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<p>1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT</p> <p>2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS</p> <p>3 EASTERN DIVISION</p> <p>4 - - - - - x</p> <p>5 WATTS COORDINATED CASES. : Master Docket</p> <p>6 : Case No. 19-cv-01717</p> <p>7 - - - - - x</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</p> <p>11 Deposition of BRIAN BOLTON, VOLUME I</p> <p>12 Held Virtually</p> <p>13 Monday, May 18th, 2020</p> <p>14 10:09 a.m. CST</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 Job No.: 290251</p> <p>23 Pages: 1 - 154</p> <p>24 Reported by: Paula Quetsch, CSR, RPR</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S</p> <p>2 ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN PLAINTIFFS:</p> <p>3 THERESA KLEINHAUS, ESQUIRE</p> <p>4 LOEVY & LOEVY</p> <p>5 311 North Aberdeen Street</p> <p>6 Third Floor</p> <p>7 Chicago, Illinois 60607</p> <p>8 (312) 243-5900</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN PLAINTIFFS:</p> <p>11 JOEL FLAXMAN, ESQUIRE</p> <p>12 KENNETH N. FLAXMAN, PC</p> <p>13 200 South Michigan Avenue</p> <p>14 Suite 201</p> <p>15 Chicago, Illinois 60604</p> <p>16 (312) 427-3200</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT CITY OF CHICAGO:</p> <p>19 DANIEL NOLAND, ESQUIRE</p> <p>20 REITER BURNS, LLP</p> <p>21 311 South Wacker Drive</p> <p>22 Suite 5200</p> <p>23 Chicago, Illinois 60606</p> <p>24 (312) 982-0090</p>
<p>2</p> <p>1 Deposition of BRIAN BOLTON, VOLUME I,</p> <p>2 held virtually:</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 Pursuant to notice before Paula Quetsch, a</p> <p>10 Certified Shorthand Reporter, Registered Professional</p> <p>11 Reporter, and a Notary Public in and for the State</p> <p>12 of Illinois.</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</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>	<p>4</p> <p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D</p> <p>2 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT WATTS:</p> <p>3 AHMED A. KOSOKO, ESQUIRE</p> <p>4 JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.</p> <p>5 33 West Monroe Street</p> <p>6 Suite 2700</p> <p>7 Chicago, Illinois 60603</p> <p>8 (312) 372-0770</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT MOHAMMED:</p> <p>11 SEAN SULLIVAN, ESQUIRE</p> <p>12 DALEY MOHAN GROBLE</p> <p>13 55 West Monroe</p> <p>14 Suite 1600</p> <p>15 Chicago, Illinois 60603</p> <p>16 (312) 422-9999</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>

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<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D</p> <p>2 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS SPAARGAREN</p> <p>3 AND CADMAN:</p> <p>4 THOMAS M. LEINENWEBER, ESQUIRE</p> <p>5 LEINENWEBER, BARONI & DAFFADA, LLC</p> <p>6 203 North LaSalle Street</p> <p>7 Suite 1620</p> <p>8 Chicago, Illinois 60601</p> <p>9 (866) 786-3705</p> <p>10</p> <p>11 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT OFFICERS:</p> <p>12 WILLIAM E. BAZAREK, ESQUIRE</p> <p>13 BRIAN STEFANICH, ESQUIRE</p> <p>14 HALE & MONICO</p> <p>15 55 West Jackson Street</p> <p>16 Suite 330</p> <p>17 Chicago, Illinois 60604</p> <p>18 (312) 870-6908</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 P R O C E E D I N G S</p> <p>2 (Witness sworn.)</p> <p>3 BRIAN BOLTON,</p> <p>4 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:</p> <p>5 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS</p> <p>6 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>7 Q Good morning, Mr. Bolton.</p> <p>8 A Good morning. How are you?</p> <p>9 Q Good. My name is Theresa. I represent</p> <p>10 the Loevy plaintiffs in these coordinated</p> <p>11 proceedings.</p> <p>12 MS. KLEINHAUS: I'm just going to put a</p> <p>13 few things on the record related to the fact that</p> <p>14 we're doing this via Zoom.</p> <p>15 So by agreement of the parties this</p> <p>16 deposition is proceeding remotely, and the court</p> <p>17 reporter administered the oath remotely, all of</p> <p>18 counsel have been provided their exhibits several</p> <p>19 days in advance.</p> <p>20 This is just a reminder to everyone that</p> <p>21 the chat function on Zoom is part of the recording.</p> <p>22 Please don't use that to communicate with one</p> <p>23 another because a copy will be included in the</p> <p>24 recording for everybody. Okay? And if everybody</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 C O N T E N T S</p> <p>2 EXAMINATION OF BRIAN BOLTON PAGE</p> <p>3 By Ms. Kleinhaus 7</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 E X H I B I T S</p> <p>6 (Attached to transcript.)</p> <p>7</p> <p>8 BOLTON DEPOSITION EXHIBITS PAGE</p> <p>9 Exhibit 1 Hicks Exhibit 105</p> <p>10 Exhibit 2 Johnson Exhibit 109</p> <p>11 Exhibit 3 Harvey Exhibit 116</p> <p>12 Exhibit 4 Carter Exhibit 119</p> <p>13 Exhibit 5 Warren Exhibit 122</p> <p>14 Exhibit 6 McDonald Exhibit 124</p> <p>15 Exhibit 7 Pearson Exhibit 132</p> <p>16 Exhibit 8 Dobbins Exhibit 139</p> <p>17 Exhibit 9 Hunt Exhibit 140</p> <p>18 Exhibit 10 Hicks Exhibit 141</p> <p>19 Exhibit 11 Glover Exhibit 143</p> <p>20 Exhibit 12 Coleman Exhibit 150</p> <p>21 Exhibit 13 Lomax Exhibit 152</p> <p>22</p> <p>23 CONFIDENTIAL PORTION</p> <p>24 135:13 to 138:23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 can put any devices other than the one you're</p> <p>2 using on silent, that will make it easier for us</p> <p>3 to take town this recording.</p> <p>4 Q Officer Bolton, how many times have you</p> <p>5 been deposed before?</p> <p>6 A One time.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. How long ago was that?</p> <p>8 A Several years ago.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Just to make things easier today,</p> <p>10 I'm going to go over a few ground rules.</p> <p>11 So if I ask you a question and you don't</p> <p>12 understand it, I need you to let me know that. If</p> <p>13 you answer my question, I'm going to assume you</p> <p>14 understood my question. Is that fair?</p> <p>15 A That's fair.</p> <p>16 Q Do you have any medical conditions or are</p> <p>17 you taking any medications right now that would</p> <p>18 prevent you from providing accurate testimony today?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q What did you do to prepare for today's</p> <p>21 deposition?</p> <p>22 A I spoke with my -- with my counsel, Brian</p> <p>23 Stefanich and Bill Bazarek, and I've read some</p> <p>24 reports.</p>

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<p>9</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Do you know if you were provided</p> <p>2 the exhibits for today's deposition in advance?</p> <p>3 A Yes. They're next to me.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And have you reviewed those, sir?</p> <p>5 A I looked through them, yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Is anyone in the room with you</p> <p>7 right now?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Are you currently employed by the Chicago</p> <p>10 Police Department?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And what do you currently do for --</p> <p>13 A I'm sorry; your question cut out.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And that's a good reminder for all</p> <p>15 of us. If you have any trouble hearing anything,</p> <p>16 please speak up right away.</p> <p>17 So what do you currently do for the</p> <p>18 Chicago Police Department?</p> <p>19 A Currently I'm assigned to administrative</p> <p>20 duties.</p> <p>21 Q And what do those administrative duties</p> <p>22 consist of?</p> <p>23 A I enter these blue statistical cards into</p> <p>24 a computer. I then log those onto a log that gets</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And outside of this time of the</p> <p>2 stay at home order, where do you perform those</p> <p>3 administrative duties?</p> <p>4 A I perform them in the 17th District.</p> <p>5 Q How long have you been on administrative</p> <p>6 duties?</p> <p>7 A Since November of 2017.</p> <p>8 Q And why were you placed on administrative</p> <p>9 duties?</p> <p>10 A I was told that I was being put on</p> <p>11 administrative duties because of the events that</p> <p>12 have taken place in this case.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. What were you told had taken place</p> <p>14 in this case?</p> <p>15 A That certain individuals were exonerated</p> <p>16 for -- for different events.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And who told you that you were</p> <p>18 being placed on administrative duty because</p> <p>19 certain individuals were exonerated?</p> <p>20 A Fred Waller.</p> <p>21 Q And who is Fred Waller?</p> <p>22 A Well, he was the chief of patrol at the time.</p> <p>23 Q Did he tell you in person?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>1 sent to a unit within the Chicago Police Department.</p> <p>2 I also answer phones for the tactical office.</p> <p>3 I keep a comp stamp book for my current</p> <p>4 lieutenant on a daily basis. I go into our Clear</p> <p>5 system and check the arrests for the 17th District</p> <p>6 for any tactical arrests that were made, and if</p> <p>7 any of those arrests are noteworthy, they get put</p> <p>8 into this comp stat book.</p> <p>9 I look -- the 17th District has a top-10</p> <p>10 gang member list. I look throughout the city to</p> <p>11 see if those top 10 gang members have been</p> <p>12 arrested anywhere in the city. I make copies for</p> <p>13 officers of any information that may come in that</p> <p>14 needs to be copied and disseminated to them before</p> <p>15 they leave for the street.</p> <p>16 I also am the terrorism liaison officer</p> <p>17 for the 17th District. I go to -- not only</p> <p>18 because of the COVID, but there's monthly meetings</p> <p>19 that I attend that go over different terrorist</p> <p>20 incidents and maybe what to look out for here in</p> <p>21 Chicago or the district that you work in, and then</p> <p>22 I write a report to the commander on the --</p> <p>23 basically a summary of the meeting.</p> <p>24 And that's what I do.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1 Q How did he tell you?</p> <p>2 A Telephone.</p> <p>3 Q Did he tell you anything else about why</p> <p>4 you were being placed on administrative duty</p> <p>5 besides that individuals had been exonerated?</p> <p>6 A He told me that the superintendent at the</p> <p>7 time was taking me off the street due to the</p> <p>8 events that, I guess took place that day. I guess</p> <p>9 that was the day that people were exonerated, so I</p> <p>10 was being taken off the street.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Did he tell you anything else</p> <p>12 besides that about why you were being taken off</p> <p>13 the street?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Did you ask him any questions about why</p> <p>16 you were being taken off the street?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Were you curious about why that was</p> <p>19 happening to you?</p> <p>20 A No. I understood.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Did you anticipate that you were</p> <p>22 going to be taken off the street?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q So the only information you were given was</p>

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<p>13</p> <p>1 that there were exonerations that day, and you</p> <p>2 understood from that you would be taken off the</p> <p>3 street, and that was sufficient information for</p> <p>4 you; correct?</p> <p>5 MR. NOLAND: Object to the form.</p> <p>6 THE COURT REPORTER: Who was that?</p> <p>7 MR. NOLAND: Sorry; Dan Noland.</p> <p>8 THE COURT REPORTER: Thought so. Thank you.</p> <p>9 MR. KOSOKO: Tess, as usual can we include</p> <p>10 in the record that all of the objections by any of</p> <p>11 the party defendants will stand as a standing</p> <p>12 objection for all of the defendants?</p> <p>13 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure.</p> <p>14 MR. KOSOKO: Thanks.</p> <p>15 Q Did you ever complain to anyone about</p> <p>16 being placed on administrative duty?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Do you have any problem with having been</p> <p>19 placed on administrative duty?</p> <p>20 A I have no problem.</p> <p>21 Q And are you happy doing the work that</p> <p>22 you're doing in the 17th District now?</p> <p>23 A I'm neither happy or sad. Indifferent.</p> <p>24 Q Do you know whether you will -- do you</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1 A I know that.</p> <p>2 Q And who else has been placed on</p> <p>3 administrative duty?</p> <p>4 A I believe Robert Gonzalez, Doug Nichols,</p> <p>5 Manny Leano, and I don't know all the other -- all</p> <p>6 the other officers that are on the list.</p> <p>7 Q Have you spoken with any of them about the</p> <p>8 fact that you're on administrative duty?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Other than Fred Waller and leaving out any</p> <p>11 conversations you may have had with your</p> <p>12 attorneys, have you spoken with anyone else about</p> <p>13 the fact that you're on administrative duty?</p> <p>14 A My wife.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Have you spoken -- other than</p> <p>16 Fred Waller telling you you were being placed on</p> <p>17 administrative duty, have you spoken with anyone</p> <p>18 within the Chicago Police Department about why</p> <p>19 you're on administrative duty?</p> <p>20 A Well, I work in an office, so my lieutenant</p> <p>21 knows. Obviously, my commander knows, and at the</p> <p>22 time that this took place that I was put on</p> <p>23 administrative duty my -- I was on a team at the</p> <p>24 time, so those members of that team know.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1 know whether you'll be able to work on the street</p> <p>2 again?</p> <p>3 A I don't know that.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Do you know whether that will ever</p> <p>5 be considered or if there's any end date to your</p> <p>6 administrative duty?</p> <p>7 A I don't know.</p> <p>8 Q Have you ever asked?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Were you ever told that the State's</p> <p>11 Attorney's Office won't call you as a witness</p> <p>12 anymore?</p> <p>13 MR. STEFANICH: I'll object to the</p> <p>14 extent it calls for attorney-client</p> <p>15 communications.</p> <p>16 Q Outside of any communications with your</p> <p>17 attorneys, were you ever told that the State's</p> <p>18 Attorney's Office will not call you as a witness</p> <p>19 anymore?</p> <p>20 A I only know that information from my</p> <p>21 attorneys.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know if any other former members of</p> <p>23 the Watts 264 tactical team have been placed on</p> <p>24 administrative duty?</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 Q Did you have conversations with your</p> <p>2 lieutenant about why you were on administrative duty?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And what did you say to your</p> <p>5 lieutenant, and what did he or she say to you?</p> <p>6 A Well, there's been multiple lieutenants.</p> <p>7 So the current lieutenant that I work for, I told</p> <p>8 her that I was on administrative duty and explained</p> <p>9 to her that I was put on administrative duty by</p> <p>10 the chief of patrol, and that's about it.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Have you spoken to any of your</p> <p>12 other lieutenants that you've had since November of</p> <p>13 2017 about being placed on administrative duty?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Which other lieutenants have you</p> <p>16 spoken with about it?</p> <p>17 A Her name was Michelle Rubino. She's a</p> <p>18 commander.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And what did that conversation</p> <p>20 consist of?</p> <p>21 A The same as my current lieutenant, that I</p> <p>22 informed her that I was going to be placed on</p> <p>23 administrative duty, and that's what I told her,</p> <p>24 by Fred Waller.</p>

