

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

Watts Coordinated Pretrial Proceedings, et
al.

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:19-cv-01717

Honorable Franklin U.

Valderrama

Kallatt Mohammed, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Saturday, January 13, 2024:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Sheila M. Finnegan: Magistrate judge status hearing held on 1/10/2024. In addition to the parties, counsel for non-party United States appears. For reasons stated on the record (and after allowing the parties and non-party to state their respective positions), the Court orders the following in relation to the 146 disks of FBI recordings provided to the Court for in camera review pursuant to Judge Valderrama's order [546] : (a) The FBI is to allow counsel for the parties (including their paralegals if necessary) to preliminarily review the recordings on an Attorneys' Eyes/Ears Only basis for the purpose of identifying the specific recordings that are sought (i.e., those for which they contend there is a credible need for the recording to prosecute/defend the action and the need outweighs the considerations underlying the law enforcement privilege); (b) The parties are to inform the United States of the specific recordings that they seek and their reasons; (c) The United States is to inform the parties as to whether it objects to producing the requested recordings; (d) If the parties believe there is a good faith basis for obtaining recordings over the objection of the United States, they may request in camera review of the recordings by the Court and should provide supporting reasons specific to the recordings (filed under seal) to which the United States may respond (under seal). Requests for in camera review should be made on a rolling basis to avoid delay. Until and unless the United States agrees to produce a recording, or the Court orders production after overruling the objection of the United States, those reviewing the recordings may not share the content with others who are not allowed access. In addition, all produced recordings are subject to the Protective Order Governing Discovery in the Coordinated Proceedings. The Court notes that the United States maintains its objections to disclosure of the recordings but will facilitate the process described in this order. To that end, counsel for the parties and the United States are to promptly confer about next steps and logistical issues discussed during the hearing. Regarding efforts of the parties and the United States to reach agreement on topics on which FBI agents may be deposed, the meet and confer efforts shall be completed by 1/25/2024. If disputes remain, the parties and United States are to send a joint email to chambers_finnegan@ilnd.uscourts.gov by 1/26/2024 with a proposed briefing schedule. Mailed notice (sxw)

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