

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

Jerome Fears,)	
)	
<i>Plaintiff</i>)	
)	No. 22-cv-5347
<i>-vs-</i>)	
)	<i>(Judge Bucklo)</i>
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 October 22, 2024:

This case is part of the Watts Coordinated Pretrial Proceedings, 19-cv-1717, a group of 186 cases that are coordinated for pretrial proceedings. Pursuant to Judge Valderrama's Order of November 12, 2024, "As of December 2, 2024, the Coordinated Pretrial Proceedings will be concluded and closed." (ECF No. 45.)

A great deal of discovery has already taken place in the Coordinated Proceedings, but the parties have not taken any discovery specific to this case. The general type of discovery will be documents and testimony about plaintiff's arrest, plaintiff's prosecution, time in custody, claimed damages, and criminal history.

The parties propose the following deadlines:

1. Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures: December 23, 2024
2. Fact discovery completion date: August 14, 2025
3. The parties anticipate expert discovery and propose that the Court set an expert discovery schedule after the completion of fact discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

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