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<p>17</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Did she say anything to you about it?</p> <p>2 A I don't recall.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Other than your conversations with</p> <p>4 your lieutenant and commander that you've already</p> <p>5 told us, who else within Chicago Police Department</p> <p>6 have you talked to about why you were placed on</p> <p>7 administrative duty?</p> <p>8 A Members of my former tac team.</p> <p>9 Q And who was on your former tac team?</p> <p>10 A Matt Rogus, Nick Urban, Rich Torak, Andrew</p> <p>11 Thomas, Don Daniels, and John Sago.</p> <p>12 Q With an S?</p> <p>13 A Yes. S-a-g-o, I believe.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And what conversations did you have</p> <p>15 with those members of your former tac team about</p> <p>16 why you were placed on administrative duty?</p> <p>17 A I informed them that I received a phone</p> <p>18 call from Fred Waller and that I would be having</p> <p>19 to not work to street because I was being placed</p> <p>20 on administrative duty.</p> <p>21 Q Did you talk to them about the exonerations?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Do you know why -- you said that when you</p> <p>24 were told by Fred Waller in November of 2017 it</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q When I say "Watts 264 tactical team," you</p> <p>3 understand the tactical team that I mean; correct?</p> <p>4 A The 264 tactical team, I understand.</p> <p>5 Q When did you start working for Sergeant</p> <p>6 Watts as your sergeant?</p> <p>7 A I would say approximately -- I'd say 2002,</p> <p>8 2003, somewhere around there.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And when did you join the Chicago</p> <p>10 Police Department?</p> <p>11 A The 8th of June, 1998.</p> <p>12 Q Did you attend the Chicago Police Academy?</p> <p>13 A I did.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. What were the dates that you went</p> <p>15 to the academy?</p> <p>16 A The academy, 8 June '98, and I graduated</p> <p>17 from the academy, I believe it was October of 1998.</p> <p>18 Q Where were you assigned after you --</p> <p>19 excuse me. Where were you assigned after you left</p> <p>20 the academy?</p> <p>21 A I was assigned to the 15th District.</p> <p>22 Q And what were your duties in the</p> <p>23 15th District?</p> <p>24 A I was a patrolman.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1 was because there had been exonerations of</p> <p>2 individuals. Do you know why those individuals</p> <p>3 were exonerated?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know what allegations they made</p> <p>6 about Chicago police officers in order to be</p> <p>7 exonerated?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Did you ever try to find out why they were</p> <p>10 exonerated?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Who was the sergeant of your former tac</p> <p>13 team that you were on with Matt Rogus, Nick Urban,</p> <p>14 and the other individuals you just mentioned?</p> <p>15 A His name was Don Daniels.</p> <p>16 Q Don Daniels was the sergeant?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And what area or district was that</p> <p>19 out of?</p> <p>20 A 17th District.</p> <p>21 Q In your current administrative role, do</p> <p>22 you work alongside or work as coworkers with</p> <p>23 anyone else who is a former member of the</p> <p>24 Watts 264 tactical team?</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 Q What shift were you assigned to?</p> <p>2 A Third watch.</p> <p>3 Q For what period of time did you work as a</p> <p>4 patrolman in the 15th District?</p> <p>5 A A short time.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. What was the next assignment that</p> <p>7 you had after that?</p> <p>8 A I was assigned to the 17th District.</p> <p>9 Q And when were you first assigned to the</p> <p>10 17th District?</p> <p>11 A Somewhere around, I'd say November of 1998.</p> <p>12 Q And what were your duties in the</p> <p>13 17th District?</p> <p>14 A I was a patrol officer.</p> <p>15 Q Which shift did you work?</p> <p>16 A Third watch.</p> <p>17 Q How long did you work as a patrol officer</p> <p>18 on the third watch in the 17th District?</p> <p>19 A Approximately three months.</p> <p>20 Q What was the next assignment that you had?</p> <p>21 A I was assigned to the traffic unit.</p> <p>22 Q And where was that assignment? What district</p> <p>23 or area? Do you know?</p> <p>24 A It was -- it was not a district. It was a</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 vacant city property that we went to roll call.</p> <p>2 It was somewhere on Ashland Avenue on the south</p> <p>3 side of the city.</p> <p>4 Q And what were your duties as part of the</p> <p>5 traffic unit?</p> <p>6 A I directed traffic.</p> <p>7 Q And how long were you doing that for?</p> <p>8 A Around five months.</p> <p>9 Q What's the next assignment that you had</p> <p>10 after that?</p> <p>11 A I was assigned to the 12th District.</p> <p>12 Q What were your duties in the 12th District?</p> <p>13 A I was a patrol officer.</p> <p>14 Q And what shift did you work?</p> <p>15 A I started out on the third watch and then</p> <p>16 went to the midnight shift.</p> <p>17 Q Where geographically was the 12th District</p> <p>18 at that time?</p> <p>19 A I believe it was on Monroe and Halsted.</p> <p>20 That's -- they have a new station now.</p> <p>21 Q How long were you assigned as a patrolman</p> <p>22 in the 12th District?</p> <p>23 A Approximately three months.</p> <p>24 Q And what was the next assignment you had</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 A I wanted to work with Officer Matthew</p> <p>2 Cadman.</p> <p>3 Q And why did you want to work with Officer</p> <p>4 Cadman?</p> <p>5 A We were friends.</p> <p>6 Q When did you first meet Officer Cadman?</p> <p>7 A I apologize. That broke up. I'm sorry;</p> <p>8 can you repeat, please?</p> <p>9 Q Sure. How did you become friends with</p> <p>10 Officer Cadman?</p> <p>11 A I met Officer Cadman in the Chicago Police</p> <p>12 Academy.</p> <p>13 Q And after the academy, did you two work</p> <p>14 together at all before you got to Public Housing</p> <p>15 South?</p> <p>16 A We directed traffic together.</p> <p>17 Q When you requested to go to Public Housing</p> <p>18 South, was Officer Cadman already in Public</p> <p>19 Housing South, or was he also bidding to go there?</p> <p>20 A He was -- he was bidding to go there.</p> <p>21 Q And were you both assigned to Public</p> <p>22 Housing South at the same time?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q When you got to Public Housing South, who</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 after that?</p> <p>2 A The 25th District.</p> <p>3 Q Did you request to move from the</p> <p>4 12th District to the 25th District?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And why was that?</p> <p>7 A I wanted to be in a busier place.</p> <p>8 Q And what were your duties in the</p> <p>9 25th District?</p> <p>10 A I was a patrol officer.</p> <p>11 Q And where was the 25th District when you</p> <p>12 were assigned there?</p> <p>13 A Grand Avenue and Central.</p> <p>14 Q How long were you assigned as a patrol</p> <p>15 officer in the 25th District?</p> <p>16 A Approximately six months.</p> <p>17 Q What was the next assignment you had</p> <p>18 after that?</p> <p>19 A I was -- I went to the Public Housing</p> <p>20 South unit.</p> <p>21 Q And did you request to be transferred to</p> <p>22 the Public Housing South unit?</p> <p>23 A I did.</p> <p>24 Q And why was that?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 was your sergeant?</p> <p>2 A His name was Dwayne Bennett.</p> <p>3 Q And what was your assignment when you came</p> <p>4 to Public Housing South and were under the command</p> <p>5 of Sergeant Bennett?</p> <p>6 A They called it vertical patrol.</p> <p>7 Q What does vertical patrol mean?</p> <p>8 A We worked in the housing complexes on the</p> <p>9 south side of the city, and we would patrol</p> <p>10 Ida B. Wells, we would patrol Stateway Gardens and</p> <p>11 Robert Taylor homes, and the apartments -- buildings</p> <p>12 were very tall, so I guess that's how they came up</p> <p>13 with the vertical patrol name.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And what shift were you working</p> <p>15 when you were assigned to work for Sergeant Bennett?</p> <p>16 A Third watch.</p> <p>17 Q Was that -- were your duties patrol, or</p> <p>18 was in any type of tactical team?</p> <p>19 A No, we were -- I was in uniform, no</p> <p>20 tactical team.</p> <p>21 Q Did you have a partner?</p> <p>22 A When I -- yes, I did.</p> <p>23 Q Who was that?</p> <p>24 A At that time when he first got to Public</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 Housing South, it was Robert Gonzalez.</p> <p>2 Q Had you ever met Robert Gonzalez before that?</p> <p>3 A I met him on one occasion.</p> <p>4 Q And when was that?</p> <p>5 A It was at a 25th District Christmas party.</p> <p>6 Q Who else was assigned to work for Sergeant</p> <p>7 Bennett on the third watch in Public Housing South</p> <p>8 besides you and Officer Gonzalez?</p> <p>9 A I don't remember everybody but I could</p> <p>10 list -- I can remember some names. Is that okay</p> <p>11 with you?</p> <p>12 Q Sure. Go ahead.</p> <p>13 A It was Shannon Spaulding, Franky Lane,</p> <p>14 Eddie Bryant, Beverly Cole, I believe her name</p> <p>15 was. There was another officer. I don't remember</p> <p>16 his first name. His last name was Trinidad. I</p> <p>17 don't recall his first name.</p> <p>18 Q How long were you assigned to work for</p> <p>19 Sergeant Bennett Public Housing South on the third</p> <p>20 watch?</p> <p>21 A A short time.</p> <p>22 Q Can you estimate about how long?</p> <p>23 A A couple months.</p> <p>24 Q Had you ever met Shannon Spaulding before</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 Q Do you recall the names of anyone who</p> <p>2 worked with you on that tactical team?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Who worked with you on that tactical team?</p> <p>5 A Matthew Cadman, Robert Gonzalez, James Davis,</p> <p>6 Carl Witherspoon, another officer whose his last</p> <p>7 name was Macon. I think his last name was Macon;</p> <p>8 his first name was Darren, if I remember. The</p> <p>9 sergeant's name was Henry Harris, I believe. Did</p> <p>10 I say Michael Spaargaren?</p> <p>11 Q You didn't.</p> <p>12 A Mike Spaargaren and I think Al Jones.</p> <p>13 Q Had you ever met Al Jones before you were</p> <p>14 on Sergeant Harris' tactical team?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And how did you meet Al Jones before that?</p> <p>17 A I met Al Jones while working on the</p> <p>18 vertical patrol team in uniform.</p> <p>19 Q And were you ever partners with Al Jones?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Had you ever met Michael Spaargaren before</p> <p>22 your work on Sergeant Harris' tactical team?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Where did you meet Officer Spaargaren?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 that?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Did you have an opportunity to get to know</p> <p>4 Shannon Spaulding during that time?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Did you have any opinion of her</p> <p>7 work as a police officer when she was working for</p> <p>8 Sergeant Bennett?</p> <p>9 A I had no opinion.</p> <p>10 Q What was the next assignment that you had?</p> <p>11 A My next assignment after Public Housing</p> <p>12 South?</p> <p>13 Q After Public Housing South with Sergeant</p> <p>14 Bennett on the third watch, what was your next</p> <p>15 assignment, please?</p> <p>16 A I was assigned to the tactical team in</p> <p>17 Public Housing South.</p> <p>18 Q And who was the sergeant for that team?</p> <p>19 A I can't remember his name at this time.</p> <p>20 Q It wasn't Sergeant Watts; correct?</p> <p>21 A No, it was not Sergeant Watts.</p> <p>22 Q Okay.</p> <p>23 A I'm drawing a blank right now on that --</p> <p>24 on that sergeant's name.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 A In Public Housing South while I was</p> <p>2 working on the vertical patrol team.</p> <p>3 Q Were you ever partnered with Officer</p> <p>4 Spaargaren?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Other than Officer Cadman, was there --</p> <p>7 who you had already mentioned had become a friend</p> <p>8 of yours at the academy, was there anyone else on</p> <p>9 Sergeant Harris' tactical team that you would</p> <p>10 consider a friend of yours?</p> <p>11 A I would consider Robert Gonzalez a friend</p> <p>12 of mine, and at that time I would consider -- at</p> <p>13 that time I would consider Michael Spaargaren a</p> <p>14 friend.</p> <p>15 Q Did you request to be part of the tactical</p> <p>16 team?</p> <p>17 A I was asked.</p> <p>18 Q Who asked you to be part of the tactical</p> <p>19 team?</p> <p>20 A Ernie Brown. He was the commander of</p> <p>21 Public Housing South.</p> <p>22 Q And how were your duties different when</p> <p>23 you became a member of a tactical team versus when</p> <p>24 you were on vertical patrol?</p>

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<p>29</p> <p>1 A The tactical team that I was placed on</p> <p>2 worked during the daytime hours. It was plain</p> <p>3 clothes. Those are the two main differences.</p> <p>4 Q How long did you work as a member of</p> <p>5 Sergeant Harris' tactical team?</p> <p>6 A It was a short term.</p> <p>7 Q Less than six months?</p> <p>8 A I would say somewhere around there.</p> <p>9 Q What was the next assignment that</p> <p>10 you had?</p> <p>11 A From there it was the 2nd District.</p> <p>12 Q And what was your role when you were</p> <p>13 assigned to the 2nd District?</p> <p>14 A I was on a tac team at the 2nd District.</p> <p>15 Q Who was the sergeant of that tac team?</p> <p>16 A Ronald Watts.</p> <p>17 Q So is that the Watts 264 team?</p> <p>18 A The 264 team.</p> <p>19 Q If I refer to the Watts tactical team, do</p> <p>20 you know what I mean?</p> <p>21 A That Ron Watts was the supervisor.</p> <p>22 Q Right. For what period of time were you</p> <p>23 on the Watts team?</p> <p>24 A I would say approximately, if you count</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 team, had you met Sergeant Watts before?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Did you request to move from Sergeant Harris'</p> <p>4 tactical team to starting at Watts tactical team?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Were you just told that that move was</p> <p>7 going to happen?</p> <p>8 A I believe Sergeant Harris was reassigned</p> <p>9 to a different unit, if I'm not mistaken.</p> <p>10 Q Who was on the Watts tactical team when</p> <p>11 you first joined?</p> <p>12 A It was -- well, the -- the same members</p> <p>13 that were on the Henry Harris team.</p> <p>14 Q So everyone from the Harris team came over</p> <p>15 into the Watts team?</p> <p>16 A There was --</p> <p>17 MR. STEFANICH: I'll object that you're</p> <p>18 mischaracterizing his prior testimony.</p> <p>19 You can answer, Officer Bolton.</p> <p>20 Q I may have misunderstood. Other than you,</p> <p>21 were there other people who were on the Harris</p> <p>22 team who also were reassigned to the Watts team?</p> <p>23 MR. STEFANICH: Again, I'll object it's</p> <p>24 mischaracterizing his prior testimony.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1 Public Housing South and the 2nd District team, I</p> <p>2 would say somewhere around 10 years.</p> <p>3 Q So would it have been approximately</p> <p>4 2002 to 2012?</p> <p>5 A Somewhere around there. There was a break</p> <p>6 in the supervision while at public housing.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. At some point during that 10-year</p> <p>8 period, Sergeant Watts was not the sergeant of</p> <p>9 that tactical team?</p> <p>10 A Correct.</p> <p>11 Q And who -- who took over as the sergeant</p> <p>12 then?</p> <p>13 A His name was Nate Silas.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And how long was Sergeant Silas in</p> <p>15 charge of that tactical team?</p> <p>16 A Not very long. Only a few months.</p> <p>17 Q And was that towards the beginning of the</p> <p>18 time that you were on that team?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Why was it that Sergeant Silas took over</p> <p>21 as the sergeant of that team for a short period of</p> <p>22 a few months?</p> <p>23 A I was never told.</p> <p>24 Q Before you became part of Watts tactical</p>	<p>32</p> <p>1 But you can answer, Officer Bolton.</p> <p>2 A There was no reassigned. There was no</p> <p>3 reassignment.</p> <p>4 Q So what happened -- when Sergeant Harris</p> <p>5 was reassigned, what happened to you and the other</p> <p>6 people that had been on his team?</p> <p>7 A Nothing.</p> <p>8 Q Did Watts become your sergeant?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. So Watts took over the team from</p> <p>11 Harris; is that right?</p> <p>12 A Correct.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Other than the change in who was</p> <p>14 the sergeant, were there any other changes to who</p> <p>15 was on the team?</p> <p>16 A Not at that time.</p> <p>17 Q When you were on Watts tactical team, did</p> <p>18 you have a partner?</p> <p>19 MR. STEFANICH: Objection to form. What</p> <p>20 time?</p> <p>21 Q Well, let's start when you first were part</p> <p>22 of Watts tactical team, did you have a partner?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Who was that?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 A Matthew Cadman.</p> <p>2 Q How long was Officer Cadman your partner?</p> <p>3 A I would say a few years.</p> <p>4 Q And who was your next partner after Cadman?</p> <p>5 A It was Robert Gonzalez.</p> <p>6 Q And how long was he your partner?</p> <p>7 A Up until I left the 2nd District in 2013.</p> <p>8 So several years.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And why did your partner switch</p> <p>10 from Cadman to Gonzalez?</p> <p>11 A Officer Cadman told me that he wanted to</p> <p>12 work on the third watch in Public Housing South,</p> <p>13 and I did not want to go to the third watch. So</p> <p>14 he left and went to the third watch. At the same</p> <p>15 time Michael Spaargaren took a leave of absence</p> <p>16 from the Chicago Police Department, and that's how</p> <p>17 I wound up being partners with Robert Gonzalez.</p> <p>18 Q Had Gonzalez been partners with Spaargaren</p> <p>19 previously?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q What were the other partner pairs on the</p> <p>22 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>23 A Well, the team changed at different --</p> <p>24 people would come and go. So I don't know what --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 Q Eventually, Officer Young left the Watts</p> <p>2 tactical team; right?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Why did Officer Young leave the tactical</p> <p>5 team?</p> <p>6 A He was -- he went to be assigned at the</p> <p>7 Chicago police headquarters. I think it's called</p> <p>8 the DOCK. I don't -- I don't really know what</p> <p>9 that stands for. I know that sounds pretty bad.</p> <p>10 I don't know what it stands for, but it's a</p> <p>11 position in the headquarters.</p> <p>12 Q Did you ever hear that Officer Young was</p> <p>13 dumped from the tactical team?</p> <p>14 A I don't believe he was dumped. From what --</p> <p>15 my recollection is that he went to go work at the --</p> <p>16 in the Chicago Police headquarters.</p> <p>17 Q You already mentioned that you considered</p> <p>18 Cadman a friend from the academy, and would you</p> <p>19 consider him a friend as of today?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q And why not?</p> <p>22 A I haven't spoken to Matt Cadman in years,</p> <p>23 several years.</p> <p>24 Q And why not?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 what -- I guess the team members would change, so</p> <p>2 I don't know -- do you want throughout the --</p> <p>3 throughout the time in Public Housing South, ma'am?</p> <p>4 Q Let's start from when you -- when the --</p> <p>5 when you became part of the Watts tactical team.</p> <p>6 Other than Officer Cadman, who were the other --</p> <p>7 I'm sorry -- strike that.</p> <p>8 When you first became part of the Watts</p> <p>9 tactical team, what were the partner pairs?</p> <p>10 A Sure. It was myself and Officer Cadman;</p> <p>11 it was Robert Gonzalez and Mike Spaargaren --</p> <p>12 pardon me -- it was Witherspoon and James Davis,</p> <p>13 and Darren and I can't remember the other -- the</p> <p>14 other officer, and Al Jones and I believe it was</p> <p>15 Kenny Young.</p> <p>16 Q Had you ever worked with Officer Young</p> <p>17 before you were a member of the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know why Officer Witherspoon left</p> <p>20 the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>21 A I don't know why.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know why Officer Davis left the</p> <p>23 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>24 A I don't know why.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 A I don't know.</p> <p>2 Q When was the last time that you spoke with</p> <p>3 Officer Cadman?</p> <p>4 A I have no idea. Years. Several years.</p> <p>5 Q Were you in contact with him after he went</p> <p>6 to the third watch in Public Housing South and you</p> <p>7 remained on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>8 A I saw him at work.</p> <p>9 Q And were you friendly?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Before Cadman left the Watts tactical</p> <p>12 team, did you and he spend time together outside</p> <p>13 of work?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And after Officer Cadman left the Watts</p> <p>16 tactical team, did you spend time together outside</p> <p>17 of work?</p> <p>18 A Not as often.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. So you did see him sometimes</p> <p>20 socially but not as much?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Is there a reason that your friendship</p> <p>23 with Officer Cadman ended?</p> <p>24 A I have no reason.</p>

