

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

Germin Sims and Robert Lindsey,)
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 Plaintiff) 19-cv-2347
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 -vs-) (Judge Pallmeyer)
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City of Chicago, et al.,)
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 Defendants)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties, by counsel, submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's Order of October 15, 2024:

Status of discovery in this case: Plaintiff has answered written discovery, and the parties have exchanged numerous documents. Plaintiff served written discovery requests on February 24, 2025. The parties are working to schedule the depositions of plaintiffs at the end of March.

Status of the trials of the related cases: The parties reached a settlement in *Gipson v. Chicago*, 18-cv-5120, which was scheduled for trial on April 21, 2025. The next scheduled trials are in *Carter v. Chicago*, 17-cv-7241 (May 27, 2025); *White v. Chicago*, 17-cv-2877 (September 15, 2025); and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 19-cv-1101 (January 12, 2026).

Other: On February 27, 2024, plaintiffs and defendant City of Chicago filed a joint motion requesting that the Court amend the settlement referral

to refer this matter to Magistrate Judge Valdez to be part of global settlement negotiations. (ECF No. 93.)

Respectfully submitted,

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