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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,  
Plaintiff,  
-against- Index No.  
10CIV-6005 (RWS)

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPUTY CHIEF  
MICHAEL MARINO, Tax Id. 873220,  
Individually and in his Official  
Capacity, ASSISTANT CHIEF PATROL  
BOROUGH BROOKLYN NORTH GERALD NELSON,  
Tax Id. 912370, Individually and in his  
Official Capacity, DEPUTY INSPECTOR  
STEVEN MAURIELLO, Tax Id. 895117,  
Individually and in his Official  
Capacity, CAPTAIN THEODORE LAUTERBORN,  
Tax Id. 897840, Individually and in his  
Official Capacity, LIEUTENANT JOSEPH  
GOFF, Tax Id. 894025, Individually and  
in his Official Capacity, stg. Frederick  
Sawyer, Shield No. 2576, Individually  
and in his Official Capacity, SERGEANT  
KURT DUNCAN, Shield No. 2483,  
Individually and in his Official  
Capacity, LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY CAUGHEY,  
Tax Id. 885374, Individually and in his  
Official Capacity, SERGEANT SHANTEL  
JAMES, Shield No. 3004, and P.O.'s "JOHN  
DOE" 1-50, Individually and in their  
Official Capacity (the name John Doe  
being fictitious, as the true names are  
presently unknown) (collectively referred  
to as "NYPD defendants"), JAMAICA  
HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, DR. ISAK ISAKOV,  
Individually and in his Official  
Capacity, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER,  
Individually and in her Official Capacity  
and JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER  
EMPLOYEES "JOHN DOE" # 1-50, Individually

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and in their Official Capacity (the name  
John Doe being fictitious, as the true  
names are presently unknown),  
  
Defendants.

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444 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York  
December 20, 2013  
10:16 a.m.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of DEPUTY  
INSPECTOR STEVEN MAURIELLO, one of the  
Defendants in the above-entitled action,  
held at the above time and place, taken  
before Margaret Scully-Ayers, a Shorthand  
Reporter and Notary Public of the State  
of New York, pursuant to the Federal  
Rules of Civil Procedure.

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2 quarterly reports. I looked. It's  
3 documented.

4 I talked to the lieutenant, and  
5 the lieutenants said, "Listen I tried. I  
6 sat down with him. He doesn't want to  
7 work. There is something wrong. He's  
8 either lazy or he doesn't care." Then I  
9 talked the admin lieutenant.

10 THE REPORTER: Who?

11 A. Admin. And then we had the  
12 appeal. In the appeal, you know, they  
13 came out, and they talked to him. His  
14 own delegate, the cop, if you listen to  
15 the tape even said to him, "Everybody is  
16 here to try to help you. No one is here  
17 looking to hurt you."

18 He brings up five years -- this  
19 is the first I ever heard, and you hear  
20 me on the tape saying "I didn't know  
21 that."

22 I didn't know that when he  
23 first came on the job, he was in the  
24 seven five, then he came to the eight  
25 one. He was active. They put him in a

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2           conditions unit. I said, "Really, you  
3           were in a conditions unit? I didn't know  
4           that."

5                   I didn't know that he had  
6           issues, he took a leave of absence. I  
7           never knew that. I didn't know about --  
8           he start saying about FBI, IAB, civil  
9           rights. I don't know anything about this  
10          stuff.

11                   You hear me on the tape. I  
12          said, "We are all trying to help you."

13                   And I kind of give a speech,  
14          "When life knocks you down, you have to  
15          get back up."

16          Q.        The FBI, what are you referring  
17          to when you say "the FBI"?

18          A.        That's what Officer Schoolcraft  
19          was staying on the tape. He's being  
20          investigated by the FBI, the civil rights  
21          something. We didn't know. I never  
22          heard of this stuff.

23                   And Lieutenant Delafuente says  
24          to him, "I asked you numerous times  
25          during the year, did you have anything

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Q. Did you sign the log when you came in?