<p>37</p> <p>1 Q Did it have anything to do with anything</p> <p>2 that happened on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q You said earlier that you considered</p> <p>5 Officer Spaargaren a friend at one point; correct?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And was there a time that you would see</p> <p>8 him outside of work?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q And when was the last time that you were</p> <p>11 in contact with Officer Spaargaren?</p> <p>12 A Again, several years ago. I can't recall.</p> <p>13 Q Were you in contact after he left the</p> <p>14 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And did you spend time together outside of</p> <p>17 work after he left the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Do you consider Officer Spaargaren a</p> <p>20 friend of yours today?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q And why not?</p> <p>23 A I don't talk to him.</p> <p>24 Q Is there any reason that you don't talk</p>	<p>39</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q And had you met John Rodriguez before you</p> <p>3 worked with him on the tactical team?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And when had you met John Rodriguez?</p> <p>6 A In the early '90s.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And what were the circumstances</p> <p>8 when you met him in the early '90s?</p> <p>9 A John Rodriguez was dating my cousin.</p> <p>10 Q And were you -- did you become friends</p> <p>11 with him at that time?</p> <p>12 A Friends, no.</p> <p>13 Q Did you see him between the time that you</p> <p>14 encountered him in the early '90s when he was</p> <p>15 dating your cousin and the two of you were on the</p> <p>16 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q How often would you see him?</p> <p>19 A He married my cousin. So probably -- often.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. You would see him at family events?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q And that would be at least a few times a</p> <p>23 year?</p> <p>24 A A few times a year.</p>
<p>38</p> <p>1 to him?</p> <p>2 A No reason.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. You told me earlier about the</p> <p>4 partner pairs on the team when you first became</p> <p>5 part of the Watts tactical team, and a number of</p> <p>6 the members of that tactical team left and other</p> <p>7 people joined; right?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Can you tell me the next set of partner</p> <p>10 pairs?</p> <p>11 A Sure. It was Jerome Summers and Calvin</p> <p>12 Ridgell, and Daryl Edwards and Kallatt Mohammed,</p> <p>13 and then there was another officer, his name was</p> <p>14 John Rodriguez. He didn't have a partner; he just</p> <p>15 came by himself.</p> <p>16 Q Had you ever met Officer Summers before he</p> <p>17 was on the Watts tactical team with you?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Had you ever met Officer Ridgell before he</p> <p>20 was on the Watts tactical team with you?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q What about Edwards?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q What about Officer Mohammed?</p>	<p>40</p> <p>1 Q Do you know why he was not assigned a</p> <p>2 partner on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>3 A I don't know why.</p> <p>4 Q Did you become friends with Officers</p> <p>5 Ridgell and Edwards?</p> <p>6 A We had a working relationship. I wouldn't</p> <p>7 call it a friendship.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Did you spend time with either</p> <p>9 one of them outside of work?</p> <p>10 A Other than a police department function, no.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. What about Officers Edwards and</p> <p>12 Mohammed? Did you become friends with either</p> <p>13 of them?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 MR. STEFANICH: I think you just asked</p> <p>16 about Edwards.</p> <p>17 MS. KLEINHAUS: I'm sorry; I meant to ask</p> <p>18 about Summers.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I knew what you meant. But</p> <p>20 no, neither one of them I would consider a</p> <p>21 friendship.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. So Summers, Ridgell, Edwards,</p> <p>23 Mohammed were friendly relationships at work; is</p> <p>24 that fair to say?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 A I would say working relationship.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And am I right that you weren't</p> <p>3 friends with any of those four individuals outside</p> <p>4 of work?</p> <p>5 A Correct.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. What's the next set of partner pairs?</p> <p>7 A In Unit 715 or the 2nd District?</p> <p>8 Q Well, during the time that Watts was your</p> <p>9 sergeant.</p> <p>10 A Okay. So after Unit 715, it was</p> <p>11 disbanded, and then we went to the 2nd District.</p> <p>12 During the -- when we first got to the 2nd District,</p> <p>13 it was myself and Robert Gonzalez; it was Alvin</p> <p>14 Jones and Kenny Young; it was Doug Nichols and</p> <p>15 Manny Leano, and Elsworth Smith and I forgot the</p> <p>16 last person's name. It's a female. I forgot</p> <p>17 her name.</p> <p>18 Q Would it be Monica Lewis?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Cynthia?</p> <p>21 A Cynthia Cornez or -- Cynthia. Cynthia</p> <p>22 Cornez, Cor-- something like that. Her name was</p> <p>23 Cynthia.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Did you become friends with Officer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 Q When was the last time that you were in</p> <p>2 contact with Officer Young?</p> <p>3 A Several years ago I saw Kenny Young at, I</p> <p>4 believe it was a Chicago Bulls game. He works</p> <p>5 part time there.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And was that just a friendly</p> <p>7 conversation?</p> <p>8 A It wasn't even a conversation. It was a</p> <p>9 hug and an introduction to my wife -- girlfriend</p> <p>10 at the time which became my wife.</p> <p>11 Q Did you become friends with Officer Nichols?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And do you consider him a friend today?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q When you were part of the Watts tactical</p> <p>16 team, did you spend time with Officer Nichols</p> <p>17 outside of work?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And what types of things would you two do</p> <p>20 together?</p> <p>21 A We played 16-inch softball together. We</p> <p>22 would go out to a local bar afterwards, out to</p> <p>23 dinner with him and his wife, that type of activity.</p> <p>24 Q When was the last time that you were in</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 Jones?</p> <p>2 A I would say that we had a working</p> <p>3 relationship.</p> <p>4 Q Did you spend any time together outside</p> <p>5 of work?</p> <p>6 A At police functions.</p> <p>7 Q Anything besides police functions?</p> <p>8 A I believe his 40th birthday party.</p> <p>9 Q When was the last time that you were in</p> <p>10 contact with Officer Jones?</p> <p>11 A It was around the time of the birth of my</p> <p>12 first child. My daughter will be 5 years old</p> <p>13 in June.</p> <p>14 Q So about five years ago?</p> <p>15 A Around there, yes.</p> <p>16 Q And what was the occasion that you were</p> <p>17 communicating with Officer Jones?</p> <p>18 A He called me and he told me that he found</p> <p>19 out that I had a child, and it was a congratulatory</p> <p>20 phone call.</p> <p>21 Q Have you ever spoken with Officer Jones</p> <p>22 about these coordinated lawsuits outside of the</p> <p>23 presence of your attorneys?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 contact with Officer Nichols?</p> <p>2 A I believe it was about two weeks ago.</p> <p>3 Q Did you speak with Officer Nichols about</p> <p>4 your deposition today?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Have you had any conversation with Officer</p> <p>7 Nichols about these lawsuits outside the presence</p> <p>8 of your attorneys?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Did you know Officer Nichols before you</p> <p>11 were on the Watts tactical team with him?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Did you become friends with Officer Leano</p> <p>14 while you were a member of the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And would the two of you spend time</p> <p>17 together outside of work?</p> <p>18 A Not frequently. Occasionally.</p> <p>19 Q And what types of things would the two of</p> <p>20 you do together outside of work?</p> <p>21 A We went to a bar, had drinks.</p> <p>22 Q And do you consider Officer Leano a friend</p> <p>23 of yours today?</p> <p>24 A I do.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 Q When was the last time that you spoke with 2 Officer Leano?</p> <p>3 A I would say somewhere around in the 4 wintertime. Somewhere around wintertime.</p> <p>5 Q Have you spoken with Officer Leano about 6 the coordinated lawsuits outside the presence of 7 your attorneys?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Have you and Officer Leano ever talked 10 about the fact that you're both on administrative 11 leave?</p> <p>12 A We never talk about it.</p> <p>13 Q Why not?</p> <p>14 A I don't think it's a pleasant thing to 15 talk about.</p> <p>16 Q And why is it unpleasant?</p> <p>17 A I just think there's other things to talk 18 about, our families and things of this nature, so 19 that's what we talk about.</p> <p>20 Q So the two of you have never commiserated 21 about being on administrative leave?</p> <p>22 A Not that I can recall.</p> <p>23 Q What about you and Officer Nichols? Have 24 the two of you ever talked about the fact that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 Q Were you told why?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q What conversation did you have with 4 Officer Mohammed that day?</p> <p>5 A I called him in the evening after I got 6 home from work and spoke with him and asked if he 7 was okay.</p> <p>8 Q And what did he say?</p> <p>9 A He said he was okay.</p> <p>10 Q Did the two of you talk about why he had 11 been stripped of his police powers?</p> <p>12 A I asked him, I go, "What did" -- I asked 13 him, "What did you do?" He then said, "I don't 14 know. They won't tell me."</p> <p>15 Q So you weren't curious about why he had 16 been stripped?</p> <p>17 A I was more -- I called to console him, to 18 make sure that he was okay, but then I asked what 19 he did.</p> <p>20 Q And did you ever find out what he did?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q And what was that?</p> <p>23 A That he -- that he was charged with theft 24 of government funds.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 you're both on administrative leave?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Do you know why Officer Nichols is on 4 administrative leave?</p> <p>5 A Because he worked on the Ron Watts 6 tactical team.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And do you know why Officer Leano 8 is on administrative leave?</p> <p>9 A Same reason.</p> <p>10 Q When was the last time that you were in 11 touch with Officer Mohammed?</p> <p>12 A It was the day that he was stripped of his 13 police powers. I don't know the date.</p> <p>14 Q Would it have been -- do you know 15 approximately when it would have been?</p> <p>16 A I don't know, ma'am.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. How did you find out that he had 18 been stripped of his police powers?</p> <p>19 A I was told.</p> <p>20 Q Who told you that?</p> <p>21 A At the time his name was Sergeant Dave 22 Keating.</p> <p>23 Q And what were you told?</p> <p>24 A That was stripped.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 Q And how did you find that out?</p> <p>2 A Well, I knew that he was arrested through 3 the -- through the media, and I believe my 4 attorneys told me -- what the charge was.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. At the time that Officer Mohammed 6 was arrested, did anyone from the Chicago Police 7 Department talk to you about his arrest or why he 8 was stripped of his police powers?</p> <p>9 A No one from the police department, no.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Did anyone from the police 11 department have any questions for you about things 12 that had happened on the Watts 264 team at the 13 time that Mohammed was arrested?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q What's the next set of partner pairs while 16 you were on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>17 A It was -- if I recall correctly, it was 18 Lamonica Lewis, and I believe she worked with 19 Kallatt. Then there was another guy that came. 20 Miguel Cabrales came to the team, and I think 21 that's -- I think that's it.</p> <p>22 Q Did you ever become friends with Officer 23 Smith?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 Q When was the last time you were in contact</p> <p>2 with Officer Smith?</p> <p>3 A I have been in the 17th District now</p> <p>4 eight years. So over eight years.</p> <p>5 Q Did you become friends with Lamonica Lewis?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q As of today, would you consider Officer</p> <p>8 Gonzalez a friend?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q And during the time that you were on the</p> <p>11 Watts tactical team, did you spend time with</p> <p>12 Officer Gonzalez outside of work?</p> <p>13 A I did.</p> <p>14 Q And what types of things would the two of</p> <p>15 you do together?</p> <p>16 A We would go to rock concerts; we'd go to</p> <p>17 bars, things like that.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And when was the last time that you</p> <p>19 were in contact with Officer Gonzalez?</p> <p>20 A Early April of this year.</p> <p>21 Q Have you spoken with Officer Gonzalez</p> <p>22 about the coordinated lawsuits outside the</p> <p>23 presence of your attorneys?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 Q When have you done that?</p> <p>2 A Throughout my career. It would be very</p> <p>3 difficult for me to give you the -- the years. It</p> <p>4 would be just easier if I just told you what I've</p> <p>5 attempted to do --</p> <p>6 Q Sure.</p> <p>7 A -- rather than give the year that I</p> <p>8 attempted to do it.</p> <p>9 Q That's fine.</p> <p>10 A Is that okay with you?</p> <p>11 Q Sure.</p> <p>12 A Sure. So I have taken -- I believe I've</p> <p>13 taken two detective exams, one sergeant exam,</p> <p>14 two K9 exams. I attempted to go to the medical</p> <p>15 integrity unit. And those would be the -- I guess</p> <p>16 the promotional things that I've attempted to do</p> <p>17 in my career.</p> <p>18 Q And were any of those during the time that</p> <p>19 you were on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>20 A The K9 exam I believe I was on the team,</p> <p>21 and I believe the -- a sergeant's test was while I</p> <p>22 was on the team, and possibly detective. I'm</p> <p>23 not sure.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And were you successful in either</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 Q Do you know whether or not Officer</p> <p>2 Gonzalez is on administrative duty?</p> <p>3 A I do.</p> <p>4 Q And have the two of you ever talked about it?</p> <p>5 A Yes, we talk about what we do at work.</p> <p>6 Q Have you ever talked about why you were on</p> <p>7 administrative duty?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q And why not?</p> <p>10 A I think we both know the reason. We both</p> <p>11 worked on the same tactical team, so I think we both</p> <p>12 know the reason why we are on administrative duty.</p> <p>13 Q What is your understanding of the reasons?</p> <p>14 When you say you were both on the same tactical team</p> <p>15 and that's the reason you're on administrative</p> <p>16 duty, tell me what you mean by that.</p> <p>17 A I mean that I was -- that I was told that</p> <p>18 I was being placed on administrative duty and</p> <p>19 taken off the street because of the exonerations</p> <p>20 that occurred and that I would be inside.</p> <p>21 Q Have you ever applied for any promotions</p> <p>22 or taken any tests for any promotions within the</p> <p>23 Chicago Police Department?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 of the detective exams?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q And what about the K9 exams?</p> <p>4 A I was -- I was never assigned to the K9 unit.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A I passed the -- I passed the test. I was</p> <p>7 not chosen.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Do you know how you did on the</p> <p>9 sergeant exam?</p> <p>10 A I don't remember. I didn't do well enough</p> <p>11 to move on to the next portion of the exam.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. And what about the medical integrity</p> <p>13 unit? Do you know how you did on that exam?</p> <p>14 A It wasn't an exam, ma'am; it was just kind</p> <p>15 of a résumé. They told me that I wasn't qualified.</p> <p>16 Q Other than those -- well, strike that,</p> <p>17 please.</p> <p>18 During the time that you were on the Watts</p> <p>19 tactical team, did you ever ask to be moved to a</p> <p>20 new assignment?</p> <p>21 A I never -- well, I attempted to go to work</p> <p>22 at O'Hare Airport.</p> <p>23 Q Okay.</p> <p>24 A The air -- whatever unit that is. I don't</p>

<p>53</p> <p>1 know the unit.</p> <p>2 Q Approximately when during your 10 years on</p> <p>3 that tactical team did you request to go to the</p> <p>4 airport unit?</p> <p>5 A I can't give you an exact date. Not early</p> <p>6 on. Probably somewhere in the middle of that</p> <p>7 tenure.</p> <p>8 Q And why were you interested in going to</p> <p>9 the airport unit?</p> <p>10 A It's close to my house, and it's quite a</p> <p>11 coveted thing to go work there.</p> <p>12 Q After your time on the Watts tactical team,</p> <p>13 what was your next assignment?</p> <p>14 A I transferred to the 17th District.</p> <p>15 MR. STEFANICH: Hey, Tess, can we take a</p> <p>16 couple-minute break?</p> <p>17 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure. If everybody can</p> <p>18 turn off your video and mute yourself, we'll come</p> <p>19 back in five minutes. Okay? I'm going to stop</p> <p>20 the recording now.</p> <p>21 (Recess taken, 11:21 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.)</p> <p>22 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>23 Q Sir, before the break I had asked you</p> <p>24 about your assignment after the Watts tactical</p>	<p>55</p> <p>1 A I was asked to go to a different tac team</p> <p>2 within the 17th District.</p> <p>3 Q And who was the sergeant for that second</p> <p>4 tac team at the 17th District?</p> <p>5 A His name was Don Daniels.</p> <p>6 Q And is that the tac team that you were on</p> <p>7 when you were asked -- made to go to administrative</p> <p>8 leave?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q When you were assigned to the Watts</p> <p>11 tactical team, where would you report to when you</p> <p>12 were at the beginning of your shift?</p> <p>13 A Well, are you talking during the 715 years</p> <p>14 or the 264 years, ma'am?</p> <p>15 Q Let's start with the 715 years, please.</p> <p>16 A Okay. The 715 years the police -- well,</p> <p>17 the station was at 38th and Cottage Grove.</p> <p>18 Q And for what period of time was it that</p> <p>19 you were reporting to the station at 38th and</p> <p>20 Cottage Grove?</p> <p>21 A From the time that I got there in the --</p> <p>22 you know, when I was in vertical patrol in uniform</p> <p>23 until the unit was disbanded.</p> <p>24 Q When was the unit disbanded?</p>
<p>54</p> <p>1 team, and you said that you were assigned to the</p> <p>2 17th District; is that right?</p> <p>3 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>4 Q And what was your assignment at the</p> <p>5 17th District?</p> <p>6 A When I originally got to the</p> <p>7 17th District, I was assigned to uniformed patrol.</p> <p>8 Within three months I was then placed on a tac team.</p> <p>9 Q And what was the time frame that you were</p> <p>10 on that tac team?</p> <p>11 A I was on that tac team from say 2013 to</p> <p>12 2016 or '17. Somewhere around there.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And who was the sergeant for that</p> <p>14 tac team?</p> <p>15 A That team had multiple sergeants. When I</p> <p>16 first got there it was -- when I first got to that</p> <p>17 tac team it was Tom Beasley. And then from Tom</p> <p>18 Beasley it became Mike Nowacki, and then from Mike</p> <p>19 Nowacki it became Bill Grassi.</p> <p>20 Q And is that the tac team that you were on</p> <p>21 when you were placed on administrative duty?</p> <p>22 A No, ma'am.</p> <p>23 Q So what was the next assignment you had</p> <p>24 after that 17th District tac team?</p>	<p>56</p> <p>1 A I think it was around '05, I think.</p> <p>2 Q And when you would report for the 264 team,</p> <p>3 where would you go to report at the beginning of</p> <p>4 your shift?</p> <p>5 A The station was at 51st and Wentworth.</p> <p>6 Q And where -- where would you go within</p> <p>7 51st and Wentworth, to a tactical room or some</p> <p>8 other part?</p> <p>9 A Yeah, the tac office is in the -- it would</p> <p>10 be the south end of the building.</p> <p>11 Q And what was -- can you describe the</p> <p>12 layout or what was inside of the tac office?</p> <p>13 A Sure. There were multiple file cabinets</p> <p>14 within the room. There was a bench along the --</p> <p>15 along the wall, and there were three rows of desks</p> <p>16 that were put together, and there were computers --</p> <p>17 the computers on those desks.</p> <p>18 Q And how many desks in each room?</p> <p>19 A I would -- I don't know the exact amount.</p> <p>20 The middle row did not have -- the middle row did</p> <p>21 not have computers, but the front -- the first row</p> <p>22 and the last row had computers. I can't tell you</p> <p>23 how many.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Would it be like about a dozen desks?</p>

