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217	<p>1 Continued videotaped Deposition of MANUEL</p> <p>2 LEANO, at the location of:</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 LOEVY & LOEVY</p> <p>5 311 North Aberdeen Street</p> <p>6 3rd Floor</p> <p>7 Chicago, Illinois 60606</p> <p>8 (312) 2432-5900</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 Pursuant to notice, before Kimberly Winkler</p> <p>14 Christopher, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in and</p> <p>15 for the State of Illinois.</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>	219	<p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S (Continued)</p> <p>2 ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS ALVIN JONES, ROBERT</p> <p>3 GONZALEZ, MIGUEL CABRALES, DOUGLAS NICHOLS, JR.,</p> <p>4 MANUEL S. LEANO, BRIAN BOLTON, KENNETH YOUNG,</p> <p>5 JR., DAVID SOLTIS, ELSWORTH J. SMITH, JR., JOHN</p> <p>6 RODRIGUEZ, GEROME SUMMERS, JR., CALVIN RIDGELL,</p> <p>7 JR., LAMONICA LEWIS, REBECCA BOGARD, FRANKIE</p> <p>8 LANE, and KATHERINE MOSES-HUGHES, DARRYL EDWARDS:</p> <p>9 ANTHONY E. ZECCHIN, ESQUIRE</p> <p>10 HALE & MONICO, LLC</p> <p>11 53 West Jackson Boulevard</p> <p>12 Suite 337</p> <p>13 Chicago, Illinois 60604</p> <p>14 (312) 870-6933</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT KALLATT MOHAMMED:</p> <p>17 ERIC S. PALLES, ESQUIRE</p> <p>18 RAVITZ & PALLES, P.C.</p> <p>19 203 North LaSalle Street</p> <p>20 Suite 2100</p> <p>21 Chicago, Illinois 60601</p> <p>22 (312) 558-1689</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>

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249	<p>1 dropped into a narcotics safe.</p> <p>2 Q For the Watts 264 team, was Sergeant Watts</p> <p>3 the person who would recount the narcotics?</p> <p>4 A If he's working -- if he's on duty that day,</p> <p>5 yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And he would be responsible for doing</p> <p>7 the heat seal?</p> <p>8 A No. He would -- he would count it in the</p> <p>9 presence of that officer, and that bag would be</p> <p>10 sealed in the presence of that sergeant also.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. So Watts would be the one to heat</p> <p>12 seal it?</p> <p>13 A No. The officer would be.</p> <p>14 Q Okay.</p> <p>15 A Or he could do it himself.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And who would drop the drugs in the</p> <p>17 safe?</p> <p>18 A The officer would.</p> <p>19 Q And how could the safe be opened?</p> <p>20 A How could the safe be opened? With a key.</p> <p>21 Q And who had the key?</p> <p>22 A I believe the front desk and the evidence</p> <p>23 technician that picks up the narcotics either that</p> <p>24 day or the next morning.</p>	251	<p>1 Q Okay. How did you first meet Mr. Sanders?</p> <p>2 A That I couldn't tell you.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. What -- do you have memories of</p> <p>4 Mr. Sanders?</p> <p>5 A As one of the persons that's constantly at</p> <p>6 Ida B. Wells. I don't know if he eventually end up</p> <p>7 staying at Ida B. Wells.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know whether he had family that lived</p> <p>9 there?</p> <p>10 A That I couldn't tell you.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Besides knowing that he was around</p> <p>12 Ida B. Wells, what else do you know about</p> <p>13 Mr. Sanders?</p> <p>14 A Nothing else.</p> <p>15 Q How many encounters with Mr. Sanders did you</p> <p>16 have at Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>17 A That I can't tell you.</p> <p>18 Q A dozen?</p> <p>19 A Maybe.</p> <p>20 Q Did you review any reports related to</p> <p>21 Mr. Sanders in preparation for your deposition</p> <p>22 today?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q What did you review?</p>