A. I believe so.

Q. That would be a regular practice of yours?

A. Yes.

Q. And what happened when you entered the precinct?

A. I entered the precinct, and when I entered in, Officer Schoolcraft was going down to the locker room. I said, "Hello, Adrian. How are you?" He went down to the locker room. I went behind the desk. I signed in. I dropped everything in my office, the candy and everything.

When I came back out, Sergeant Hoffman told me, "Officer Schoolcraft left. He said he was sick. He dropped a 28 on my desk, and he said he is leaving."

Q. So when you walked into the precinct that day, you saw Officer Schoolcraft and you said hello to him?

1 S. MAURIELLO

2 Q. She was the desk sergeant at  
3 the time, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Where did that conversation  
6 between you and Hoffman take place?

7 A. I believe behind the desk.

8 Q. Was anybody else a party to  
9 that conversation?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. What did you do as a result of  
12 getting this information from Hoffman?

13 A. I said, "Does Captain  
14 Lauterborn know about this?" She said,  
15 "Yeah." I said, "Okay. Is he handling  
16 it?" She said, "Yeah." I said, "Do me a  
17 favor, try to call him on the phone.  
18 Have him come back to the precinct."

19 Then I said, "If you can't get  
20 in touch with him later on, call the 104  
21 and have a supervisor go to his command.  
22 Make sure he is all right."

23 Q. Was that one conversation that  
24 you had with Hoffman or a series of  
25 conversations?

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2 sure he was all right?"

3 She said she was calling and  
4 calling. No one picked up the phone.

5 Q. That was all the same  
6 conversation a few minutes after you  
7 entered the precinct, right?

8 MR. KRETZ: Objection.

9 A. Like five to ten minutes after.

10 Q. During that discussion that you  
11 had with Hoffman, did she say anything  
12 else to you?

13 A. She said that he dropped a  
14 stack of papers. He said he wasn't  
15 feeling good with a 28, "I'm going sick."  
16 She said, "You can't go sick." She  
17 wanted to call an ambulance. He came  
18 back up. She started telling him "You  
19 can't go sick" --

20 THE REPORTER: You have to slow  
21 down.

22 A. -- "I'm calling an ambulance.  
23 You have to stay here. He said he didn't  
24 want to stay. She said, "You have to  
25 properly fill out the paperwork. With



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2 what I was doing. That's the official  
3 one 'cause the borough lined it off.

4 Q. After the second conversation  
5 that you had with Chief Nelson on October  
6 31st, what did you do next?

7 A. I was in the office and then  
8 Chief Marino showed up sometime later.

9 Q. How much time later after the  
10 second conversation with Nelson did  
11 Marino show up?

12 A. Fifteen, 25 minutes.

13 Q. Did you have any discussion  
14 with Chief Marino?

15 A. He came into my office.

16 Q. Did he say anything to you, did  
17 you say anything to him?

18 A. He said, "I heard one of your  
19 officers left the command, went AWOL.  
20 They think that he was home. They have  
21 got information he was home. They hear  
22 somebody walking upstairs. Let's take a  
23 ride over there."

24 Q. What was your understanding of  
25 the source of Marino's information?

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2 A. I don't know who talked to him.

3 Q. He didn't tell you?

4 A. Nope.

5 Q. Did you believe that he had  
6 been sent over to the eight one by  
7 Nelson?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. I know you don't know that  
10 because Nelson didn't tell you that. My  
11 question is different.

12 Did you believe that Marino was  
13 at the eight one because Nelson told him  
14 to go there?

15 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

16 Objection.

17 A. I don't know why Marino showed  
18 up to the eight one. I don't know who  
19 told him to come. I don't know if he  
20 came on his own.

21 Q. At that time your direct  
22 supervisor was Marino in the chain of  
23 command?

24 A. I dealt with Chief Nelson. He  
25 is the head of the borough so usually if

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2 you have a problem going on at the  
3 precinct, a shooting or a cop -- a  
4 community arrest, he was going to get the  
5 phone call right away from the PC so I  
6 deal with the chief.