<p>57</p> <p>1 Does that sound right?</p> <p>2 A I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Did Sergeant Watts have an assigned</p> <p>4 desk or an assigned area within the tac office?</p> <p>5 A Yes. There's the tac office and then</p> <p>6 there's -- there was a doorway, and then like</p> <p>7 administrative tactical personnel were in that</p> <p>8 other -- in that side kind of office that was on</p> <p>9 the -- it would be the east side of the building.</p> <p>10 Q And did Watts have an office in that area?</p> <p>11 A It wasn't -- it wasn't his office. There</p> <p>12 was a sergeant's office. It wasn't assigned to</p> <p>13 him. It was for all supervisors to use. And then</p> <p>14 there was a lieutenants' office, which that was</p> <p>15 assigned to the lieutenant. And there was -- then</p> <p>16 a common area where the -- pardon me -- the tac</p> <p>17 secretary would be at her desk.</p> <p>18 Q At the beginning of your shift when you</p> <p>19 were part of the Watts tact team, would you have</p> <p>20 any sort of roll call or meeting?</p> <p>21 A In 715 and in the 2nd District we would</p> <p>22 have roll call.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Would that be led by Sergeant Watts?</p> <p>24 A It would be led by -- well, in 715, it</p>	<p>59</p> <p>1 year there would be different events, or things</p> <p>2 would happen within the city, and they would take</p> <p>3 us out of our plain clothes, and they would put us</p> <p>4 in our uniforms. You know, certain things would</p> <p>5 happen within the city where they would need more</p> <p>6 police presence, so they would put us in our</p> <p>7 uniforms. So I wouldn't say always.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. When you were in Ida B. Wells, were</p> <p>9 you usually in plain clothes or usually in</p> <p>10 uniform?</p> <p>11 A While on the tactical team or -- different</p> <p>12 times here. So yes, while on the tactical team,</p> <p>13 plain clothes.</p> <p>14 Q And would Sergeant Watts also be in plain</p> <p>15 clothes when he was out with the tactical team?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Would Watts typically go out with the team</p> <p>18 when you-all would go out on the street or go to</p> <p>19 the housing projects?</p> <p>20 MR. STEFANICH: Objection.</p> <p>21 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, sir.</p> <p>22 A I would say it would vary. You know, it</p> <p>23 would vary.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Do you know that there were times</p>
<p>58</p> <p>1 depends. Sometimes the lieutenant would do the</p> <p>2 roll call; sometimes Ron would do the roll call.</p> <p>3 Same thing within the 2nd District; sometimes if</p> <p>4 the lieutenant was there, he would conduct the</p> <p>5 roll call, and if not, Ron or another supervisor</p> <p>6 there at the time would conduct the roll call.</p> <p>7 And there were also occasions when there was no</p> <p>8 roll call, either.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. On the occasions that there was no</p> <p>10 roll call, what would you start out your shift</p> <p>11 doing then?</p> <p>12 A Talking amongst -- are you talking about</p> <p>13 on the street or within the office?</p> <p>14 Q Well, either -- I think I'm just trying to</p> <p>15 understand a typical shift. Am I right that a</p> <p>16 typical shift would start with the roll call?</p> <p>17 A A typical shift would -- you would come in</p> <p>18 and, you know, go on the computer, check your</p> <p>19 court, shoot the breeze with other people within</p> <p>20 the office. Then a roll call would happen, and</p> <p>21 then you would go on the street.</p> <p>22 Q And were you always in plain clothes while</p> <p>23 you were part of the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>24 A I wouldn't say always. Throughout the</p>	<p>60</p> <p>1 that he went out with the team?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And would he typically join one of the</p> <p>4 other cars like make it a three-man car or go out</p> <p>5 by himself?</p> <p>6 A He would go out with other -- he would</p> <p>7 make a three-man car.</p> <p>8 Q And did he ever go out with you and your</p> <p>9 partner to make a three-man car?</p> <p>10 A Hardly ever.</p> <p>11 Q And do you know why he hardly ever went</p> <p>12 with you and your partner?</p> <p>13 A I don't know why.</p> <p>14 Q Describe what Sergeant Watts was like as a</p> <p>15 supervisor.</p> <p>16 A I would say he was fair, you know, never --</p> <p>17 just I would say fair.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Was he responsible for doing your</p> <p>19 performance reviews?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Do you recall what feedback he gave</p> <p>22 you about your performance as part of the tactical</p> <p>23 team?</p> <p>24 A I don't know. I don't recall the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">61</p> <p>1 performance review during -- during that time.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. You don't remember any performance</p> <p>3 reviews during that time?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Do you recall generally whether you thought</p> <p>6 he was pleased by your performance or satisfied</p> <p>7 with your performance or not?</p> <p>8 A I was never -- I was never told that my</p> <p>9 performance was good or bad.</p> <p>10 Q You were never told anything either way?</p> <p>11 A He -- I never was told either way.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Did you have any impression of how</p> <p>13 you were doing compared to other people on the team?</p> <p>14 A I'm sorry, something -- I missed that --</p> <p>15 what you said.</p> <p>16 Q Sure. I'll repeat it. Did you have an</p> <p>17 impression of how you were doing as compared to</p> <p>18 other members of the team?</p> <p>19 A I thought I was doing fine.</p> <p>20 Q Were there members of the team that you</p> <p>21 knew Watts was especially pleased with or were</p> <p>22 favorites of his?</p> <p>23 MR. STEFANICH: Objection to form.</p> <p>24 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, sir.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">63</p> <p>1 keeps cutting out at certain parts of the question</p> <p>2 that you're asking me.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. I will not increase my volume then.</p> <p>4 A You don't have to.</p> <p>5 Q But just let us know when it's not coming</p> <p>6 through clearly.</p> <p>7 A Right. Completely understand, ma'am. Can</p> <p>8 you ask it again?</p> <p>9 Q Did you spend time with Sergeant Watts</p> <p>10 outside of work?</p> <p>11 A No, other than a police function or, I</p> <p>12 guess a milestone event, a wedding or birthday.</p> <p>13 That was it.</p> <p>14 Q Did Sergeant Watts ever attend any wedding,</p> <p>15 or birthdays, or milestone events in your family?</p> <p>16 A He was at my stepgrandmother's funeral. I</p> <p>17 don't know if that's a pleasant event but it's an</p> <p>18 event.</p> <p>19 Q It's a milestone. Okay. Did you ever</p> <p>20 attend any weddings or other milestone events in</p> <p>21 Sergeant Watts' family?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Other than Jones and Mohammed, do you know</p> <p>24 other members of the team that Watts spent time</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">62</p> <p>1 A Favorites, yes. But as performance, I'm</p> <p>2 not sure about that. But favorites, yes.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Who did you believe were his</p> <p>4 favorites?</p> <p>5 A People that he had a -- more of a</p> <p>6 friendship relationship with.</p> <p>7 Q Who was that?</p> <p>8 A Alvin Jones, Kallatt Mohammed.</p> <p>9 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>10 A I would say that they were -- those were</p> <p>11 his friends.</p> <p>12 Q Did he spend time with Jones and Mohammed</p> <p>13 outside of work?</p> <p>14 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>15 You can answer.</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Did you ever -- sorry. I just heard --</p> <p>18 A It's like an in-and-out type of thing.</p> <p>19 Q Sure. I'll keep my voice up, and if you</p> <p>20 can't hear anything --</p> <p>21 A It's not your voice. It just keeps</p> <p>22 cutting out. The volume is fine. It's just like</p> <p>23 I'm only getting a word, and a pause, and like</p> <p>24 five other words. So I can hear your voice. It</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">64</p> <p>1 with outside of work?</p> <p>2 A I believe that he hung out with Lamonica</p> <p>3 Lewis occasionally.</p> <p>4 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>5 A I'd say possibly Elsworth Smith.</p> <p>6 Q At some point you learned that Sergeant</p> <p>7 Watts had been arrested; correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q How did you learn that?</p> <p>10 A WGN news.</p> <p>11 Q Did anyone --</p> <p>12 A Television.</p> <p>13 Q Did anyone from the Chicago Police</p> <p>14 Department ever tell you that Sergeant Watts had</p> <p>15 been arrested?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Did anyone from the Chicago Police</p> <p>18 Department ever come to you and ask you any</p> <p>19 questions about what had been happening on</p> <p>20 Sergeant Watts tactical team?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Were you surprised when you heard that</p> <p>23 Sergeant Watts had been arrested?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p>

<p>65</p> <p>1 Q When was the last time that you spoke with</p> <p>2 Ronald Watts?</p> <p>3 A The last time that I spoke with him was</p> <p>4 when he left -- he went on vacation prior to him</p> <p>5 being arrested. So somewhere around there.</p> <p>6 Q And what was that conversation about, just</p> <p>7 that he was going on vacation?</p> <p>8 A I believe I told him to have a nice trip</p> <p>9 and that was it.</p> <p>10 Q After Watts and Mohammed were arrested,</p> <p>11 did you have any conversation with any other</p> <p>12 members of the Watts tactical team about those</p> <p>13 arrests?</p> <p>14 A I can't recall any specific conversations</p> <p>15 that we had in the tac team or tac office. I</p> <p>16 remember Sergeant Keating coming in and saying how</p> <p>17 terrible it was and how they're never going to be</p> <p>18 the police again. I remember that, but as far as</p> <p>19 a one-on-one conversation amongst my teammates at</p> <p>20 that time, I don't remember a conversation.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. You don't have any recollection of</p> <p>22 any of you discussing that your supervisor had</p> <p>23 been arrested for misconduct?</p> <p>24 A I don't remember any conversation like that.</p>	<p>67</p> <p>1 Echevarria is?</p> <p>2 A I don't know who that is.</p> <p>3 Q Are you aware that Officer Spaargaren alleges</p> <p>4 that he was retaliated against for reporting</p> <p>5 misconduct by Watts?</p> <p>6 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat that again?</p> <p>7 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure. Paula, could you</p> <p>8 read it back, please?</p> <p>9 (Pending question read.)</p> <p>10 A I'm not aware of that.</p> <p>11 Q Have you ever reviewed an affidavit or</p> <p>12 sworn statement by Officer Spaargaren about</p> <p>13 misconduct by Sergeant Watts?</p> <p>14 A I don't remember seeing an affidavit.</p> <p>15 Q I'll represent to you that Officer Spaargaren</p> <p>16 has provided an affidavit in support of Shannon</p> <p>17 Spaulding's lawsuit alleging that he was</p> <p>18 retaliated against for reporting misconduct by</p> <p>19 Watts. Given that, would you have any reason to</p> <p>20 doubt the word of Officer Spaargaren about that?</p> <p>21 MR. NOLAND: Object to the form,</p> <p>22 foundation.</p> <p>23 MR. BAZAREK: I'll add further objection.</p> <p>24 I think it mischaracterize the whole of that</p>
<p>66</p> <p>1 Q Before Watts was arrested, had you ever</p> <p>2 heard any rumors or allegations of misconduct by</p> <p>3 Watts?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Are you aware of Shannon Spaulding's</p> <p>6 allegations about the Chicago Police Department</p> <p>7 related to the Watts team?</p> <p>8 A Other than what I saw on television, I</p> <p>9 don't know the exact allegation other than briefly</p> <p>10 what I saw on the news.</p> <p>11 Q What did you see briefly on the news?</p> <p>12 A That she is suing the police department,</p> <p>13 that -- that's what I know, that she was suing the</p> <p>14 police department.</p> <p>15 Q Do you know what the basis was for her</p> <p>16 lawsuit?</p> <p>17 A If I recall, I think that she went to</p> <p>18 somebody to -- she went to somebody and wasn't --</p> <p>19 and wasn't taken seriously, and they blew her off</p> <p>20 and -- and she was then reassigned, and that's --</p> <p>21 that was the basis of what I heard about her</p> <p>22 lawsuit. I don't know verbatim what the lawsuit</p> <p>23 is, but that's what I recall.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And do you know who Danny</p>	<p>68</p> <p>1 affidavit.</p> <p>2 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. Well, we're not</p> <p>3 going to do double defense of this deposition but</p> <p>4 that's duly noted.</p> <p>5 MR. BAZAREK: We're allowed to add if it's</p> <p>6 not covered by the first objection. So it's not</p> <p>7 like we're objecting left and right throughout</p> <p>8 this dep. So that's all that is.</p> <p>9 MS. KLEINHAUS: Let's handle it on the</p> <p>10 break.</p> <p>11 Go ahead, sir.</p> <p>12 A I'm unaware of any retaliatory anything by</p> <p>13 Mike Spaargaren.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Do you have any reason to doubt the</p> <p>15 credibility of Michael Spaargaren?</p> <p>16 MR. BAZAREK: Object to the form of the</p> <p>17 question, foundation, vague, ambiguous.</p> <p>18 A I have no reason to believe that Mike</p> <p>19 Spaargaren is a liar or anything like that.</p> <p>20 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. Let's go off the</p> <p>21 record for a second. We're going to stop recording.</p> <p>22 (Recess taken, 11:57 a.m. to 11:57 a.m.)</p> <p>23 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>24 Q Sir, have you been interviewed by COPA?</p>

