

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 May 30, 2025:

Status of discovery in this case: The only remaining discovery is the deposition of Willie Martin, who was arrested at the same time as plaintiff, and the deposition of Kevin Ochalla, the Assistant Public Defender who represented plaintiff at his guilty plea hearing.

Mr. Martin is the plaintiff in his own lawsuit, and the parties have agreed that he will be questioned about this case when he is questioned in his own case. Mr. Ochalla's deposition was scheduled for June 12, 2025, but the parties agreed to postpone the deposition because Mr. Ochalla also served as defense counsel in the other cases related to this one. The parties intend to depose Mr. Ochalla just one time about multiple cases.

Settlement: The parties are communicating about settlement of various cases that were previously part of the Watts Coordinated Proceedings, with the assistance of Magistrate Judge Valdez. The next conference with Magistrate Judge Valdez is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

The parties propose that the Court set a date after July 16, 2025 for the filing of a status report to update the court on possible global settlement discussions and on the parties' proposals for proceeding with expert discovery in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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