7 Q. And Marino reports directly to  
8 the chief, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So did you believe that the  
11 reason why Marino was at the eight one  
12 was because Nelson sent him there?

13 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

14 Objection.

15 A. I said I don't know.

16 Q. I know you didn't know. Do you  
17 believe that was the reason?

18 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

19 Objection.

20 THE WITNESS: Isn't I don't know  
21 an answer?

22 MR. KRETZ: Did you have that  
23 belief when he walked into your  
24 office, he was sent there by Nelson?

25 THE WITNESS: I didn't know.

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2 Maybe yes, maybe no. I don't know.

3 Q. Did you discuss anything else  
4 with Marino?

5 A. No. I said, "Let's go."

6 Q. What did you do next?

7 A. Went outside, I saw Lieutenant  
8 Crawford. I don't know where the 104 is.  
9 I never worked in Queens. He used to be  
10 a sergeant there. Lieutenant Crawford  
11 drove me in my car.

12 Q. What kind of car is that?

13 A. I believe a gray truck.

14 Q. Is that a department car?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. A gray truck?

17 A. Yes, a truck like I forget. I  
18 had a couple of cars. I forget.

19 Q. How long did it take you to get  
20 to Officer Schoolcraft's apartment?

21 A. About 15 minutes.

22 Q. And Crawford drove you?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. When you got there, did you get  
25 out of the car?

1 S. MAURIELLO

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Did Crawford also get out of  
4 the car?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who was at the scene when you  
7 got there?

8 A. When I got there, Chief Marino  
9 was following us in his car. We walked  
10 up, it was Captain Lauterborn was on the  
11 sidewalk with Brooklyn North  
12 investigations, ESU, EMS personnel were  
13 there, Lieutenant Brosschart was there,  
14 sergeant from the 104 was there with a  
15 couple of cops and the CO of 104 was  
16 there, Deputy Inspector Green.

17 Q. Who from Brooklyn North was  
18 there?

19 A. I think Hawkins [phonetic],  
20 Gough, and I forget the other one there.

21 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

22 G-O-U-G-H.

23 Q. Did you know the Brooklyn North  
24 investigations officers who were there?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. What happened next?

3 A. We were outside Chief Marino  
4 comes up, huddles everybody up, gets an  
5 update. At the time the landlord the  
6 husband and wife were there talking.  
7 They gave a key I think to Captain  
8 Lauterborn and discussing what was going  
9 on. They were pretty adamant that  
10 Officer Schoolcraft was home.

11 Q. Who was adamant?

12 A. The landlord.

13 Q. Did you have any discussions  
14 with either the landlord or the landlady?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Were you present when anybody  
17 else had any discussions with either the  
18 landlord or the landlady?

19 A. After they gave the key to  
20 Captain Lauterborn, they stepped back.  
21 Chief Marino was handling the scene. He  
22 was the highest ranking.

23 Q. Were you present when  
24 Lauterborn was discussing getting the key  
25 from the landlord?

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MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

Objection.

MR. KRETZ: Objection.

A. I believe we were walking up, we were walking up out of the car, they were talking.

Q. So when you got to the scene, you saw Lauterborn discussing or talking with the landlord and the landlady?

A. The husband and the wife.

Q. Let's call them the husband and wife. Did you see them hand the key to him?

A. No.

Q. Did he already have the key by then?

A. They probably already gave him the key, yes.

Q. Did either the husband or the wife, the landlady and the landlord, say anything to you?

A. No.

Q. Did they say anything in your presence that you heard?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. What happened next?

4 A. Chief Marino huddled everybody  
5 up to find out what's going on. We have  
6 the key. He decided to have ESU go  
7 upstairs with him and the rest of us to  
8 knock on the door to see if Adrian would  
9 open the door if he was all right.

10 We were worried about his  
11 safety, you know. God forbid he hurt  
12 himself.

13 Q. So Marino was in control at the  
14 scene?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. He made a decision to go  
17 upstairs with ESU leading?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were you in uniform?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was Marino in uniform?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How was ESU attired?

