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MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis police chief testified Monday that the now-fired Officer Derek Chauvin violated departmental policy and went against "our principles and the values that we have" — in his knee on George Floyd's neck and keeping him down after Floyd had stopped resisting and was in distress.

Continuing to kneel on Floyd's neck once he was handcuffed behind his back and lying on his stomach was "in no way, shape or form" part of department policy or training, "and it is certainly not part of our ethos or our values," Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said on Day Six of Chauvin's murder trial.

Arradondo, the city's first Black chief, fired Chauvin and three other officers the day after Floyd's death last May, and in June called it "murder." While police have long been under the department's neck-restraint policy; that Chauvin failed to de-escalate tense situations with no or minimal force if they can.

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