’ve reduced black progress to trolling white people. We replaced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with “Black Twitter.”

How does convicting Rittenhouse of murder for defending himself against the attack of psychotic criminals advance the cause of black people?

It doesn’t. It’s no different from the acquittal of O.J. Simpson. A handful of black comedians made money cracking O.J. jokes. Johnnie Cochran burnished his reputation as America’s best trial lawyer. And black people got to giggle among themselves about how irate their co-workers were that O.J. walked.

But nothing changed for the betterment of black people. The biggest winners were the cable news channels. O.J. launched TV careers and networks. Fox News and MSNBC launched in the aftermath of the Simpson trial. Greta Van Susteren, Geraldo Rivera, Dan Abrams, David Gregory, Nancy Grace, Harvey Levin, Jeffrey Toobin, and Eliot Spitzer all rode the Trial of the Century to fame and fortune.

O.J. benefited the white people who were willing to go on TV and lie about what was happening inside the courtroom. The O.J. trial is the only trial I watched start to finish. Cochran and his dream team of attorneys destroyed the prosecution from voir dire to closing arguments. The TV experts pretended that prosecutors Marcia Clark and Chris Darden were holding their own.

The same thing is playing out in the Rittenhouse trial. Corporate media are pretending the prosecution is proving Rittenhouse is guilty of murder, and black people are foolishly anticipating a moment of frustrated-white-people satisfaction.

Black people are Charlie Brown kicking a football that white people keep pulling at the last second. The frustration of white people does not improve the lives of black people.

If we want to be taken seriously, we need a far more tangible goal. The current one is embarrassing and counterproductive. It makes black people look weak, illogical, and immoral. The current goal forces us to turn O.J. Simpson, George Floyd, Jacob Blake, Joseph Rosenbaum, and Anthony Huber into martyrs and heroes.

Racial Maddow, aka Joy Reid, shouted Rosenbaum's name on TV the other night like she was referring to Medgar Evers.

A Black Lives Matter clown from Portland, Oregon—Greg McKelvey—tweeted yesterday that employers should give their black employees a day or two off from work after the Rittenhouse verdict . . . regardless of the verdict. McKelvey says it's going to be hard for us to work and it isn't fair for our employers to expect us to.

The deaths of a white pedophile and a white domestic abuser have shaken black people to the point that we need time off work to recover? McKelvey is insane. He suffers racial dysphoria. He's half black and half white, born to a black dad and a white mom. He's married to a white woman. His children look whiter than Mike Pence in the dead of winter.

McKelvey is the worst kind of half-white liberal. He absolutely loves the white fruit, but his blue-check public persona is based on pretending to hate the white tree that produced it.

McKelvey is just another power-obsessed liberal using "racial justice" to seize power and fame. It's all a consequence of the slippery slope.

Yesterday, during closing arguments, assistant district attorney Thomas Binger put an exclamation point on the absurdity of the racial justice being sought in the Rittenhouse trial. Binger rationalized the violent and bizarre behavior of Rosenbaum on the night of the shooting, including excusing Rosenbaum's use of the N-word.

"Oh, and he said some bad words," Binger mocked. "He said the N-word. Tsk, tsk, tsk."

A pedophile who dropped the N-word is the newest racial justice martyr. Never thought I'd miss the days when O.J. Simpson was a hero.



An article by Nicholas Sandmann titled "The Corrupt Liberal Media Came for Me, Just Like They Came for Kyle Rittenhouse, and If He Decides to Sue I Say Go for It and Hold the Media Accountable" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Nov. 17, 2021. Following is the article.

The parallels between me and Kyle Rittenhouse are impossible not to draw.

Kyle was 17-years-old when he became a household name after that terrible tragedy in Kenosha.

I was 16-years-old when I was catapulted into the national conversation by video of an encounter with a Native American activist on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Kyle was almost immediately labeled a 'white supremacist' and a 'domestic terrorist'.

To many, my red MAGA hat clearly meant that I was a racist.

In only hours, a former CNN host tweeted an image of me, writing: 'Honest question. Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid's?'

Kyle wasn't given his day in court by his critics.

And neither was I.

The attacks on Kyle came from the national news media, just as they came for me.

They came quickly, without hesitation, because Kyle was an easy target that they could paint in the way they wanted to.

This is the problem with liberal media outlets in the United States. They want to get the story first, get the most views, make the most money, and advance the agenda from liberal patrons.

These outlets cover themselves when they are wrong with small footnotes at the ends of long articles, clarifying that new information has come out and that they have updated their coverage.

News shouldn't be a scoreboard that constantly changes.

News is about coverage that includes a statement of facts that does not need to be corrected. But, the liberal media doesn't do this.

The liberal media rushes to be the first to report.

So every single label on Kyle as a 'terrorist', 'white supremacist', and 'school shooter' in the streets of Kenosha, will only ever be withdrawn after the damage has been done.

In our hyperpolarized society, the first impression of Kyle has been set in stone, probably for the rest of his life.

So to President Joe Biden, LeBron James, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and every other commentator: please be quiet.

On November 10, LeBron James tweeted out "What tears????? I didn't see one. Man knock it off! That boy ate some lemon heads before walking into court."

LeBron's tweet reflects the insensitivity and resentment of the liberal media and elites that has surrounded this entire ordeal, from its beginning to now.

In the video referenced by James, Kyle breaks down as he tries to describe the moments before he made the decision to fire his weapon at the people he felt were threatening his life.

It is oblivious to the trauma associated with this event and how it severely affects Kyle.