24 A. They were in uniform, but they  
25 had no helmets on, no hat, no protective



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2 gear, just like they got out of the car,  
3 regular uniform.

4 Q. Were you armed?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What were you armed with?

7 A. My 9 mm.

8 Q. Anything else?

9 A. No.

10 Q. What about anybody else, was  
11 anybody else armed?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who?

14 A. Everyone was working: Chief  
15 Marino, Captain Lauterborn, Lieutenant  
16 Brosschart was armed, investigations were  
17 armed.

18 Q. Was Brooklyn investigations,  
19 were they in uniform?

20 A. No.

21 Q. They were in plainclothes?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Lauterborn was in uniform?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Where was your 9 mm?

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2 A. My gun holster. I had my duty  
3 belt on.

4 Q. And Lauterborn had a gun in his  
5 holster?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And Lauterborn had a gun in his  
8 holster?

9 A. Yes, we were all in uniform.

10 Q. And Brosschart, he had a gun on  
11 his holster or his belt too?

12 A. I believe on his belt, yes.

13 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

14 Objection.

15 Q. And ESU had guns on their belts  
16 as well?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How many ESU people were there?

19 A. Off the top of my head, I don't  
20 remember. At least three.

21 Q. Am I correct that a group of  
22 you then went upstairs to the second  
23 floor of the house?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And ESU was in front; is that

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2 correct?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Who was directly behind them?

5 A. Chief Marino.

6 Q. Who was behind Marino?

7 A. Myself and Captain Lauterborn.

8 Q. What happened next?

9 A. ESU knocked on the door,  
10 "Adrian, are you home? Adrian, are you  
11 home?" No response.

12 They hear the TV going. They  
13 use the key and opened it up like 6  
14 inches and peeked in. They can see him  
15 sitting down in the bed. They opened the  
16 door. They said, "Adrian, we are worried  
17 about you. What's going on? Don't you  
18 hear us knocking on the door?" And  
19 everybody walked in the apartment.

20 Q. At any time before they open  
21 the door, did anybody draw their gun?

22 A. No.

23 Q. So everybody who had a gun, as  
24 far as you know, had their gun in their  
25 holster, right?

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2 might have hurt himself. Nobody was  
3 going in there defensive, he was going to  
4 hurt us. We were there to help him.

5 Q. I understand what you were  
6 thinking --

7 MR. KRETZ: Let him continue,  
8 please.

9 MR. SMITH: Yes.

10 A. Were in there to help him and  
11 not hurt him. At no time did anybody  
12 have his gun out. At no time were we  
13 going in there and roust him off his bed.  
14 I was in there. You can hear the tape.  
15 I come off concerned. I was. We all  
16 were.

17 Q. Inspector, you said he came at  
18 you twice, right?

19 A. He walked toward me twice.

20 Q. He came up to your face twice,  
21 right?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Did you feel at all concerned  
24 on either occasion that Officer  
25 Schoolcraft was going to strike you?

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2 A. Got close to my face, I took a  
3 step back. I don't know if he's  
4 disorientated. I don't know what is  
5 going on. He took another step towards  
6 me again. I talked to him and I said,  
7 "Teddy, handle it." I excused myself  
8 from the situation.

9 Q. Inspector, you are not  
10 answering my question. I want to know  
11 whether or not when Officer Schoolcraft  
12 got in your face the first time or the  
13 second time, did you feel he was acting  
14 in a threatening manner towards you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did anybody in the room take  
17 any action in response to that?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You just stepped back and  
20 exited from the circumstance; is that  
21 right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you tell Officer  
24 Schoolcraft, well, you are going to come  
25 back to the precinct with us?

1 S. MAURIELLO

2 A. I don't recall saying that.

3 Q. You don't remember saying that?

4 A. No.

5 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: Are you  
6 going to mark a CD as an exhibit?

7 MR. SMITH: I'm not going to  
8 mark the CD. It's a CD we all know  
9 very well.

10 MR. KRETZ: You better mark it.

11 MR. SMITH: There is no CD.  
12 It's in here.

13 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: Which CD  
14 does it come from?

