Vandals Smear Pig's Blood on Home of Chauvin Defense Witness

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Vandals in Santa Rosa, California, targeted the former home of Barry Brodd, a defense witness who testified that former Minnesota police officer Derek Chauvin did not use deadly force, was following police procedure, and "was acting with objective reasonableness" when he pinned George Floyd on the ground for nine minutes. The vandals threw a pig's head on the porch and smeared blood on the house. Police said the home was the previous residence of Brodd, that he "has not lived at the residence for a number of years and is no longer a resident of California." Many believe the damage was meant to intimidate the jury. -GEG

The former California home of use-of-force expert Barry Brodd was smeared with pig's blood Saturday, four days after he testified for the defense in Derek Chauvin's trial in Minneapolis, Minnesota, police said.

Brodd testified Tuesday that Chauvin, a former officer, was justified in kneeling on George Floyd for over nine minutes, did not use deadly force and "was acting with objective reasonableness."

Pig's blood was smeared on the front porch of a Santa Rosa, California, home on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

On Saturday around 3 a.m., Santa Rosa Police responded to a home that had been vandalized. The resident of the home told police they woke up to a group of people throwing a pig's head on their front porch and splattering blood on the front of their home, police said in a news release.

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