<p>69</p> <p>1 A I have.</p> <p>2 Q How many times?</p> <p>3 A One time.</p> <p>4 Q And what was the subject matter of that</p> <p>5 interview?</p> <p>6 A The subject matter was an arrest of Ben</p> <p>7 Baker.</p> <p>8 Q I want to talk to you about the training</p> <p>9 that you received about report writing as a member</p> <p>10 of the Chicago Police Department.</p> <p>11 Am I correct that report writing was</p> <p>12 covered at the academy?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And were you given any training</p> <p>15 about who was supposed to write up the narrative</p> <p>16 of the arrest report?</p> <p>17 A I don't recall them ever saying who needs</p> <p>18 to -- needs to write the narrative of an arrest</p> <p>19 report. I don't remember that.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Were you given any training about</p> <p>21 which officers to include -- to list on an arrest</p> <p>22 report?</p> <p>23 A I -- I don't recall that.</p> <p>24 Q Are you familiar with the terms first</p>	<p>71</p> <p>1 is why it's important to write up the events soon</p> <p>2 after they happen; right?</p> <p>3 A I think it's just the way you should write</p> <p>4 what -- write on the report to recall when you go</p> <p>5 to court, things of that nature.</p> <p>6 Q When you were working as a tactical -- as</p> <p>7 a member of the Watts tactical team, you knew that</p> <p>8 you would be relying on -- and other members of</p> <p>9 your team would be relying on the police reports</p> <p>10 that you-all wrote up, right, when you would go to</p> <p>11 court and testify?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Did you ever testify in court related to</p> <p>14 an arrest that you were part of as a member of the</p> <p>15 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>16 A Go ahead. Could you resay that?</p> <p>17 Q Sure. Did you ever testify in court about</p> <p>18 an arrest you made while you were part of the</p> <p>19 Watts tactical team?</p> <p>20 A Yes. I made arrests while I was on the</p> <p>21 tactical team, so yes.</p> <p>22 Q Did you ever have to testify in court as a</p> <p>23 result of those arrests that you made as part of</p> <p>24 the Watts tactical team?</p>
<p>70</p> <p>1 arresting officer and second arresting officer?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Were you provided any training about who</p> <p>4 should be listed as the first arresting officer or</p> <p>5 the second arresting officer?</p> <p>6 A I'm sure I was.</p> <p>7 Q What is your understanding of who is</p> <p>8 supposed to be listed as the first arresting</p> <p>9 officer and the second arresting officer?</p> <p>10 A My understanding of the first arresting</p> <p>11 officer and the second arresting officer are the</p> <p>12 officers that are going to court on that subject</p> <p>13 or place that person under arrest. That's my</p> <p>14 understanding.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And you would expect the first</p> <p>16 arresting officer and second arresting officer to</p> <p>17 have some personal knowledge related to the</p> <p>18 arrest; correct?</p> <p>19 A I would say they should have -- it all</p> <p>20 depends on the length of time from when that</p> <p>21 arrest was. You know, obviously, you know,</p> <p>22 people's memories fade through time, and that's</p> <p>23 what I would say to that.</p> <p>24 Q People's memories fade through time, which</p>	<p>72</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q How many times did you testify related to</p> <p>3 an arrest you made as part of the tactical team?</p> <p>4 A I can't give a number, ma'am.</p> <p>5 Q More than a dozen times?</p> <p>6 A I'd say a lot.</p> <p>7 Q Do you remember any cases or any arrests</p> <p>8 that came out of your time on the Watts tactical</p> <p>9 team where you testified in court?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q What would you do to prepare to testify in</p> <p>12 court about an arrest you made on the tactical team?</p> <p>13 A Well, if I was in Box 1, if I was going to</p> <p>14 go court, and I was going to be the officer</p> <p>15 testifying in court, I would obviously be summoned</p> <p>16 to go to court and review the report while I was</p> <p>17 in the State's Attorney room or where the State's</p> <p>18 Attorneys go over the cases.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. So you'd prepare with the prosecutor;</p> <p>20 right?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q I think if I understood you correctly, if</p> <p>23 you were in Box 1, that typically is the officer</p> <p>24 who writes up the report; right?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">73</p> <p>1 A It could -- the officer in Box 1 or Box 2 2 are usually the typical officers that are writing 3 the reports. 4 Q And those are the officers who typically 5 go to court; right? 6 A Yes. 7 Q Were you ever provided any training on 8 testifying in court? 9 A It's been over 22 years, ma'am, so I am 10 assuming that that probably took place. I can't 11 remember. 12 Q When you would prepare to testify with the 13 prosecutor, would other police officers listed on 14 the report for the arrest also be present for that 15 prep session? 16 A Sometimes, yes. 17 Q When you were a member of the Watts 18 tactical team, how would you communicate with 19 other members of the team throughout your shift? 20 Would that be like your radio, or cell phones, or 21 some other mode of communication? 22 A Radio. 23 Q Did you all have each other's cell phone 24 numbers?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">75</p> <p>1 A No. 2 MR. STEFANICH: Just object to the term 3 "confidential informant" as vague and ambiguous. 4 Q Okay. Did you have anyone who was a 5 registered confidential informant who gave you 6 information? 7 A No. 8 Q Did you ever have citizens who wished to 9 remain anonymous who gave you information? 10 A That would happen very rarely, but, yes, 11 that would happen. But not often. 12 Q And do you recall any of the people from 13 Ida B. Wells who gave you information? 14 A No. 15 Q Do you know if other members of the team 16 received information from registered confidential 17 informants? 18 A Not that I know of. Registered -- I don't 19 know of anyone who had registered confidential 20 informants. 21 Q Okay. Do you know of anyone who received 22 information from residents at Ida B. Wells? 23 A Doug Nichols would receive information, 24 you know.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">74</p> <p>1 A Yes. 2 Q And then would you sometimes communicate 3 that way during a shift? 4 A Sometimes, yes. 5 Q Did any members of the Watts tactical team 6 smoke cigars? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Who was that? 9 A Al Jones smoked cigars; Elsworth Smith 10 smoked cigars; Lamonica smoked cigars; I believe 11 Ron smoked cigars. Those are the people that I 12 remember that smoked cigars. 13 Q Did you ever receive information from a 14 confidential informant when you were a member of 15 the Watts tactical team? 16 A I'm sure at some point, yes, ma'am. 17 Q Okay. And did you have people at 18 Ida B. Wells or who were familiar with Ida B. Wells 19 who were confidential informants for you? 20 A I didn't -- how can I put this? Not many 21 people would give me information, ma'am. It 22 rarely happened. 23 Q Okay. You didn't have any confidential 24 informants that were your confidential informants?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">76</p> <p>1 Q And how would he get that information? 2 A I'm not sure. You'd have to -- you'd have 3 to ask him. 4 Q You don't know who any of his sources of 5 information were? 6 A Not -- not offhand. You would have to ask 7 him who these people -- who they were. 8 Q When you were part of the Watts tactical 9 team, did you know anyone who worked in the 10 Chicago Housing Authority management of the public 11 housing projects? 12 A No. 13 Q Do you know if any members of the Watts 14 tactical team had relationships with the managers 15 of the housing projects? 16 A I don't know anyone that had a 17 relationship with anyone from public housing 18 management office. 19 Q I want to talk to you about some terms 20 used in some of the tactical team reports that 21 I've seen related to Ida B. Wells. 22 So can you tell me what a premise check is? 23 A A premise check is just walking into the 24 building and just checking on the building.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">77</p> <p>1 Q So it wouldn't be in response necessarily</p> <p>2 to a specific report of criminal activity?</p> <p>3 A It could be. There's no really -- a</p> <p>4 definition of it other than what I would -- what I</p> <p>5 would think of it. You know, there's no set</p> <p>6 definition.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. It's just anytime you check on a</p> <p>8 building it could be considered a premise check?</p> <p>9 A Could be considered a premise check, yes,</p> <p>10 ma'am.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. When you would arrive at a building</p> <p>12 in the Ida B. Wells, was it typical for you and</p> <p>13 your teammates to run into the building?</p> <p>14 A I wouldn't say typical.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. So sometimes you would run in, and</p> <p>16 other times you wouldn't?</p> <p>17 A Sometimes run, sometimes walk.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. What about a building walk-down?</p> <p>19 A Well, there's no set plan for that,</p> <p>20 either, ma'am. Some people would start at -- some</p> <p>21 people would take the elevator up to the top of</p> <p>22 the building and walk the building down floor by</p> <p>23 floor. Some people would start at the bottom of</p> <p>24 the building and walk the building up floor by</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">79</p> <p>1 narcotics mission?</p> <p>2 A Usually calls -- a ton of calls for that</p> <p>3 type of activity we'll develop that -- a mission</p> <p>4 to see if we could oppress that type of activity.</p> <p>5 Q And if something was a designated narcotics</p> <p>6 mission, would the team meet ahead of time to</p> <p>7 decide what you're going to do to perform the</p> <p>8 narcotics mission?</p> <p>9 A Not necessarily. It would just -- not</p> <p>10 necessarily, ma'am.</p> <p>11 Q When you would arrive at buildings in the</p> <p>12 Ida B. Wells, would you typically search the</p> <p>13 people standing in the lobby of the building?</p> <p>14 A Well, we would ask if they lived in the</p> <p>15 building, things of that nature. Some people</p> <p>16 would get searched, yes. That would happen, yes.</p> <p>17 Q Did you ever have occasions where you</p> <p>18 searched everyone in the lobby?</p> <p>19 A That would -- that would happen occasionally,</p> <p>20 yes, ma'am.</p> <p>21 Q And what would be the circumstances where</p> <p>22 you would search everyone in the lobby?</p> <p>23 MR. KOSOKO: Objection to form,</p> <p>24 foundation.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">78</p> <p>1 floor. You know, some people walk up and then</p> <p>2 walk down. So it was -- there was no set game</p> <p>3 plan for that, either. It's basically a</p> <p>4 preference of how you wanted to walk the building</p> <p>5 down, ma'am.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. What's the purpose of building</p> <p>7 walk-down?</p> <p>8 A Well, there's vacant apartments within</p> <p>9 those buildings where you'd have to go in and see</p> <p>10 if there was any type of illegal activity going on</p> <p>11 within those vacant apartments, walk the building</p> <p>12 down to see if people were selling drugs or hiding</p> <p>13 in different areas of the building, or squatting,</p> <p>14 or things of that nature.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And what about narcotics mission?</p> <p>16 Is that for situations where you get a call about</p> <p>17 drug activity, or would all of the checks at the</p> <p>18 Ida B. Wells be considered a narcotics mission?</p> <p>19 A Well, I know within the police department</p> <p>20 there's mission numbers and things of that nature.</p> <p>21 So I can't really speak about -- sometimes there's</p> <p>22 numbers associated with these missions, so that's</p> <p>23 how I understand it.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Do you know what makes something a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">80</p> <p>1 A Could you repeat that question one more</p> <p>2 time, ma'am?</p> <p>3 Q Sure. What were the circumstances when</p> <p>4 you would search everyone in the lobby?</p> <p>5 A People would gamble in the lobby area.</p> <p>6 There would be a large group of people gambling,</p> <p>7 something like that. That would be an occasion.</p> <p>8 Q When you would make arrests at Ida B. Wells</p> <p>9 buildings, would you transport people to the</p> <p>10 police station yourself, or would you usually call</p> <p>11 for a wagon?</p> <p>12 A That would vary. Sometimes the -- you</p> <p>13 know, the wagon would take people, and then if the</p> <p>14 wagon wasn't available, we would have to take</p> <p>15 people ourselves.</p> <p>16 Q Do you know what a reverse sting is?</p> <p>17 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>18 Q And what's a reverse sting?</p> <p>19 A A reverse sting is where -- in the context</p> <p>20 of that would be where officers would pose as</p> <p>21 narcotics dealers and arrest people for attempt</p> <p>22 possession of narcotics.</p> <p>23 Q So the officers would pose as drug dealers</p> <p>24 and arrest people who tried to buy drugs from them?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">81</p> <p>1 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>2 Q And did you -- were you part of reverse</p> <p>3 stings and Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>4 A I was.</p> <p>5 Q And about how often would your team do a</p> <p>6 reverse sting at Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>7 A Quite often.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. And was that fairly effective for</p> <p>9 the team? Were you able to make arrests that way?</p> <p>10 A We made arrests that way.</p> <p>11 Q What role did you play in the reverse</p> <p>12 stings?</p> <p>13 A I would describe it as more of a support</p> <p>14 role.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. What did that consist of?</p> <p>16 A Making sure that the individuals that were</p> <p>17 attempting to purchase the narcotics were</p> <p>18 detained, that they didn't try to run out of the</p> <p>19 building.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Where would the reverse -- or</p> <p>21 strike that, please.</p> <p>22 Where would the officers pretending to be</p> <p>23 drug dealers go in the building?</p> <p>24 MR. STEFANICH: Object to form, foundation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">83</p> <p>1 of the building.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. So you knew because you were white</p> <p>3 that you weren't going to pose as a drug dealer</p> <p>4 you said; correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes, ma'am. Yes. There were -- yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And would you agree with me that</p> <p>7 residents of Ida B. Wells would be able to</p> <p>8 recognize you as a police officer?</p> <p>9 A Yeah.</p> <p>10 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>11 You can answer.</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And did some of them know you by name?</p> <p>14 A I assume so.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And when you say you would be</p> <p>16 assigned to the back lobby area during reverse</p> <p>17 stings, that would be at the back of the first</p> <p>18 floor; right?</p> <p>19 A Yeah. On the first floor towards the back</p> <p>20 out of the way.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Can you describe what's in the back</p> <p>22 lobby area where you would be?</p> <p>23 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; form.</p> <p>24 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, please.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">82</p> <p>1 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, please.</p> <p>2 A Sure. The officers that were posing as</p> <p>3 the drug dealers would either be in the back or</p> <p>4 the front of the building.</p> <p>5 Q So outside the building or inside the</p> <p>6 building?</p> <p>7 A Well, ma'am, I -- I was in the back lobby</p> <p>8 area, so I don't know their movement within that,</p> <p>9 but I know that they were in the back and/or front</p> <p>10 of the building. I don't know if they were to</p> <p>11 venture -- how far they would venture out.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. So before you would do a reverse</p> <p>13 sting, your team would talk about what you were</p> <p>14 going to do and who would play which role; right?</p> <p>15 A Well, I think it was -- we didn't talk</p> <p>16 about who would play any role. We didn't do</p> <p>17 that, no.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. How did you know what you were</p> <p>19 supposed to do?</p> <p>20 A Well, the, I guess race demographic of</p> <p>21 Ida B. Wells is of people that don't look like me,</p> <p>22 so my role in that would not be of a -- posing as</p> <p>23 a narcotics dealer. So my role was to make sure</p> <p>24 that people were safe, secure, and not running out</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">84</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Should I answer, Brian?</p> <p>2 MR. STEFANICH: Yeah, you can answer.</p> <p>3 A So there was no -- once again, there was</p> <p>4 no set play of once these people came in and they</p> <p>5 were detained and they were going to be arrested,</p> <p>6 we would -- the lobby went left and/or right, so</p> <p>7 wherever we had the room to put people out of the</p> <p>8 way, out of sight, that's where we -- where we put</p> <p>9 people.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. So you -- am I correct you would be</p> <p>11 in the back lobby area while another member of</p> <p>12 your team was posing as a drug dealer doing a fake</p> <p>13 drug sale in another area; correct?</p> <p>14 A Yeah, I would be out of the area. I</p> <p>15 would --</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A -- be somewhere else.</p> <p>18 Q Were you hidden behind something or just</p> <p>19 standing around in the back lobby area?</p> <p>20 A My -- I would just be standing in the back</p> <p>21 lobby area by the offenders.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. But before any arrests had taken</p> <p>23 place, would you just be standing back there</p> <p>24 waiting for something to happen?</p>

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<p>85</p> <p>1 A Just be -- before any arrests would take 2 place, I'd just be standing out of the way. 3 Q Okay. In the back lobby area? 4 A Back lobby area, yes. 5 Q Okay. And would other officers from the 6 team be there with you? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. And am I correct that other white 9 officers would be assigned to that same role that 10 you had? 11 A Well, Robert Gonzalez isn't white and 12 Manny Leano wasn't white. So officers that did 13 not look like the people of Ida B. Wells would be 14 in that area. 15 Q Okay. So were there black officers on the 16 team who would pose as drug dealers? 17 A That's correct. 18 Q Who were those officers? 19 A Alvin Jones, Kallatt Mohammed, Ron Watts, 20 Elsworth Smith. Those are the officers that I 21 remember. 22 Q Are you familiar with the term reverse 23 sting kit? 24 A Kit?</p>	<p>87</p> <p>1 left-hand corner, and the you can unmute when you 2 come back. Or you can skip that. 3 THE WITNESS: I'm not really technically 4 savvy. Is it the mute microphone button; is that 5 what I'm trying to do here? 6 MS. KLEINHAUS: Yes. 7 (Recess taken, 12:26 p.m. to 12:33 p.m.) 8 MS. KLEINHAUS: Back on the record and 9 we're recording. 10 BY MS. KLEINHAUS: 11 Q Sir, before the break we were talking 12 about reverse stings. Do you recall that? 13 A Yes, ma'am. 14 Q How would you document what occurred 15 during a reverse sting? 16 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; form, foundation. 17 You can answer, Brian. 18 A I believe it was an arrest report, a 19 complaint, and a case report, if I'm not mistaken. 20 Q Okay. And do you know what reports or 21 other documents you would bring with you for the 22 reverse stings? 23 A I don't recall bringing any documents to 24 the reverse sting. I don't recall bringing</p>
<p>86</p> <p>1 Q Yes, sir. 2 A No, I don't know what a reverse sting kit is. 3 Q Who would decide that the team should do a 4 reverse sting? 5 A I don't know. I don't know if it was -- I 6 don't know if it was a sergeant or above. 7 Q After an arrest at Ida B. Wells, whether 8 it was the result of a reverse sting, or a 9 narcotics mission, or anything else, any type of 10 arrest, how would you decide who would write up 11 the report? 12 A Usually, the officer that is apprehending 13 that person for whatever -- whatever charge that 14 is would be writing the report. 15 Q And for -- 16 A The arrest report and a case report that is. 17 Q Okay. 18 A There's multiple reports that go into an 19 arrest. 20 MR. STEFANICH: Hey, Tess, can we take a 21 couple-minute break? 22 MS. KLEINHAUS: Let's take a five-minute 23 break. Officer Bolton, if you could mute yourself. 24 You should be able to see it in the bottom</p>	<p>88</p> <p>1 documents with us. 2 Q Okay. And how is it that you would know 3 the times the different events happened in the 4 course of a reverse sting when you would later go 5 write up your reports? 6 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; form. 7 You can answer. 8 A They would be estimated time. 9 Q And would you write the reports on-site at 10 Ida B. Wells, or back at the station, or at some 11 other point? 12 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; form. 13 You can answer. 14 A The reports were not -- not done on-site. 15 We didn't have the ability to write a report 16 within a building. 17 Q And during the time that you were part of 18 the Watts tactical team, did you typically type up 19 the reports that you would generate from a 20 narcotics arrest? 21 A I don't mean to be rude, ma'am, but you 22 were cutting in and out when you were asking the 23 question, and I don't -- I only got basically the 24 back end of your question. I apologize.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">89</p> <p>1 Q I'll repeat it.</p> <p>2 A Sure.</p> <p>3 Q So when you were a member of the Watts</p> <p>4 tactical team, would you typically type up your</p> <p>5 arrest reports and case reports?</p> <p>6 A Typically, yes.</p> <p>7 Q And would you usually do that in the</p> <p>8 tactical team office back at the station?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Did you sometimes write up report</p> <p>11 narratives before you would go out to conduct a</p> <p>12 reverse sting?</p> <p>13 A I would not do that, no.</p> <p>14 Q Are you aware of officers doing that?</p> <p>15 A Preprinting complaints and things of that</p> <p>16 nature?</p> <p>17 Q Or narratives of reports.</p> <p>18 A Yes, narratives of reports were sometimes</p> <p>19 preprinted.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And what would you preprint in the</p> <p>21 narrative of the report?</p> <p>22 A Like the address of where we were, things</p> <p>23 of that -- things of that nature.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And is that something that was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">91</p> <p>1 Bennett or Shock?</p> <p>2 A You broke up again. I apologize, but I</p> <p>3 didn't get the question.</p> <p>4 Q No problem. What do you know about</p> <p>5 Roy Bennett or Shock?</p> <p>6 A I know that Roy Bennett was a drug dealer</p> <p>7 from Ida B. Wells, and if I recall, I believe he</p> <p>8 is deceased.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know whether or not you ever</p> <p>10 arrested Roy Bennett?</p> <p>11 A I don't know.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know what drug line he sold?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall.</p> <p>14 Q What drug lines were sold at the Ida B. Wells</p> <p>15 while you were part of the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>16 A There were -- basically, heroin, and crack</p> <p>17 cocaine, and marijuana were sold within Ida B. Wells.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Were you aware of any specific</p> <p>19 lines or brands, for lack of a better word, of</p> <p>20 those drugs that were sold there?</p> <p>21 A I don't recall the -- what they called it.</p> <p>22 I just know that they had sold heroin, they sold</p> <p>23 crack cocaine, and they sold marijuana.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Do you know who Roy Bennett sold</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">90</p> <p>1 specific to reverse stings, or would you sometimes</p> <p>2 preprint the narrative portion of the report for</p> <p>3 other -- other types of missions or arrests?</p> <p>4 A No, usually just when there was going to</p> <p>5 be like, I guess you'd say a mass arrest situation.</p> <p>6 Q And at times would your narratives in the</p> <p>7 preprinted narratives include arrestee names?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Other than addresses, what would</p> <p>10 the preprinted narratives include?</p> <p>11 A From what I remember, it would give the</p> <p>12 sup portion of the case report, the UCR code, the</p> <p>13 address, things of that nature. Obviously, if</p> <p>14 someone had a vehicle, you'd have to print --</p> <p>15 you'd have to type that in, things like that. But</p> <p>16 certain areas of the report that were not going to</p> <p>17 change, you know, you would -- you could -- you</p> <p>18 could work on that.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know who Roy Bennett is?</p> <p>20 A I do.</p> <p>21 Q Who is Roy Bennett?</p> <p>22 A His name -- his nickname, I believe is</p> <p>23 Shock.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And what do you know about Roy</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">92</p> <p>1 drugs with?</p> <p>2 A Sold drugs with?</p> <p>3 Q Yeah.</p> <p>4 A I don't know.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Do you know any other -- I'm sorry;</p> <p>6 I'll start fresh.</p> <p>7 A No, it was fine. Just the Wi-Fi is</p> <p>8 cutting in and out in the middle of your question.</p> <p>9 So -- and plus, I'm hearing these verbals. That's</p> <p>10 why I keep turning my head to figure out what</p> <p>11 you're asking. It just keeps cutting in and out.</p> <p>12 That's all.</p> <p>13 MR. STEFANICH: Tess, do you want to break</p> <p>14 for lunch now? Maybe we can set him up on the</p> <p>15 other side of our room where like the router is.</p> <p>16 Maybe he'll have better luck with the connection</p> <p>17 there.</p> <p>18 MS. KLEINHAUS: Try making that change at</p> <p>19 lunch -- if you don't mind, I'd like to get a</p> <p>20 little bit further now -- if it doesn't work.</p> <p>21 MR. STEFANICH: Okay. We can do that.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Can you ask your question</p> <p>23 again, ma'am? I apologize.</p> <p>24 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">93</p> <p>1 Q Do you know who Arthur Kirksey is?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Do you know who Wilbert Moore is?</p> <p>4 A Wilbert Moore was a drug dealer from</p> <p>5 Ida B. Wells.</p> <p>6 Q And do you know who he sold drugs for</p> <p>7 or with?</p> <p>8 A I don't know that. I know he's deceased.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know who killed him?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Did you ever hear rumors that Sergeant</p> <p>12 Watts was involved in his death?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Do you know who Willie Gatty is?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Do you know who Stacy Graham?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Other than Roy Bennett, do you know of</p> <p>19 anyone else that sold drugs at Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>20 MR. STEFANICH: Objection; misstates his</p> <p>21 prior testimony.</p> <p>22 You can answer, Brian.</p> <p>23 A Not off my -- offhand, no, by personal</p> <p>24 name or anything like that, not that I know of.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">95</p> <p>1 name. I remember him. He was pretty flamboyant.</p> <p>2 That's -- I remember him. But there are other --</p> <p>3 that's what I remember. I remember that person.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. We're going to talk later today</p> <p>5 about specific arrests of some of my clients, but</p> <p>6 do you remember any arrests that you made at</p> <p>7 Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>8 A Yeah, I can't really recall any specific</p> <p>9 arrest. I remember -- like I said prior, I</p> <p>10 remember -- I'm pretty sure that I arrested a</p> <p>11 person named Smoke, you know, but -- he sticks out</p> <p>12 but I don't recall many of the others.</p> <p>13 Q And what did Smoke look like?</p> <p>14 A He was very short. He was a male black.</p> <p>15 Super short, that's how I remember him.</p> <p>16 Q When you were part of the Watts tactical</p> <p>17 team, did you ever hear complaints from people at</p> <p>18 Ida B. Wells about how police officers were</p> <p>19 treating them?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Did anyone ever tell you that they had</p> <p>22 been -- they were framed for a narcotics crime?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Did anyone ever tell you that drugs had</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">94</p> <p>1 Q Do you know anyone who sold there who you</p> <p>2 know by nickname?</p> <p>3 A I remember a guy named Smoke. I don't</p> <p>4 know his real name.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know whether or not you arrested</p> <p>6 someone whose nickname was Smoke?</p> <p>7 A I believe I did.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know of anyone --</p> <p>9 A But I would have to double-check his</p> <p>10 arrest records to see if I actually did that, but</p> <p>11 I'm pretty sure I did arrest him one time.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Do you remember anyone else by name</p> <p>13 or nickname who sold drugs at Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>14 A No one offhand that I can recall.</p> <p>15 Q Do you -- putting aside just drug dealers,</p> <p>16 do you remember anyone who lived at Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>17 A I remember people but I don't know their</p> <p>18 exact name or anything like that, no.</p> <p>19 Q Do you remember anyone by nickname?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Tell me who you recall from</p> <p>22 Ida B. Wells that you know by nickname.</p> <p>23 A There was a guy -- there was a guy, his</p> <p>24 name was Fantasia. I don't remember his actual</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">96</p> <p>1 been planted on them?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Did anyone ever tell you that the police</p> <p>4 claimed to have found drugs on them but they didn't?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Did you ever see Watts pull drugs out of a</p> <p>7 desk in the tactical room?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Did you ever see Sergeant Watts pull drugs</p> <p>10 out of his pocket?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Did you ever see Sergeant Watts pull drugs</p> <p>13 out of his shirt sleeve?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Did you ever see Watts or any member of</p> <p>16 the Watts tactical team demand information from</p> <p>17 someone in exchange for not being arrested?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Did you ever see Sergeant Watts or any</p> <p>20 member of the Watts tactical team demand that</p> <p>21 someone provide drugs in exchange for not being</p> <p>22 arrested?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Did you ever observe Sergeant Watts or any</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">97</p> <p>1 member of the tactical team ask someone to provide 2 guns in exchange for not being arrested? 3 A No. 4 Q Did you ever see Sergeant Watts or other 5 members of the Watts tactical team store drugs 6 anywhere in the Ida B. Wells? 7 A No. 8 Q Did you ever see Sergeant Watts or any 9 member of the tactical team use force on someone 10 at Ida B. Wells? 11 A "Use force," could you explain that? 12 Q Well, some examples would be slapping, 13 kicking, punching, throwing someone to the ground, 14 throwing someone into a wall. Did you ever see 15 anything like that? 16 A No. 17 Q Never? 18 A No. 19 Q Did you ever see Watts offer residents of 20 Ida B. Wells a garbage can or other container and 21 tell them to put their drugs or guns in it? 22 A No. 23 Q Have you ever been disciplined by the 24 Chicago Police Department?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">99</p> <p>1 Gonzalez and I were sued for -- someone sued us 2 from prison, said that we planted a beer on him 3 and that we arrested him for -- like false arrest. 4 That case was dropped, also. 5 Q Okay. For the one that was from about 6 20 years ago, do you know what the allegations 7 were, what you allegedly did? 8 A I don't remember the allegation. 9 Q Okay. And the first one with Gonzalez, 10 not the planting a beer one, but the other one, do 11 you know what the allegation was in that? 12 A I think it was excessive force or 13 something like that. 14 Q Do you know what happened to that lawsuit, 15 what the resolution was? 16 A I think it was settled. I'm not too sure. 17 I don't know the proper term. Settled, I guess 18 you'd say. 19 Q You didn't go to trial on any of those 20 three cases you just talked about? 21 A No. 22 Q Okay. 23 A No, ma'am. 24 Q Were you ever disciplined by the Chicago</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">98</p> <p>1 A Do you mean suspended or what does that 2 mean, "disciplined"? 3 Q Any form of discipline, including a written 4 reprimand up through suspension or -- 5 A I've never been suspended by the police 6 department. I can't recall if there's any other 7 time in my career that I was written up or 8 anything like that, but I've never been suspended. 9 Q Before these coordinated proceedings, 10 these coordinated lawsuits, had you been sued 11 before in your capacity as a police officer? 12 A Yes. 13 Q How many times? 14 A I believe two or three times. 15 Q Okay. Tell me about the first one that 16 you recall. 17 A The first one I recall I was -- what I 18 remember, I was dropped from the lawsuit. It was 19 back probably close to 20-something -- 20 years 20 ago or so. 21 And then another one that I recall is 22 myself and Robert Gonzalez were sued. That's 23 probably several years ago, also. 24 And then I believe the final one, Robert</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">100</p> <p>1 Police Department in connection with any of those 2 lawsuits? 3 A No, ma'am. 4 Q Do you know whether any members of the 5 Watts tactical team had grown up in or around 6 Ida B. Wells? 7 A Could you repeat it? I'm sorry. I missed 8 the first portion of your question. 9 Q Sure. Do you know whether Sergeant Watts 10 or any member of the Watts tactical team grew up 11 in or around Ida B. Wells? 12 A Yes, I do. 13 Q And who was that? 14 A I believe Kenny Young grew up in Stateway 15 Gardens, and I believe that Ron Watts grew up in 16 and/or around Ida B. Wells. 17 Q Did Watts ever talk to you or talk to the 18 team about having grown up in Ida B. Wells? 19 A I don't think it was Ida B. Wells. I 20 think he called it like Darrell Homes, Darrell. 21 They weren't around when I was working down there, 22 so I may be mispronouncing that, but I think that 23 he called it the Darrell Homes, and I think they 24 were near Ida B. Wells.</p>