15 MR. SMITH: I will do that at a  
16 later date.

17 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: I really  
18 prefer you do that today.

19 MR. SMITH: I can't do it now.  
20 You're going to have to suffer through  
21 with me.

22 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: That's  
23 not acceptable for you to play a  
24 recording and not be able to tell us  
25 where it's from.

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MR. KRETZ: Why don't I go get the disc and you tell me which one.

MR. SMITH: You guys are going to stick me with the seven hours. I'm not going to waste a lot of time. You are interpreting my examination. I'm playing a recording produced in this case.

MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: By whom?

MR. SMITH: By --

MS. PUBLICKER METHAM: By defendant or plaintiff?

MR. SMITH: By the Plaintiff.

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I'm going to be playing an excerpt of that from two minutes to two minutes and 48 seconds.

[Whereupon, a recording is playing.]

MR. SMITH: I'm stopping this recording at two minutes and 43 seconds.

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2 Q. Is that your voice, Inspector  
3 Mauriello, saying that the last you saw  
4 Officer Schoolcraft was back at the  
5 precinct and you were worried about him?

6 A. Yes, we were all worried about  
7 your safety and wellbeing.

8 MR. KRETZ: That's your voice?

9 Q. That's your voice, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. SMITH: I'm going to play  
12 the recording at 2.48.

13 [Whereupon, a recording is  
14 playing.]

15 Q. Did you just hear that part of  
16 the tape which says, "Well, you're gonna  
17 come back to the precinct with us"?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was that your voice?

20 A. Sounded like me, yes.

21 Q. Do you have any reason to think  
22 that wasn't you?

23 A. Who knows if he spliced tapes,  
24 I don't know.

25 Q. You can speculate about a lot



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2 of things.

3 Sitting here today, I'm asking  
4 you whether you have any reason to  
5 believe that wasn't your voice?

6 A. That's my voice.

7 Q. So you did tell Officer  
8 Schoolcraft, "Well, you're going to come  
9 back to the precinct with us"; isn't that  
10 right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So playing that piece of the  
13 recording refreshes your recollection  
14 about that; is that fair to say?

15 A. Yes, it does, sir.

16 Q. Why did you tell Officer  
17 Schoolcraft that he was going to come  
18 back to the precinct with you?

19 A. Because he left the precinct.  
20 It was discussed with Chief Marino he was  
21 there and he was AWOL. We were making  
22 sure he didn't hurt himself. He left the  
23 precinct without permission so....

24 Q. Is there some provision in the  
25 patrol guide that authorized you to go

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into Officer Schoolcraft's home and order him to return to the precinct because he was absent without leave?

MR. KRETZ: Objection.

MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

Objection.

A. First of all, we went to the house to make sure he didn't hurt himself. You hear me saying that on the tape. So that was the reason. We're making sure he was all right. We're worrying he had his gun and shield taken. We don't know what's the reason for. He don't answer the phone. He doesn't answer anybody's phone calls. He was not answering the door when they're knocking on the door. He's not answering the door. All right, God forbid if he hung himself, took pills, carbon monoxide, who knows. We are going there for his well being.

Now, his well being is all right, now, he's got to answer why you left the precinct.

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2 Q. So when you entered the  
3 apartment and you saw he was watching  
4 television?

5 A. The television was on.

6 Q. Physically, he was fine, right?

7 MR. KRETZ: Objection.

8 MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

9 Objection.

10 A. His hair was sticking up, his  
11 eyes were beat red like a possum.

12 Q. Didn't you just testify you  
13 were concerned about his well being and  
14 now you can see he was okay and now  
15 you're moving onto whether or not he's  
16 going to have to answer for leaving?

17 MR. KRETZ: Now you're trying to  
18 get him to make a statement about his  
19 health condition. You're asking too  
20 much.

21 MR. SMITH: I want his opinion.  
22 I appreciate you don't interrupt.

23 A. I went in there. I said that.  
24 He got confrontational in my face. I  
25 removed myself from the situation, and

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2 that's it.

