

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

Jerome Fears,)	
)	
<i>Plaintiff</i>)	
)	No. 22-cv-5347
-vs-)	
)	(Judge Bucklo)
City of Chicago, Phillip Cline,)	
Debra Kirby, Ronald Watts, and)	
Kallatt Mohammed,)	
)	
<i>Defendants</i>)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties, by counsel, submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's Order of July 17, 2023:

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. As explained below, discovery in this case is stayed.

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. ECF No. 491 in Case No. 19-cv-1717.

Defendants have filed a motion to extend the discovery deadline of December 18, 2023, that applies to the 19 test cases. ECF No. 614 in 19-cv-1717. Defendants have requested an extension to June 30, 2024. *Id.* The first trial in the coordinated proceedings is scheduled to begin on January 8, 2025 in *Baker v. Chicago*, 16-cv-8940. ECF No. 570 in 19-cv-1717. No other trial dates have been set.

Respectfully submitted,

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