

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

Goleather Jefferson,)	
)	No. 18-cv-8182
<i>Plaintiff</i>)	
)	<i>(Judge Hunt)</i>
<i>-vs-</i>)	
)	
City of Chicago, et al.)	
)	
<i>Defendants</i>)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties, by counsel, submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's Order of April 30, 2025:

Status of discovery in this case: All defendants have answered written discovery, and plaintiff questioned defendant Jones about this case at his deposition on May 7, 2025.

Counsel for plaintiff and defendant Mohammed have conferred about Mohammed's supplemental written discovery, and plaintiff expects to answer the supplemental discovery on or before May 23, 2025.

The deposition of Willie Martin is scheduled for June 2, 2025. Mr. Martin was arrested at the same time as plaintiff. Defendants state that they may seek to depose Kevin Ochalla, the Assistant Public Defender who represented plaintiff at his guilty plea hearing.

Settlement: The parties are communicating about settlement of various cases that were previously part of the Watts Consolidated Proceedings, with the assistance of Magistrate Judge Valdez. The Court entered a settlement referral to Magistrate Judge Valdez on March 4, 2025. The next conference with Magistrate Judge Valdez is scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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