

GRAND STRATEGY

MORE PROSECUTORS NOW RELY ON GRAND JURIES IN CASES AGAINST POLICE



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Simon and Sally Glass speak with reporters outside the Clear Creek County Courthouse in Georgetown Monday. They question why some Colorado law enforcement officials condemned the recent death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, but didn't do the same for their son, Christian, who died June 11 after being shot five times by a sheriff's deputy.

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Two men dressed in suits sporting well-trimmed beards sat with their attorneys before a judge in the unaccustomed position of being accused of a crime. The fired sheriff deputies' former colleagues guarded the doors of Courtroom C as they would for any other defendant.

Former Clear Creek Sheriff deputies Andy Buen and Kyle Gould landed on the other side of the law in November, courtesy of a grand jury called by 5th Judicial District Attorney Heidi

McCollum. Buen was indicted on second-degree murder charges for what police bodycam video shows is him standing on the hood of Christian Glass' car shooting five bullets into the windshield, killing him.

Gould gave the order to breach Glass' car over the phone from his home that night and for that, he faces a charge of criminally negligent homicide and reckless endangerment in the New Zealander's death.

Gould's attorney objected to the grand jury indictment, telling the judge his cli-

ent was put in this position by a citizen panel that was only presented with one side of the case: the prosecution's.

"A grand jury is like a sporting event with nobody opposing you," argued Christopher Broussard. "There were seven police officers beside the road in Silverplume on June 11, 2022. Kyle Gould wasn't one of them."

A grand jury is shown only the prosecution's argument and asked to make a decision on charging a defendant on that information alone.

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