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<p>101</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And did he tell you anything about</p> <p>2 his experience growing up in that area?</p> <p>3 A Not really. He just said he grew up in</p> <p>4 that area. He didn't really describe any</p> <p>5 particular things.</p> <p>6 Q Did it seem to you that Sergeant Watts</p> <p>7 knew a lot of the residents of Ida B. Wells?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q And did you have a sense of how he had</p> <p>10 formed those relationships?</p> <p>11 A I never asked how he formed those</p> <p>12 relationships.</p> <p>13 Q Could you tell how he knew so many people</p> <p>14 there?</p> <p>15 A I just thought it was because he grew up</p> <p>16 near and around there, that's why he knew a lot of</p> <p>17 the people that lived there.</p> <p>18 Q I'm going to ask you about reports. If</p> <p>19 one is listed as the attesting officer on a report,</p> <p>20 can you tell me what that means?</p> <p>21 A The -- the attesting officer is the</p> <p>22 officer -- I believe is the one writing the report</p> <p>23 or having the -- yeah, writing the report.</p> <p>24 Q And that's the person swearing to the</p>	<p>103</p> <p>1 THE COURT REPORTER: At what time?</p> <p>2 MS. KLEINHAUS: At 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>3 MR. STEFANICH: 2:00 p.m. -- sorry.</p> <p>4 (Recess taken, 12:59 p.m. to 2:01 p.m.)</p> <p>5 MS. KLEINHAUS: Can you hear me okay?</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Your picture is frozen right</p> <p>7 now, but I can hear you somewhat.</p> <p>8 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. It's up to you.</p> <p>9 Would you like to move to a different spot, or do</p> <p>10 you want to keep going?</p> <p>11 MR. BAZAREK: Brian, if it's noticeably</p> <p>12 worse, then maybe we should go back to --</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: It's worse here than it was</p> <p>14 in the other room, Bill.</p> <p>15 MR. BAZAREK: Let's go to the other</p> <p>16 room here.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I apologize but it's</p> <p>18 worse here.</p> <p>19 MS. KLEINHAUS: I'm going to stop the</p> <p>20 recording. Let's go off the record.</p> <p>21 MR. BAZAREK: Okay.</p> <p>22 (Recess taken, 2:02 p.m. to 2:06 p.m.)</p> <p>23 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Sir, are you able to see me and</p>
<p>102</p> <p>1 truth of the contents of the report?</p> <p>2 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>3 Q Did you ever sign anyone else's name on a</p> <p>4 report?</p> <p>5 A I have with their permission.</p> <p>6 Q And have you given anyone else permission</p> <p>7 to sign your name to a report?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Was it your practice when you would sign</p> <p>10 someone else's name with their permission to put</p> <p>11 anybody else or other symbols to show that you</p> <p>12 were signing for someone else?</p> <p>13 A I believe in -- I don't know if I've ever</p> <p>14 done that or not done that, you know, if someone --</p> <p>15 if Robert Gonzalez told me to sign his name, I</p> <p>16 took that as a -- as permission to do that.</p> <p>17 Q Did you ever sign anyone else's name to a</p> <p>18 Chicago police report without their permission?</p> <p>19 A Not without their permission, no, ma'am.</p> <p>20 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. I think that's a</p> <p>21 good stopping spot for our lunch break. If you</p> <p>22 all want to change position relative to the router</p> <p>23 in the deponent's room, maybe you'll have time to</p> <p>24 do that, and we'll reconvene at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>104</p> <p>1 hear me okay?</p> <p>2 A Yeah. It's a lot better. Thank you.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Before our lunch break I asked you</p> <p>4 some questions about officers on the Watts tactical</p> <p>5 team who smoked cigars. Do you recall that?</p> <p>6 A I do.</p> <p>7 Q Did you ever observe any members of the</p> <p>8 team smoke cigars while they were on duty?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And did you ever observe any of</p> <p>11 them smoke cigars while at a crime scene?</p> <p>12 A I don't recall that.</p> <p>13 Q Earlier in this deposition you testified</p> <p>14 that prior to Sergeant Watts being arrested you</p> <p>15 had never heard any rumors of any misconduct on</p> <p>16 his part; correct?</p> <p>17 A That's correct.</p> <p>18 Q Did you ever hear any rumors or allegations</p> <p>19 of misconduct about any other members of the Watts</p> <p>20 tactical team?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Did you ever demand that money be paid to</p> <p>23 you by a civilian so that person would not be</p> <p>24 arrested?</p>

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<p>105</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Did you ever lie under oath during a</p> <p>3 criminal proceeding?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Did you ever plant drugs on someone?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Did you ever claim to have found drugs on</p> <p>8 someone that you did not actually find?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Did you ever deliberately fail to inventory</p> <p>11 drugs that you found?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know who Derrick Lewis is?</p> <p>14 A Derrick Lewis? I don't know that person.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. I want to talk to you about an</p> <p>16 arrest of Derrick Lewis on July 3rd of 2004. Do</p> <p>17 you recall the July 3rd, 2004, arrest of Mr. Lewis?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Do you have there with you what's been</p> <p>20 marked as Exhibit 1?</p> <p>21 A PLEX1, yes.</p> <p>22 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 1 marked for</p> <p>23 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>24 Q And have you previously reviewed the</p>	<p>107</p> <p>1 it's about three pages into that exhibit.</p> <p>2 A Okay. Can I have minute to read it?</p> <p>3 Q Sure. Absolutely.</p> <p>4 A Thank you. Okay. I've read it.</p> <p>5 Q That affidavit refers to a Sierra Clark.</p> <p>6 Do you know who that is?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q It also refers to Kianna Mabel. Do you</p> <p>9 know who that is?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q What about Sandra Clark? Do you know who</p> <p>12 that is?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Do you know Winnie Lewis?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q How about Amanda Parker?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Do you have any basis on which to dispute</p> <p>19 what's contained in Mr. Lewis' affidavit?</p> <p>20 A I believe that this is -- this affidavit is</p> <p>21 completely false and that they're lying.</p> <p>22 Q What's the basis of that belief?</p> <p>23 A That these events didn't take place. I</p> <p>24 never observed any of my teammates do any of these</p>
<p>106</p> <p>1 contents of Exhibit 1?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And did the contents of Exhibit 1</p> <p>4 refresh your recollection at all as to the July 3rd,</p> <p>5 2004, arrest of Derrick Lewis?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Did you look at the photo that's</p> <p>8 included in Exhibit 1?</p> <p>9 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>10 Q Do you recognize the person depicted in</p> <p>11 the photos?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know what your role or your</p> <p>14 involvement was in Mr. Lewis' arrest?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Having reviewed the documents</p> <p>17 contained in Exhibit 1 which did not refresh your</p> <p>18 recollection about the arrest, can you think of</p> <p>19 anything that would refresh your recollection?</p> <p>20 A Not at this time.</p> <p>21 Q Did you have an opportunity to review the</p> <p>22 affidavit of Mr. Lewis that's contained in Exhibit 1?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. If you can review that affidavit,</p>	<p>108</p> <p>1 things that -- that are in this affidavit.</p> <p>2 Q And so is it your testimony that you don't</p> <p>3 recall this particular arrest, but you don't</p> <p>4 believe Mr. Lewis' account because you don't think</p> <p>5 your teammates would do the things described in</p> <p>6 his affidavit?</p> <p>7 A I don't remember this arrest, ma'am, like</p> <p>8 you said, and I believe that these statements in</p> <p>9 this affidavit are false because I've never seen</p> <p>10 any of my teammates do these things.</p> <p>11 Q Other than not having seen your teammates</p> <p>12 do those things, is there any other reason that</p> <p>13 you believe the affidavit is false?</p> <p>14 A I just -- I just believe it's false.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Looking further in that exhibit</p> <p>16 there's an arrest report and a vice case report</p> <p>17 for this arrest.</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 Q Have you reviewed those reports in advance</p> <p>20 of this deposition?</p> <p>21 A I did.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And did either of those reports</p> <p>23 refresh your recollection as to what your role was</p> <p>24 in this arrest?</p>

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<p>109</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. You can put Exhibit 1 to the side.</p> <p>3 Do you know who a Zarice Johnson is?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know someone by the name of Zarice</p> <p>6 Johnson?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Do you have any recollection of arresting</p> <p>9 someone named Zarice Johnson?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Do you have there with you something</p> <p>12 that's been marked as Exhibit 2?</p> <p>13 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And have you had a chance to review</p> <p>15 Exhibit 2?</p> <p>16 A I didn't -- I didn't review it, ma'am.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Go ahead and do that now. Take a</p> <p>18 moment to review Exhibit 2, please.</p> <p>19 A Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>20 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 2 marked for</p> <p>21 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Okay. I apologize but I</p> <p>23 read slow. Sorry.</p> <p>24 MS. KLEINHAUS: No problem.</p>	<p>111</p> <p>1 were obviously a part of the arrest on scene or</p> <p>2 observed criminal activity; right?</p> <p>3 A That could also be possible.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And if you had been needed to testify</p> <p>5 in the criminal matter against Mr. Johnson, would</p> <p>6 you then have just been relying on your memory of</p> <p>7 what you did to assist with the arrest?</p> <p>8 MR. BAZAREK: Object to the form of the</p> <p>9 question.</p> <p>10 You can answer, Brian, if you understand it.</p> <p>11 A If I -- could you ask the question one more</p> <p>12 time so that way I understand it?</p> <p>13 Q Sure. Let me ask it a different way.</p> <p>14 These reports that you've just reviewed as part of</p> <p>15 Exhibit 2 don't tell you what you did during these</p> <p>16 arrests; right?</p> <p>17 A Correct.</p> <p>18 Q And if you were called to testify in these</p> <p>19 cases in the criminal matters, you just would have</p> <p>20 been relying on your memory at that point; right?</p> <p>21 A I would have to tell the -- during that</p> <p>22 process that I don't remember what I did during</p> <p>23 this event.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And did you ever have occasions</p>
<p>110</p> <p>1 Q Having reviewed Exhibit 2, did it refresh</p> <p>2 your recollection about the July 2006 and February</p> <p>3 2008 arrests of Mr. Johnson?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q You were listed as an assisting officer.</p> <p>6 Do you know what your role was in those arrests as</p> <p>7 an assisting officer?</p> <p>8 A I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. What are some of the things -- some</p> <p>10 of the roles that would be encompassed if you're --</p> <p>11 that you could have performed if you were an</p> <p>12 assisting officer?</p> <p>13 A Well, an assisting officer is a -- is a</p> <p>14 broad thing. You could -- I could have done a</p> <p>15 complaint; I could have sat with this person to</p> <p>16 make sure that he didn't harm himself; I could</p> <p>17 have taken this person to the bathroom; I could</p> <p>18 have transported him to the station.</p> <p>19 So assisting officer is a -- is a broad</p> <p>20 spectrum, I guess you'd say. So I don't know.</p> <p>21 Those are things that an assisting officer could</p> <p>22 do. Could have gotten him a bottle of water,</p> <p>23 things like that.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And it could have been that you</p>	<p>112</p> <p>1 where you were listed as an assisting arresting</p> <p>2 officer, and when you were asked to testify you</p> <p>3 explained to the prosecutor that you didn't recall</p> <p>4 what you did during that arrest?</p> <p>5 A I don't know if that's ever happened.</p> <p>6 Q You reviewed the affidavit of Mr. Johnson</p> <p>7 that's included in Exhibit 2; correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q That affidavit mentions Maurice Harris.</p> <p>10 Do you know who that is?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Also mentions Willie Johnson. Do you know</p> <p>13 who that is?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Do you know Gwendolyn Johnson?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know --</p> <p>18 A I couldn't hear that. I'm sorry, ma'am, I</p> <p>19 didn't hear that.</p> <p>20 Q I'll try it again.</p> <p>21 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know Gwendolyn Johnson?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Do you know Dolores Allen?</p>