3 Q. You are not answering my  
4 question, Inspector. You're not  
5 answering any of the questions that I  
6 have been asking you on this subject so I  
7 will start again.

8 MR. KRETZ: Objection to your  
9 characterization. That's really  
10 uncalled for and inaccurate.

11 MR. SMITH: Fine. I will  
12 rephrase the question.

13 MR. KRETZ: Withdraw the  
14 comment, that would be better.

15 MR. SMITH: I will restate my  
16 question.

17 Q. Is there anything in the patrol  
18 guide or the administrative guide or  
19 anything else that you can point me to  
20 that gave you the authority to go into  
21 his apartment and order him back to the  
22 precinct?

23 MR. KRETZ: Objection.

24 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:  
25 Objection.

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2 A. We went to make sure he was all  
3 right. The patrol guide, yes. He went  
4 AWOL. Now it's an unusual situation,  
5 very bizarre. He had no gun and shield  
6 for a reason.

7 We find out when I get to the  
8 scene that Captain Lauterborn said he  
9 talked to Dr. Lanstein [phonetic], and he  
10 has anger and resentment for the job and  
11 to the precinct so now we're worrying God  
12 forbid he hurt himself. So if we don't  
13 knock on the door if cops didn't stay  
14 there for four or five hours to make sure  
15 that he didn't hurt himself, then what?

16 Q. Is that your answer to my  
17 question?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did the patrol guide procedure  
20 on being absent without leave authorize  
21 you to go into his apartment?

22 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

23 Objection.

24 A. I was not the senior commanding  
25 officer on that scene.

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2 Q. That's not an answer.

3 A. Chief Marino was handling the  
4 decisions. That's it.

5 Q. Earlier that day you looked at  
6 the AWOL patrol guide procedure, didn't  
7 you?

8 A. I could correct you now because  
9 AWOL procedure is usually when you don't  
10 show up to work not when you leave work.  
11 See he left work. Now that procedure is  
12 different. Usually, the person doesn't  
13 come it the first four hours you're  
14 looking around at time records, did he  
15 put a 28 in, call this, call that. He  
16 left work without permission. He just  
17 left, gone.

18 Q. I'll restate the question  
19 again: Is there anything in the  
20 administrative guide, the patrol guide,  
21 or anyplace else that you can point me to  
22 which gives you the authority or anybody  
23 else at the scene the authority to go  
24 into his apartment and order him back to  
25 the 81st Precinct?

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2 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

3 Objection.

4 A. At the time he was not only  
5 AWOL, it was emotional status. If you  
6 want to look at that, it could be  
7 emotionally disturbed. You are  
8 emotionally disturbed, you are allowed to  
9 go in with a key, the landlord/tenant  
10 opens the door for you.

11 Q. When you are saying you are  
12 allowed to go in, what you referring to?

13 A. If someone -- this is  
14 considered a barricade situation if  
15 you're not answering the door here four  
16 hours, five hours; meanwhile, he is on  
17 tape with his father setting this whole  
18 thing up.

19 Q. Did you conclude had that  
20 Officer Schoolcraft was an EDP?

21 A. I didn't say that. I don't  
22 know what happened. You're asking me why  
23 do we have cops out there four, five  
24 hours to make sure he's all right.

25 Q. I'm asking you a different

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discussion about what you are going to do as a group if Officer Schoolcraft was inside the apartment and he was physically seeming fine, right?

A. Yes.

Q. Who said what about that?

A. Chief Marino.

Q. What did Chief Marino say?

A. We were here to make sure he didn't hurt himself, God forbid he hurt himself. If we go in there and we realize he didn't hurt himself, he was playing a game, he left work, then he has to go back to the precinct and conduct an investigation with GOs.

Q. What did you mean by GOs?

A. Getting interviewed on the tape under oath. They get the department lawyer to come and sit there with you. They interview you: Why did you leave? Why this? It's an investigation.

