

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

Germin Sims and Robert Lindsey,)	
)	
<i>Plaintiff</i>)	19-cv-2347
)	
-vs-)	(Chief Judge Pallmeyer)
)	
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 January 18, 2024:

This case is part of the Watts Coordinated Pretrial Proceedings, 19-cv-1717, a group of more than 170 cases that are coordinated for pretrial proceedings. The coordinated proceedings are assigned to Judge Valderrama, and Magistrate Judge Finnegan is supervising discovery.

On January 20, 2023, the parties submitted a joint status report in the coordinated proceedings, indicating that the parties have agreed on a list of 19 proposed "test cases." ECF No. 393 in Case No. 19-cv-1717. The parties will focus on litigating the 19 "test cases" to their conclusion to help the parties assess the value and merit of the remaining cases. This case is not one of the test cases.

On April 13, 2023, Magistrate Judge Finnegan stayed discovery in non-test cases, including this cases, for at least six months, when the issue will be revisited. ECF No. 491 in Case No. 19-cv-1717.

Trial dates have been set in four of the test cases: *Baker v. Chicago*, 16-cv-8940 (January 8, 2025); *Gipson v. Chicago*, 18-cv-5120 (April 21, 2025); *Carter v. Chicago*, 17-cv-7241 (May 27, 2025); *White v. Chicago*, 17-cv-2877 (July 7, 2025).

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