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<p>113</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Having reviewed Mr. Johnson's</p> <p>3 affidavit, do you have any basis on which to</p> <p>4 dispute it?</p> <p>5 A Once again, I think this affidavit is</p> <p>6 false. I've never known any of my teammates to</p> <p>7 act in this manner, so I believe that this is false.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. And when you say any of your</p> <p>9 teammates, you include Sergeant Watts in that;</p> <p>10 correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And you don't believe what's alleged here</p> <p>13 about Sergeant Watts' conduct; is that right?</p> <p>14 A In this affidavit I don't believe that</p> <p>15 this event took place. I never saw any -- anything</p> <p>16 like any of these events take place or anything</p> <p>17 like these events.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And that's because of your faith in</p> <p>19 Sergeant Watts; right?</p> <p>20 MR. BAZAREK: Object to the form of the</p> <p>21 question. It's also argumentative.</p> <p>22 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead.</p> <p>23 A Like I said, I never observed any of this</p> <p>24 type of behavior take place while I was working on</p>	<p>115</p> <p>1 Q Would it change your opinion at all if</p> <p>2 they used their position as police officers to</p> <p>3 obtain drugs or money from someone?</p> <p>4 MR. BAZAREK: Object to the form of the</p> <p>5 question; foundation.</p> <p>6 A I don't think I quite understand your</p> <p>7 question, ma'am. Can you --</p> <p>8 Q Sure. You said, you know, things they did</p> <p>9 off duty, it's your understanding that they got</p> <p>10 some drug money that was being moved while off</p> <p>11 duty, and I'm asking you if it would change your</p> <p>12 opinion of their credibility and their conduct as</p> <p>13 police officers if you knew that they did that</p> <p>14 while on duty as police officers.</p> <p>15 A Yes, that would -- that would change my</p> <p>16 opinion, of course.</p> <p>17 Q Other than the fact that you don't believe</p> <p>18 that your teammates, including Ronald Watts, would</p> <p>19 act in the manner described in Mr. Johnson's</p> <p>20 affidavit, do you have any other basis on which to</p> <p>21 dispute his account?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. You can put Exhibit 2 to the side.</p> <p>24 Do you know who Sydney Harvey is?</p>
<p>114</p> <p>1 the 264 team or the public housing team, so that's</p> <p>2 why I believe this is not a truthful document.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Did the arrests of Watts and</p> <p>4 Mohammed change your opinion of the way that they</p> <p>5 conducted themselves as police officers?</p> <p>6 A Yes. But during this time I never</p> <p>7 observed any of this behavior, and Ron Watts and</p> <p>8 Kallatt Mohammed were arrested off duty for theft</p> <p>9 of government funds, so that has nothing to do</p> <p>10 with what is being said in this affidavit.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. What's your understanding of how</p> <p>12 they stole government funds?</p> <p>13 A It's my understanding that Kallatt and Ron</p> <p>14 off duty had some information on drug money being</p> <p>15 moved, and they intercepted that drug money and</p> <p>16 took it. That's what my understanding is.</p> <p>17 Q And it's your understanding that they did</p> <p>18 that as private citizens unrelated to their role</p> <p>19 as police officers?</p> <p>20 MR. KOSOKO: Objection; misstates his</p> <p>21 testimony.</p> <p>22 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, please.</p> <p>23 A Yes, it was off duty in a non- --</p> <p>24 nonduty-related thing.</p>	<p>116</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Do you recall an arrest of Sydney Harvey</p> <p>3 on October 1st of 2006?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. Take a look at</p> <p>6 what's been marked as Exhibit 3, please.</p> <p>7 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 3 marked for</p> <p>8 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>9 Q Have you previously had an opportunity to</p> <p>10 look at what's been marked as Exhibit 3?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Please take a moment to review it.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Having reviewed Exhibit 3, does</p> <p>15 that refresh your recollection at all about the</p> <p>16 arrest of Mr. Harvey on October 1st of 2006?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Turning to the affidavit that's</p> <p>19 contained there for Mr. Harvey, do you have any</p> <p>20 basis on which to dispute his account?</p> <p>21 A I've never seen any of my teammates act in</p> <p>22 the manner that this person said in this affidavit.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Other than that, do you have any</p> <p>24 basis on which to dispute it?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">117</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. You can put that to the side.</p> <p>3 You testified earlier that it would matter</p> <p>4 to you if Watts and Mohammed committed their theft</p> <p>5 of government property while they were on duty;</p> <p>6 right?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q And how would it change your opinion of</p> <p>9 their credibility or their integrity as police</p> <p>10 officers?</p> <p>11 A Well, I really don't know what Ron and</p> <p>12 Kallatt did off duty, so I can't, you know, really</p> <p>13 speak to that. I can only speak to what's written</p> <p>14 on these reports, and, you know, that's what I can</p> <p>15 speak to. I have no idea what Ron and Kallatt did</p> <p>16 off duty, so I can only speak about that opinion,</p> <p>17 you know.</p> <p>18 Q My question is a little bit different. If</p> <p>19 what they did happened on duty, would that change</p> <p>20 your opinion of them as police officers?</p> <p>21 MR. BAZAREK: I'd object to the foundation</p> <p>22 and form of the question.</p> <p>23 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. Go ahead, please.</p> <p>24 A It matters, yes. It matters if a police</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">119</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Do you recall an arrest of Raynard Carter</p> <p>3 from February 2006?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Did you -- have you had a chance to review</p> <p>6 what's been marked as Exhibit 4?</p> <p>7 A I didn't look at it, ma'am.</p> <p>8 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. Go ahead and review</p> <p>9 it now, please.</p> <p>10 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 4 marked for</p> <p>11 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Having reviewed Exhibit 4, did it</p> <p>14 refresh your recollection about the arrest of</p> <p>15 Raynard Carter on February 17th, 2006?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know what your role was in the</p> <p>18 arrest of Mr. Carter?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know of anything that would refresh</p> <p>21 your recollection?</p> <p>22 A Not at this time.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. You reviewed Mr. Carter's affidavit</p> <p>24 that's contained in Exhibit 4; right?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">118</p> <p>1 officer is on duty doing these, well, what are</p> <p>2 alleged things here. Yes, it matters. It matters</p> <p>3 a lot.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. And if you knew that they were</p> <p>5 taking drug money that was being moved while they</p> <p>6 were on duty, would that cause you to question</p> <p>7 their behavior in other contexts, in other arrests?</p> <p>8 MR. BAZAREK: I'd object again to the form</p> <p>9 of the question, foundation, also calls for</p> <p>10 speculation.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Can I answer the question now?</p> <p>12 MR. BAZAREK: Yes.</p> <p>13 MS. KLEINHAUS: Yes.</p> <p>14 A If I knew that -- what is being said in</p> <p>15 these affidavits, and I observed those types of --</p> <p>16 that type of behavior, I would not stand for that</p> <p>17 type of behavior. I would notify -- well, through</p> <p>18 these documents that you show me here or that I'm</p> <p>19 looking at here, Ron at the time was a sergeant,</p> <p>20 so I would notify a lieutenant that this is -- I</p> <p>21 observed that type of behavior. So I wouldn't --</p> <p>22 I wouldn't stand for that type of behavior.</p> <p>23 Q All right. Do you know who</p> <p>24 Raynard Carter is?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">120</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q And other than your faith in the credibility</p> <p>3 and integrity and Watts and his team, do you have</p> <p>4 any other basis on which to dispute or agree with</p> <p>5 that affidavit?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q If you look in the affidavit, in</p> <p>8 paragraph 8 it describes that Watts started asking</p> <p>9 for money. Do you see that part?</p> <p>10 A Yes, I see that.</p> <p>11 Q Does the fact that Sergeant Watts was</p> <p>12 arrested and convicted of shaking someone down for</p> <p>13 money change your opinion of the credibility of</p> <p>14 Mr. Carter's account?</p> <p>15 MR. KOSOKO: Object to the form; foundation,</p> <p>16 argumentative.</p> <p>17 A Well, Ron Watts was arrested for theft of</p> <p>18 government funds. That's what he was arrested for.</p> <p>19 Q Who had the government funds?</p> <p>20 A I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q You don't know who he took them from?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q When your boss was Federally convicted,</p> <p>24 were you ever curious about what it was that he</p>

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<p>121</p> <p>1 had done?</p> <p>2 A I never -- I just knew what he was charged</p> <p>3 with, ma'am.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Did you find out that he pled guilty?</p> <p>5 A I know that he pled guilty, yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And that he was convicted?</p> <p>7 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>8 Q And you were shocked by the charges; right?</p> <p>9 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. But you didn't do anything to try</p> <p>11 to find out what he had done?</p> <p>12 A There's nothing for me to do, ma'am.</p> <p>13 Q Well, I mean, did you care --</p> <p>14 A You asked if I did something. I knew -- I</p> <p>15 knew what he was charged with. That's what I</p> <p>16 know, ma'am. I didn't conduct an investigation or</p> <p>17 anything like that.</p> <p>18 Q Did you ever Google it?</p> <p>19 A No, ma'am.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the side.</p> <p>21 Do you know who Gregory Warren is?</p> <p>22 A No, ma'am.</p> <p>23 Q Do you recall an arrest of Gregory Warren</p> <p>24 on February 4th of 2006 that you were involved in?</p>	<p>123</p> <p>1 it mischaracterizes his prior testimony on things</p> <p>2 he observed or didn't observe.</p> <p>3 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, sir.</p> <p>4 A Like I said previously, I never observed</p> <p>5 any of my teammates conduct themselves in any</p> <p>6 manner that is in this affidavit. So, therefore,</p> <p>7 I believe this affidavit is completely false.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Because you didn't see it?</p> <p>9 A I didn't see this type of behavior.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the</p> <p>11 side, please.</p> <p>12 Do you know who Octayvia McDonald is?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Do you know someone named Octayvia McDonald?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Do you know someone named Patricia Nooner?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q What about Patrick Nooner?</p> <p>19 A Patrick Nooner was a drug dealer from</p> <p>20 Ida B. Wells.</p> <p>21 Q Do you know who he sold drugs for?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Do you know anyone who worked for him?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>
<p>122</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 5 marked for</p> <p>3 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Please take a look at what's been</p> <p>5 marked as Exhibit 5. Have you reviewed Exhibit 5</p> <p>6 previously?</p> <p>7 A I may have viewed portions of it, ma'am,</p> <p>8 not -- not this affidavit.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Please go ahead and review the</p> <p>10 affidavit.</p> <p>11 A Okay.</p> <p>12 Q Having reviewed Exhibit 5, did that</p> <p>13 refresh your recollection about the arrest of</p> <p>14 Warren on February 5th of 2006.</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And you reviewed the affidavit of</p> <p>17 Mr. Warren; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Other than your belief in your fellow</p> <p>20 teammates and Sergeant Watts, do you have any</p> <p>21 other basis on which to dispute Mr. Warren's</p> <p>22 account?</p> <p>23 MR. BAZAREK: I'd object to the form of</p> <p>24 the question and the use of the terms that I think</p>	<p>124</p> <p>1 Q Do you know if you were ever part of an</p> <p>2 arrest of Patrick Nooner?</p> <p>3 A I don't know.</p> <p>4 Q Have you reviewed any documents related to</p> <p>5 Patrick Nooner?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Do you recall an arrest of Octayvia</p> <p>8 McDonald on May 25th, 2005?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Do you recall an arrest of Octayvia</p> <p>11 McDonald on August 5th, 2008?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 6 marked for</p> <p>14 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Please take a look at Exhibit 6.</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 Q Having reviewed Exhibit 6, did that</p> <p>18 refresh your recollection at all about the arrest</p> <p>19 of Octayvia McDonald?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. There's an arrest report included</p> <p>22 there for a coarrestee named Vincent Randall. Do</p> <p>23 you see that?</p> <p>24 A Yes, ma'am.</p>

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<p>125</p> <p>1 Q Do you recall ever meeting Vincent Randall?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Does that arrest report for Vincent Randall</p> <p>4 refresh your recollection at all?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. If you look at the vice case report</p> <p>7 for the May 2005 arrest -- so it's the first vice</p> <p>8 case report in your packet.</p> <p>9 A May 25th?</p> <p>10 Q Yes, sir. Do you see that one?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. You're listed there in Box 46. Do</p> <p>13 you see that part?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And is that what you would refer to as Box 2?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Meaning that you were the second arresting</p> <p>18 officer?</p> <p>19 A I would have to look at the arrest report</p> <p>20 and see.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. That could be a little bit earlier</p> <p>22 in the packet if you want to look there. It's</p> <p>23 page -- the sixth page, if that helps you.</p> <p>24 A Vincent Randall, yeah, I got that, and</p>	<p>127</p> <p>1 Q You have that in front of you?</p> <p>2 A Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. It refers there to R/Os. Do you</p> <p>4 see that part?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And R/O stands for reporting officers;</p> <p>7 correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q And in this case that would refer to you</p> <p>10 and Officer Gonzalez; correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q So the description here in the narrative</p> <p>13 portion of the vice case report is what you and</p> <p>14 Officer Gonzalez observed; correct?</p> <p>15 A Well, I may not have observed it. Officer</p> <p>16 Gonzalez may have observed it.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Where he uses "R/Os," that refers</p> <p>18 to both of you, doesn't it?</p> <p>19 A It could also mean other officers. You</p> <p>20 know, we reported -- from what I'm looking at here</p> <p>21 on the report, it looks like we reported the --</p> <p>22 we're the ones that reported it. I don't know --</p> <p>23 I don't remember the -- I don't remember that.</p> <p>24 This is 15 years old or so. I don't remember what</p>
<p>126</p> <p>1 yes, I'm in Box 2 for that, ma'am, yes.</p> <p>2 Q And for Ms. McDonald there's an arrest</p> <p>3 report for Octayvia McDonald; it's after her</p> <p>4 affidavit and her photo.</p> <p>5 A Octayvia McDonald, yes.</p> <p>6 Q And you see that you're listed there as</p> <p>7 the second arresting officer; correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q What are the -- what do you do when you're</p> <p>10 the second arresting officer? What does that term</p> <p>11 mean?</p> <p>12 A The term just means that I was -- I'm on</p> <p>13 the -- in the second arresting officer portion of</p> <p>14 this arrest, and I was -- I think I had helped</p> <p>15 conducted the actual arrest of her.</p> <p>16 Q And then as you sit here today, you don't</p> <p>17 recall what your role was in that arrest besides</p> <p>18 that you were part of it; right?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. If you look in the narrative portion</p> <p>21 of the vice case report, so this is about 15 pages</p> <p>22 into the exhibit, it's marked at the bottom as</p> <p>23 CITY-BG-12235 -- I'm sorry -- 12236.</p> <p>24 A I think I have it.</p>	<p>128</p> <p>1 role, or what Robert Gonzalez observed, and I</p> <p>2 don't know what I observed.</p> <p>3 Q And you don't know who wrote the narrative</p> <p>4 portion of the report; right?</p> <p>5 A All I can go by is what's -- I don't know.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. If Officer Gonzalez was the one to</p> <p>7 write up the narrative portion of the report,</p> <p>8 would you review it before signing your name on</p> <p>9 the vice case report?</p> <p>10 A No, not necessarily.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. You might sign it without reading it?</p> <p>12 A If Robert Gonzalez wrote the report, I</p> <p>13 would trust that what is in this report or in any</p> <p>14 report that he wrote was truthful. So there would</p> <p>15 be no need for me to review the report.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Looking at the signature underneath</p> <p>17 your name on the vice case report, do you recognize</p> <p>18 that as your signature?</p> <p>19 A No, that's not my signature.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Do you recognize the signature</p> <p>21 shown there underneath Gonzalez' name as his</p> <p>22 signature?</p> <p>23 A I don't recall how Robert Gonzalez signed</p> <p>24 his name.</p>

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<p>129</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Do you recognize the signature</p> <p>2 under Watts, R., as Sergeant R. Watts' signature?</p> <p>3 A I don't recall how Ron signed his name, so</p> <p>4 I'd have to, I guess compare that to other</p> <p>5 signatures, I guess.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And you don't know what role</p> <p>7 Sergeant Watts had in this arrest; correct?</p> <p>8 A I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. The vice case report refers to --</p> <p>10 I'm hearing a lot of feedback.</p> <p>11 A Yeah.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. The vice case report refers to a</p> <p>13 narcotic called "911." Are you familiar with</p> <p>14 that term?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Do you know who -- the vice case report</p> <p>17 lists a D. Smith who assisted in the arrest. Do</p> <p>18 you know who that is?</p> <p>19 A There was a -- we had a teammate Dorian</p> <p>20 Smith. I don't know if that's -- I don't know if</p> <p>21 that's him. I don't know if that's his star number.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And, obviously, you don't know what</p> <p>23 he did to assist with the arrest, either, do you?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>	<p>131</p> <p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q Correct?</p> <p>3 A That's correct.</p> <p>4 Q And you don't recall answering these</p> <p>5 questions; correct?</p> <p>6 A That's correct, ma'am.</p> <p>7 Q But you don't have -- seeing this here</p> <p>8 now, you have no reason to dispute that this was</p> <p>9 given to you and that you answered these</p> <p>10 questions; right?</p> <p>11 A At some point this -- this was given to me</p> <p>12 and I -- and I answered the -- the to/from is a</p> <p>13 witness statement, not an accused, and I -- it</p> <p>14 looks to me that I wrote a witness statement to</p> <p>15 the -- to the complaint.</p> <p>16 Q Other than this occasion when you were</p> <p>17 given a summary of a complaint against Sergeant</p> <p>18 Watts, on how many other occasions were you asked</p> <p>19 to answer questions as a witness about the</p> <p>20 activities of Sergeant Watts?</p> <p>21 A I have no idea.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. There could be other instances;</p> <p>23 correct?</p> <p>24 A I don't know.</p>
<p>130</p> <p>1 Q Okay. If you turn a little further into</p> <p>2 that exhibit, you'll see what's marked at the</p> <p>3 bottom as CITY-BG-012143. It's a synopsis of the</p> <p>4 complaint victim allegations. It's from the</p> <p>5 Office of Professional Standards. Do you see that?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And subsequent to that you see a to/from</p> <p>8 report authored by you. Do you see that?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And is that your signature at the</p> <p>11 bottom of the to/from report on page 01253?</p> <p>12 A Yes, that's my signature.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And do you recall answering these</p> <p>14 questions that are listed here and that you</p> <p>15 responded to in the to/from report?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q And you have no reason to dispute that you</p> <p>18 were given this synopsis of the complaint and</p> <p>19 questions to answer and that you answered them in</p> <p>20 the to/from report; right?</p> <p>21 A I think I don't understand your question,</p> <p>22 ma'am. I apologize.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. I know that you don't recall receiving</p> <p>24 this synopsis and these questions.</p>	<p>132</p> <p>1 Q You don't have any recollection of ever</p> <p>2 having been asked to answer questions about</p> <p>3 Sergeant Watts's conduct?</p> <p>4 A I -- I have been asked questions, not -- I</p> <p>5 guess after -- after he was arrested.</p> <p>6 Q Okay.</p> <p>7 A Does that make sense, ma'am?</p> <p>8 Q Yes. Okay. You can put that exhibit to</p> <p>9 the side.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 MS. KLEINHAUS: I'd like to just take a</p> <p>12 quick five-minute break and then we'll continue.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Great. Thank you.</p> <p>14 (A recess was taken from 3:22 p.m. to</p> <p>15 3:29 p.m.)</p> <p>16 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>17 Q Sir, do you know someone named Mr. Lucky</p> <p>18 Pearson?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Do you recall being involved in the arrest</p> <p>21 of Mr. Pearson on November 3rd of 2007?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 7 marked for</p> <p>24 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p>