Q. Is it your understanding that the police department has the authority to compel an officer to go forward with



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that type of investigation on the spot  
against that person's will?

MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

Objection.

A. I wasn't in the apartment. I  
don't know happened afterward. I'm  
telling you we went there to make sure he  
was all right.

Q. Had you ever before directed an  
officer to return to the precinct or the  
command for an investigation?

A. Yes.

Q. How many times did that happen?

A. Numerous times: Off-duty  
incidents, an allegation a wife said  
something MOS did, the husband. You  
bring both parties in and you find out,  
especially, when there is a weapon  
related to it.

Q. On any of those occasions, did  
any of members of service refuse to go?

A. No.

Q. Am I correct this is the first  
time that an officer was ordered to go

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back to the precinct to conduct an investigation and when ordered, refused to go?

MS. PUBLICKER METHAM:

Objection.

MR. KRETZ: Objection.

A. I was in the middle of street. He walked on his own on the phone. He willingly went.

Q. You don't remember Officer Schoolcraft saying, "I will go but it's against my will"?

A. He said that but he was not saying it to me, only he was saying it to the chief, ESU, and everybody else in the apartment. He was making a record. He had a phone open. His father was listening to the whole conversation on the phone.

Q. Putting aside whatever you subscribe as his motivation to what he was saying, the fact is he told you he didn't want to go back to the 81st Precinct; isn't that right?

1 S. MAURIELLO

2 A. Right. I excused myself from  
3 the situation right after.

4 Q. And he made it clear he didn't  
5 want to go back; isn't that true?

6 A. And I excused myself right  
7 after that.

8 Q. Is it correct that Officer  
9 Schoolcraft made it clear to you he  
10 didn't want to back to the 81st --

11 A. He said, "I'll go" but I guess  
12 it's against my will. He said "I'll go."  
13 He didn't say I'm not going. He said,  
14 "I'll go."

15 MR. SMITH: I'm going to  
16 continue the recording at 2.50.

17 [Whereupon, a recording is  
18 playing.]

19 MR. SMITH: All right. I'm  
20 going to stop the recording right now  
21 at 3.34 and whatever the measurement  
22 system is for this recording.

23 Q. After a period of time you left  
24 the apartment; is that right?

25 A. After I talked, right away he

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stepped to my face again, and I stepped out. I said, "Teddy, you handle this." I removed myself from the situation.

Q. So once you said, Teddy --

A. I'm gone.

Q. -- and you went down to the street.

THE REPORTER: Slow down.

Q. Now we have listened to the rest of the excerpt of the tape from 2:50 to 3:34, do you agree with me that Officer Schoolcraft made it clear to you that he didn't want to go back to the eight one?

MR. KRETZ: Objection.

A. He said those words. Yes, that's what he said.

Q. And when you went back down to the street, what did you do?

A. I stood in the middle of the street. Lieutenant Crawford was out there and Deputy Inspector Green.

Q. Did you speak with anybody?

A. I talked to Lieutenant Crawford

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and Deputy Inspector Green.

Q. What does Deputy Inspector Green look like?

A. He had a beard. He was in plainclothes.

Q. How was he dressed?

A. He had a windbreaker on and jeans, the NYPD windbreaker, and the shield on this neck.

Q. Dark blue NYPD windbreaker --

A. Yes.

Q. -- or the light blue one?

A. The dark one.

Q. With the word "NYPD" in gold or silver on the back?

A. Yeah. Yes.

Q. How old is Green?

A. Forty.

Q. White male?

A. Yes.

Q. What does Crawford look like?

A. Tommy; male white, late 30s, brown hair, clean shaven.

Q. Was he in uniform?

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2 A. I don't think he was in uniform  
3 that night.

4 Q. How was he dressed?

5 A. Gray jacket on, shield,  
6 covering anticrime that night.

7 Q. You were wearing a white shirt  
8 that night?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And Marino was wearing a white  
11 shirt?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And Captain Lauterborn was  
14 wearing a white shirt?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How was the Brooklyn North's  
17 investigations personnel dressed?