Taking a life, for any reason, sticks with someone forever and yet the liberal elites would rather turn it into a joke for likes.

Not only does Kyle have to deal with that, but it is compounded with the overwhelming stress and trauma of the character assassination taking place against him.

From my own experience, the death threats, feeling of no future ahead, and that millions of people hate you, is enough to alter you in many concrete ways and permanently.

Make no mistake: even the strongest of people cannot resist the mental impact when the media war machine targets you.

With Kyle's name dragged through the mud, and the clear effect it is having on him, many have started to ask the question whether Kyle should sue for defamation.

While I am by no means an attorney, I have gained some experience on the ins and outs of defamation and can offer an educated guess on what the outcome would be if Kyle were to sue.

It is important to note that defamation cases are some of the hardest cases to win.

The plaintiff must first prove that what was published about them was false. This is usually defeated by the protection of the First Amendment as defendants claim that they were expressing their opinion.

The First Amendment is a right that Americans hold dear and our right to free speech should be protected.

A plaintiff must then prove that as a result of the publishings of the defendant that they were negatively impacted in their community.

As for the previous terms Kyle has been labelled (white supremacist, terrorist, school shooter), I have my doubts as to whether these legal claims would be successful in court.

If "Person A" was to say that Kyle was a white supremacist (or any of these other terms), "A" would be able to claim that being a white supremacist or a racist was their opinion and Rittenhouse's conduct.

The case law on defamation argues that these terms are opinions because a term like "racist" or "white supremacist" does not specifically imply a fact that can be proven false.

But one claim where Kyle may have a chance (albeit still a challenging case to win) is on the issue of him allegedly crossing state lines with a weapon.

That claim was proven to be false.

If terms like "racist" and "school shooter" were used in conjunction with false facts it can create a defamatory gist that he crossed state lines with weapons and his actions were done in a racist or white supremacist manner.

Should Kyle sue? It first depends on what happens in the trial, as those elements would come into play were he found guilty. However, if Kyle is innocent it would create an easier road to winning.

Again, the chances are still low and nothing is guaranteed in a defamation trial. Kyle should also be prepared for a long trial which will be present in his mind for years.

I personally am still involved in six media lawsuits as January approaches marking three years since the confrontation took place at the March for Life.

So, if Kyle is prepared to take on another burden in his early life, with the acceptance that it might result in nothing, I answer, give it a shot and hold the media accountable.

One of the saddening parts of this media onslaught is that it has taken young people like Kyle and myself to expose how corrupt the media really is.

From my own experience, I know that this cannot be easy for Kyle. While I have waited to comment on the facts of Kyle's case until the trial ends. I cannot hold back on the media's public execution of him before the trial has concluded.

At this time I would like to use my platform to let Kyle know that I am here for you and if you ever would like to reach out to me, I am about the only person our age to have an idea of how the media is treating you. The way the media has treated you is terrible, and you don't have to face it alone.



"Eye on the World" comment: In virtually every edition of this publication, we regularly list headlines of articles revealing true mistreatment of black people by some police officers. Even in this abbreviated edition, we will post the following article describing a current situation.



An article by Jeffrey Collins titled "Black Man Stomped by South Carolina Officer Gets \$65,000" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 17, 2021. Following is the article.

A South Carolina city is paying \$650,000 to a Black man who was stomped in the head by a white police officer upset that the man could not quickly lie flat on his stomach because of rods and pins in his leg.

Orangeburg officials also have apologized to Clarence Gailyard and are reviewing the police department's use of force policies, City Administrator Sidney Evering said in a statement released by Gailyard's lawyer Justin Bamberg. The city's insurance will cover the payment.

Gailyard was walking with a stick wrapped in shiny tape on July 26 when someone mistook the reflective object for a gun and called 911, investigators said.

Orangeburg Public Safety Officer David Lance Dukes ordered Gailyard to the ground and when the 58-year-old didn't immediately drop, the officer stomped on his head and neck, causing his forehead to hit the concrete of the parking lot, according to police body camera video.

Gailyard said he moved slowly and often walks with a cane because of pins and rods in his leg from being hit by a vehicle while riding a bicycle. He also said he was carrying the stick to protect himself from potential dog attacks.

The city's statement said most officers do their difficult jobs well—a second officer tried to calm the situation and told a supervisor who came to the scene later that Dukes lied about his actions—but swift, fair action must be taken when officers do wrong.

"When an officer falls short of these expectations and conducts themselves in ways unbecoming to their department and the City, that officer must and will be held accountable," Evering said.

Dukes, 38, was fired two days after the incident and charged with felony first-degree assault and battery a few days after that. His lawyer has said the former officer is fully cooperating with state police in what he called a difficult and unfortunate situation.

Gailyard's lawyer said he appreciated how quickly Orangeburg worked to both help Gailyard and change the culture of a police department which had seen three years of increasing use-of-force case where 75% of the 13,000 residents are Black.

The police chief retired shortly after the incident and the department's interim chief is reviewing use of force rules. The force is also creating a group of citizens to oversee how officers treat people, the city said.

"I've handled numerous cases involving police violence previously and rarely have I seen a city swiftly accept responsibility and also work to ensure that this never happens to another person," Bamberg said.

Gailyard is happy to put what happened behind him, Bamberg said.

Gailyard spoke to reporters a few weeks after he was hurt.

“Every time I look in the mirror, I see the scar on my forehead, and it’s not OK. The only thing I want the community to do is change,” Gailyard said.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”