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<p>133</p> <p>1 Q Please take a look at Exhibit 7 and</p> <p>2 review it.</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q Having reviewed Exhibit 7, did it refresh</p> <p>5 your recollection about an arrest of Mr. Pearson</p> <p>6 that you were involved in?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know someone named Sandra</p> <p>9 Cartwright?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know someone named Latrice Harris?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q What about Vanessa King?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Other than your belief that your teammates</p> <p>16 would not commit the kind of misconduct described</p> <p>17 in the affidavit, do you have any other basis on</p> <p>18 which to dispute it?</p> <p>19 MR. BAZAREK: Object to the form of the</p> <p>20 question and also mischaracterizes prior testimony</p> <p>21 he's given in his deposition.</p> <p>22 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead.</p> <p>23 A I don't believe these events that took</p> <p>24 place on this affidavit.</p>	<p>135</p> <p>1 supervisor of that misconduct.</p> <p>2 MR. BAZAREK: Hey, let's keep this under</p> <p>3 protective order to the extent it's the subject of</p> <p>4 a CR.</p> <p>5 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure. I guess what you mean</p> <p>6 is you want to mark this portion of the transcript</p> <p>7 confidential and whatever our terms are for that</p> <p>8 would apply here?</p> <p>9 MR. BAZAREK: Yeah.</p> <p>10 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay.</p> <p>11 (The following portion from 135:13 to</p> <p>12 138:23, was designated Confidential.)</p> <p>13 Q Sir, what was the misconduct that you were</p> <p>14 asked to commit?</p> <p>15 A Sure. While I was working in the</p> <p>16 15th District as a young officer, I was working</p> <p>17 with an individual who was not a field training</p> <p>18 officer. That individual asked me to remove a beat</p> <p>19 tag from the 15th District car that we were working</p> <p>20 in so that we could go into the 11th District</p> <p>21 unnoticed.</p> <p>22 Q And what is the beat tag?</p> <p>23 A The beat tag is in between -- it's on a</p> <p>24 marked squad car. It is a piece of</p>
<p>134</p> <p>1 Q Well, why?</p> <p>2 A I've never observed any member of my team,</p> <p>3 any member of the Chicago Police Department</p> <p>4 conduct themselves in any way that is in this</p> <p>5 affidavit.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Have you ever seen any member of</p> <p>7 the Chicago Police Department break any of the</p> <p>8 rules or regulations of the Chicago Police</p> <p>9 Department?</p> <p>10 MR. NOLAND: Objection, overly broad.</p> <p>11 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead.</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q What violations of the rules have you</p> <p>14 observed?</p> <p>15 A Well, I don't know the exact rule, but I</p> <p>16 made a supervisor aware of what I thought was</p> <p>17 misconduct.</p> <p>18 Q And what was the misconduct at issue in</p> <p>19 that instance?</p> <p>20 A It was early on in my career, and someone</p> <p>21 that I was working with asked me to do something</p> <p>22 that I thought was misconduct. So I -- I did not</p> <p>23 do that misconduct. I made up a story that I had</p> <p>24 to use the restroom, and after that I notified a</p>	<p>136</p> <p>1 black-and-white plastic that is in the Mars light</p> <p>2 of the top of the vehicle. It's a sequential</p> <p>3 number that gives the district that you work in</p> <p>4 and the beat that you are assigned to.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And what was the reason that this</p> <p>6 person asked you to remove the beat tag?</p> <p>7 A The reason that I was given was that we</p> <p>8 were going to go into the 11th District and hit a</p> <p>9 drug house.</p> <p>10 Q What do you mean by "hit"?</p> <p>11 A I understood the word hit to mean raid the</p> <p>12 house.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And raid the house in order to do</p> <p>14 what?</p> <p>15 A Well, it was a drug house, so I assumed it</p> <p>16 was for narcotics.</p> <p>17 Q Was the suggestion that you would make any</p> <p>18 arrests at the house?</p> <p>19 A I could only -- this was 20 -- 21, 22 years</p> <p>20 ago, ma'am. That's what I recall. I recall that.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. But was the plan to raid the house</p> <p>22 to remove narcotics? Was the plan to make arrests</p> <p>23 or what was the plan?</p> <p>24 A That was told to me. I don't know anything</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">137</p> <p>1 further than what was told to me, and that's what 2 was told to me. I don't know if it was to raid to 3 get narcotics or to raid to make arrests for 4 narcotics. That's what I know. That's what was 5 told to me. 6 Q Okay. Who suggested that you remove the 7 beat tag and go to raid the drug house? 8 A His name is Andy Napolitano. 9 Q And who did you report that misconduct to? 10 A Well, I was assigned -- I was detailed to 11 the 15th District but assigned to the Chicago 12 Police Academy. So I went to the Chicago Police 13 Academy, and I spoke with a detective. His last 14 name was -- I believe it was Clemens. 15 Q And is that -- 16 A I told him -- I told him about the events 17 that took place. He then brought me to a sergeant 18 in the academy. Her name was Eve Gushes. She's a 19 commander now. 20 Q And did you explain what had happened to 21 Commander Gushes? 22 A Well, she was a sergeant at the time, 23 ma'am, but yes, I did. 24 Q Okay. And what happened then?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">139</p> <p>1 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the side. 2 Do you know who Greg Dobbins is? 3 A No. 4 Q Do you know someone named Brenda Reid? 5 A No. 6 Q Do you know a person called Rasan Shannon? 7 A No. 8 Q Do you recall an arrest of those 9 individuals on March 14th of 2004? 10 A No. 11 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 8 marked for 12 identification and attached to the transcript.) 13 Q Okay. Please take a look at Exhibit 8. 14 A Okay. 15 Q Did reviewing Exhibit 8 refresh your 16 recollection at all about an arrest of Greg 17 Dobbins on March 14th of 2004. 18 A No. 19 Q Do you know of anything that would refresh 20 your recollection? 21 A Not at this time. 22 Q And you reviewed Mr. Dobbins' affidavit; 23 correct? 24 A I did.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">138</p> <p>1 A I believe a CR number was generated. 2 Q Okay. Do you know what the outcome of 3 that CR was? 4 A I don't know the outcome, ma'am. 5 Q Okay. Other than reporting that instance 6 of misconduct, did you have any other occasions 7 where you have reported misconduct by another 8 police officer? 9 A No. 10 Q Okay. So turning your attention back to 11 the affidavit of Mr. Pearson, you dispute the 12 accuracy of his affidavit not based on your personal 13 knowledge but based on what you believe your 14 teammates would or would not do; is that right? 15 MR. BAZAREK: Objection to the form of the 16 question; it's argumentative and also 17 mischaracterizes his prior testimony on these 18 subjects with the other affidavits. 19 MS. KLEINHAUS: Go ahead, sir. 20 A I've never observed any of my teammates do 21 any of this type of -- any type of this behavior. 22 So it would lead me to believe that this is a 23 false affidavit. 24 (This concludes the confidential portion.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">140</p> <p>1 Q And I assume that you believe that it's 2 false. Is that correct? 3 A I believe it's false. I've never seen any 4 of my teammates act in the manner that is stated 5 in this affidavit. 6 Q And that's the reason that you believe his 7 affidavit is false; right? 8 A Yes. 9 Q Any other reasons that we haven't talked 10 about? 11 A No. 12 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the side. 13 Do you know who Brian Hunt is? 14 A No. 15 Q Do you recall the arrest or being involved 16 in the arrest of Brian Hunt on February 23rd of 2008? 17 A No. 18 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 9 marked for 19 identification and attached to the transcript.) 20 Q Please take a look at what's been marked 21 as Exhibit 9. 22 A Okay. 23 Q Did reviewing Exhibit 9 refresh your 24 recollection about the arrest of Brian Hunt on</p>

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<p>141</p> <p>1 February 23rd of '2008?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Do you know someone named Deonta Smith?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Do you dispute the contents of Mr. Hunt's</p> <p>6 affidavit?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Why?</p> <p>9 A I've never observed my teammates to</p> <p>10 conduct themselves in this manner.</p> <p>11 Q Anything else?</p> <p>12 A Therefore, I believe that the affidavit is</p> <p>13 false.</p> <p>14 Q Any other reason for that belief?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the side.</p> <p>17 Do you know who Kenneth Hicks is?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Do you recall the arrest of Kenneth Hicks</p> <p>20 on October 3rd of 2007?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 10 marked for</p> <p>23 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>24 Q Please take a look at Exhibit 10.</p>	<p>143</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q And what's the basis?</p> <p>3 A I've never observed any of my teammates</p> <p>4 conduct themselves in the manner that's stated in</p> <p>5 this affidavit.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Any other reasons?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. You can put that affidavit to</p> <p>9 the side.</p> <p>10 Do you know someone named Cleon Glover?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know anyone by the nickname Gambino?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Do you recall the arrest of Cleon Glover</p> <p>15 on June 6, 2006?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 11 marked for</p> <p>18 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>19 Q Please take a look at Exhibit 11.</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 Q Having reviewed Exhibit 11, does that</p> <p>22 refresh your recollection about an arrest that you</p> <p>23 were part of for Cleon Glover on June 6 of 2006?</p> <p>24 A No.</p>
<p>142</p> <p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q Do you recognize the person depicted on</p> <p>3 the last page of Exhibit 10?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Having reviewed Exhibit 10, did it</p> <p>6 refresh your recollection at all about the</p> <p>7 October 3rd, 2007, arrest of Kenneth Hicks?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Looking at the handwriting in the vice case</p> <p>10 report in this exhibit -- so that's pages 8 and</p> <p>11 9 of this 10-page exhibit -- do you recognize that</p> <p>12 handwriting?</p> <p>13 A I believe it's Robert Gonzalez' handwriting.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And your name and signature are on</p> <p>15 the first page of the vice case report; right?</p> <p>16 A That's not my signature.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Do you know whether or not you gave</p> <p>18 someone else permission to sign for you?</p> <p>19 A I would have given Robert Gonzalez</p> <p>20 permission to write -- to sign my name.</p> <p>21 Q Sorry; hang on one second. Do you dispute</p> <p>22 Mr. Hicks' account of this arrest?</p> <p>23 A In the affidavit that you mentioned, ma'am?</p> <p>24 Q Yes.</p>	<p>144</p> <p>1 Q Do you know of anything that would refresh</p> <p>2 your recollection?</p> <p>3 A Not at this time.</p> <p>4 Q Do you dispute what Mr. Glover says in his</p> <p>5 affidavit?</p> <p>6 A I do.</p> <p>7 Q And why do you dispute it?</p> <p>8 A I dispute it because I never observed any</p> <p>9 of my teammates conduct themselves in this manner</p> <p>10 that's stated in this affidavit.</p> <p>11 Q Any other reason?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 MS. KLEINHAUS: Okay. You can put that to</p> <p>14 the side.</p> <p>15 MR. BAZAREK: Can we take a five-minute</p> <p>16 break?</p> <p>17 MS. KLEINHAUS: Sure. Let's go off the</p> <p>18 record.</p> <p>19 (Recess taken, 4:14 p.m. to 4:23 p.m.)</p> <p>20 BY MS. KLEINHAUS:</p> <p>21 Q Sir, you testified earlier that for a</p> <p>22 period of time you were on the Watts tactical team</p> <p>23 with Michael Spaargaren; correct?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p>

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<p>145</p> <p>1 Q And do you know why Officer Spaargaren</p> <p>2 left the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Why?</p> <p>5 A Michael Spaargaren and Ron Watts got into</p> <p>6 an argument, and Mike Spaargaren was then removed</p> <p>7 from the team.</p> <p>8 Q And what was the argument about?</p> <p>9 A It was about race.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And what did that argument</p> <p>11 consist of?</p> <p>12 A Well, from what I heard through the closed</p> <p>13 door screaming match, it was Michael Spaargaren</p> <p>14 thought he was being treated differently from the</p> <p>15 black officers.</p> <p>16 Q In what sense?</p> <p>17 A Mike Spaargaren started a business, a home</p> <p>18 inspection business and was having to leave on a</p> <p>19 daily basis taking time to go and conduct these</p> <p>20 home inspections during -- he would have to take</p> <p>21 time to do it because they would be during our</p> <p>22 work hours. So I believe that it was brought to</p> <p>23 his attention that he can't be taking off of work</p> <p>24 all the time to be doing these things, and he felt</p>	<p>147</p> <p>1 Q Where were you when you overheard this</p> <p>2 argument?</p> <p>3 A I was in the upstairs roll call room.</p> <p>4 Q Was anyone with you?</p> <p>5 A That I don't remember.</p> <p>6 Q Where were Watts and Spaargaren?</p> <p>7 A In a closed room to the -- in a closed</p> <p>8 room that is next to the roll call room.</p> <p>9 Q Is there a name for that room?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. It's not a sergeant's office or</p> <p>12 anyone's office?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q How did Spaargaren believing he was being</p> <p>15 treated differently based on his race relate to</p> <p>16 the fact that he had a side business?</p> <p>17 A I believe Mike Spaargaren felt that</p> <p>18 because of his race that other officers were able</p> <p>19 to take time to do whatever they wanted and it was</p> <p>20 no big deal, the black officers, and then because</p> <p>21 of his race, he felt that he was being looked at</p> <p>22 differently because of his race and having to take</p> <p>23 time due. Meaning the black officers got</p> <p>24 preferential treatment and never got any flack</p>
<p>146</p> <p>1 that it was due to his race, that he wasn't</p> <p>2 treated the same as the black officers.</p> <p>3 Q Were there black officers who -- sorry,</p> <p>4 there's some feedback.</p> <p>5 A Yeah, there's feedback; I'm sorry.</p> <p>6 Q Were there black officers who had to take</p> <p>7 time away from CPD for another business?</p> <p>8 A Not at that time.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Do you know why Officer Spaargaren</p> <p>10 believed he was being treated differently based</p> <p>11 on race?</p> <p>12 A Do I know why he felt that way? I don't</p> <p>13 know why he felt that way.</p> <p>14 Q You said you overheard a closed door</p> <p>15 screaming match between Watts and Spaargaren?</p> <p>16 A Yes, they were screaming at each other.</p> <p>17 Q And what was Watts screaming at Spaargaren?</p> <p>18 A If I recall, it was, "You're done."</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And was this on one occasion that</p> <p>20 you overheard this screaming argument?</p> <p>21 A Yeah, that was one occasion.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And do you recall approximately</p> <p>23 when that was?</p> <p>24 A I don't recall that.</p>	<p>148</p> <p>1 from that and he is. That's what I believed.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And do you know where he transferred</p> <p>3 to after he was on the Watts tactical team or what</p> <p>4 his next assignment was?</p> <p>5 A I believe he was put on the -- a third</p> <p>6 watch uniform team, and then I believe he took a</p> <p>7 leave of absence from there.</p> <p>8 Q And do you know why he took a leave of</p> <p>9 absence?</p> <p>10 A Yes. He became very successful at his</p> <p>11 business of home inspection, so he was -- he</p> <p>12 became so busy that he had to take a leave of</p> <p>13 absence from the Chicago Police Department.</p> <p>14 Q Did he tell you that?</p> <p>15 A He never told me that, but he told me he</p> <p>16 was very busy and he was taking a leave of absence.</p> <p>17 Q Did his leaving the Watts tactical team</p> <p>18 have anything to do with why you were no longer</p> <p>19 friends with him?</p> <p>20 A No. We were still friends.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And were you still friends with him</p> <p>22 during his leave of absence?</p> <p>23 A Yeah, he actually did a couple home</p> <p>24 inspections for, I believe it was my father and my</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">149</p> <p>1 aunt and also a rental property that myself and my</p> <p>2 father bought together.</p> <p>3 Q And eventually, did he come back to the</p> <p>4 police department from that leave of absence?</p> <p>5 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>6 Q And were you friends with him once he came</p> <p>7 back from the leave of absence?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q And why not?</p> <p>10 A He just went to a different -- a different</p> <p>11 district, and we never talked anymore.</p> <p>12 Q Did you observe any differences in how</p> <p>13 black officers and nonblack officers were treated</p> <p>14 on the Watts tactical team?</p> <p>15 A I wasn't treated any -- I don't believe I</p> <p>16 was treated any different than the black officers.</p> <p>17 Q Were you satisfied with the work that</p> <p>18 Officer Spaargaren did for you on the home</p> <p>19 inspections on your father, and your aunt, and</p> <p>20 your rental property?</p> <p>21 A Yeah. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know who Martez Wise is?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Do you recall the arrest of Martez Wise on</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">151</p> <p>1 Q Okay. In this incident narrative it refers</p> <p>2 to A/Os. Do you see that part?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q And that refers to arresting officers;</p> <p>5 correct?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And that would refer to you and Officer</p> <p>8 Nichols as the first and second arresting officer?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And according to this narrative,</p> <p>11 Mr. Wise spit out a bag of drugs from his mouth</p> <p>12 during a conversation with -- during a field</p> <p>13 interview with you and Officer Nichols; correct?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And then he spit out an additional</p> <p>16 13 baggies of drugs?</p> <p>17 A 13 not in bags.</p> <p>18 Q Does any of that ring a bell? Do you have</p> <p>19 any recollection of seeing someone spit out 14 bags</p> <p>20 of drugs?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Do you recognize the person depicted</p> <p>23 on the last page of this incident -- I'm sorry --</p> <p>24 exhibit?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">150</p> <p>1 November 22nd, 2006?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 12 marked for</p> <p>4 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Take a look, please, at what's been</p> <p>6 marked as Exhibit 12.</p> <p>7 MR. BAZAREK: Hey, Tess, I know you</p> <p>8 directed the deponent to Exhibit 12, but I also</p> <p>9 know the Wise affidavit is in Exhibit 13.</p> <p>10 MS. KLEINHAUS: Yeah. Right now we're</p> <p>11 just working with Exhibit 12.</p> <p>12 MR. BAZAREK: Okay.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Having reviewed Exhibit 12, did</p> <p>15 that refresh your recollection about the arrest of</p> <p>16 Martez Wise on November 22nd of 2006?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. You are listed as the first</p> <p>19 arresting officer on this arrest report; correct?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q As the first arresting officer, you would</p> <p>22 have written the incident narrative section of the</p> <p>23 report; right?</p> <p>24 A Most likely, yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">152</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. You can put that exhibit to the side.</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know who Deon Willis is?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Do you recall an arrest of Deon Willis and</p> <p>7 Martez Wise on August 7th, 2008?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 (Bolton Deposition Exhibit 13 marked for</p> <p>10 identification and attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Take a look, please, at what's been</p> <p>12 marked as Exhibit 13.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Having reviewed what's been marked</p> <p>15 as Exhibit 13, did it refresh your recollection at</p> <p>16 all about the arrest of Deon Willis and Martez Wise</p> <p>17 on okay -- I'm sorry -- on August 7th, 2008?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know of anything that would refresh</p> <p>20 your recollection?</p> <p>21 A Not at this time.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Did you review the arrest report of</p> <p>23 Hassan Potts which is included in that exhibit? I</p> <p>24 believe it's the last portion of that exhibit.</p>

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. Do you recall the arrest of
3 Mr. Potts on August 7th of 2008?

4 A No.

5 MS. KLEINHAUS: Those are all the
6 questions that I have for you today, sir, and I
7 believe we'll all be back again on Thursday.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 MS. KLEINHAUS: We can go off the record.

10 Thanks everybody.

11 (Off the record at 4:56 p.m. CST.)

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