

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.8 (rev. 1.8.4)
Eastern Division**

Leon Martin, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:22-cv-05513
Honorable Sunil R. Harjani

Robert B. Ford, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Tuesday, October 14, 2025:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Sunil R. Harjani: Status hearing previously set for 10/15/2025 is stricken. An in-person status hearing is set for 1/13/2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 1925. This Court has reviewed the various status reports filed by the parties. First, the Court will grant one last extension for the parties to finalize any settlement, and the parties should complete their settlement talks before the next status date. Second, the Court understands that any settlement will likely release all claims against Defendants, and that any general release would include claims brought by Steele in a separate derivative action (25 cv 3669), which would moot those proceedings. Steele provides no authority for this Court to force lead plaintiffs to include his counsel in the settlement negotiations. As lead plaintiffs, the Court presumes they are aware of their responsibilities and will abide by them. Steele can appear and seek to contest any approval of the settlement by this Court, if he so wishes at a later time, but the Court does not see any need to get involved now. To the extent Lead Plaintiffs and Steele can work to resolve their differences, the Court would encourage counsel to meet and confer on this matter. Mailed notice(lxs,)

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