

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.3.2
Eastern Division**

Leticia Vargas

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:18-cv-01865

Honorable Steven C. Seeger

Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: The Court reviewed the Joint Status Report (Dckt. No. [114]). The report identified 17 depositions that were scheduled before the pandemic, but needed to be rescheduled. Candidly, the Court did not understand that portion of the report. On January 16, 2020, this Court extended fact discovery to March 31, 2020 by agreement of the parties. (Dckt. No. [102]) The General Order went into effect on March 16, 2020, roughly two weeks before the discovery deadline. Did the parties really cancel 17 depositions in the last two weeks of March in light of the pandemic? That number seems especially large given that the parties have taken 13 depositions in the case. (And does this case really need 30 depositions?) By May 22, 2020, the parties shall file another statement that identifies all depositions that were noticed for the latter half of March, 2020 but cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Court is sympathetic to the challenges of taking depositions, especially medical depositions, during this difficult time. Still, the goal should be getting this case back on track, not extending the track for reasons that have nothing to do with the pandemic. Absent a more fulsome showing from the parties, fact discovery will close by July 31, 2020. The status hearing set for June 3 is stricken. Mailed notice. (jjr,)

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