Exigent Circumstances

by Phil Rasmussen

"Exigent Circumstances," is a phrase used in TV police dramas to enter a building – "we heard a woman screaming. Wikipedia – "An emergency situation requiring swift action to prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to property."

So did exigent circumstances exist with the Chauvin arrest, trial, jury, and verdict? Absolutely! There was a rush to so-called justice simply because of a white-on-black narrative and because Chauvin was a police officer.

With black-on-black, black-on-white, or white-on-white altercations usually there isn't a rush to justice, but when it is white-on-black, fueled by racists, media, and politicians, it does exist.

Soon after Chauvin's verdict, Kamala Harris stated "A measure of justice isn't the same as equal justice." Although Harris did not say what "equal justice" is, she alluded to Chauvin's verdict as ". . . racial injustice. It's not just a Black America problem or a people of color problem."

For true justice, we must stop playing the race card. The media and politicians need to stay out of the court's business until after the trial. Before going to trial Chauvin was already convicted. He was thrown under the bus by the media, politicians, and those who stir up trouble and hate.