18 A. I don't remember.  
19 Plainclothes. That's all I remember.

20 Q. What about Brosschart, how was  
21 he dressed?

22 A. Uniform.

23 Q. White shirt?

24 A. I think so.

25 Q. What happened next?

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2 A. Standing out there ten to 15  
3 minutes later, Officer Schoolcraft, I  
4 should say, Adrian Schoolcraft, is  
5 walking down the stairs. He was on the  
6 phone. He walked down. He made a left.  
7 He went towards the EMS truck. Everybody  
8 else was coming out the apartment down  
9 the stairs behind him.

10 He got by the truck and all of  
11 a sudden made a U-turn, and he started  
12 running fast and he ran into the  
13 building.

14 Q. Did you see him make this  
15 U-turn?

16 A. I was watching him, I seen him  
17 go down to the EMS truck. All of a  
18 sudden, I see him make a U-turn, he  
19 turned. The next thing I know he was  
20 running up the stairs.

21 Q. Did you overhear anyone say  
22 anything either while he was walking  
23 towards the truck or when he made the  
24 U-turn?

25 A. No.

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2 Q. Did you hear anybody say  
3 anything as he started heading back  
4 towards the apartment?

5 A. I don't think so.

6 Q. Did you tell Lauterborn words  
7 to the effect, Teddy, go get him?

8 A. Absolutely not.

9 Q. You believed that he actually  
10 ran back to the --

11 A. Walking fast and started  
12 running up the stairs.

13 Q. So he walked fast --

14 A. First he --

15 THE REPORTER: You're  
16 interrupting him before he finishes.

17 Q. Did he start walking quickly to  
18 his apartment; is that what you are  
19 saying?

20 A. He U-turned, started walking,  
21 then he put a quick pace, like a jog.

22 Q. Up the steps?

23 A. Like 10 feet before coming up  
24 the steps. He went up the steps fast.

25 Q. Then what happened?



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2 A. Saw everybody followed him up  
3 in the building. Everybody disappeared.

4 Q. Who followed him in the  
5 building first?

6 A. Brooklyn North investigation  
7 maybe and Captain Lauterborn and Chief  
8 Marino.

9 Q. Why didn't you go upstairs?

10 A. First time I was involved in a  
11 situation, get out of my face, agitated  
12 the situation. I'm not going to get back  
13 involved again.

14 Q. Did anybody tell you to stay  
15 out on the street?

16 A. No.

17 Q. You made that decision on your  
18 own?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. What happened next?

21 A. Fifteen, 20 minutes later I see  
22 EMS coming down the stairs, Schoolcraft  
23 is sitting down on a chair, like,  
24 restrained in an orange chair looking  
25 around staring around at everybody.

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Q. Who else was on the street at the time?

A. I believe Lieutenant Crawford was there with me.

Q. Were there any civilians on the street?

A. There was a bunch of people in the houses on the street. There was people on the street.

Q. When you say "a bunch of people," how many?

A. People living next door, the landlady, the super on the street away from everything, the people next door were there, some cops.

Q. Is it fair to say there were probably five to ten, maybe more, civilians on the street looking at the scene?

A. Yeah, away from it, but they are still in the street.

Q. What happened next?

A. What happened next, EMS took him to the ambulance. Captain Lauterborn

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2 told Lieutenant Brosschart to go with him  
3 in the ambulance.

4 Q. Did Officer Schoolcraft say  
5 anything that you heard?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did anybody say anything to  
8 him?

9 A. Not that I know of.

10 Q. What happened next?

11 A. Everybody came out. We got in  
12 the car, went back to the precinct to  
13 start the investigation.

14 Q. Am I correct that it was back  
15 at the precinct, it was Brooklyn North  
16 investigations, those three officers; is  
17 that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And Chief Marino?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And Captain [sic] Brosschart?

22 A. No. Captain Lauterborn.

23 Q. Captain Lauterborn was there?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Is that correct?

1 S. MAURIELLO

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And who else?

4 A. Myself.

5 Q. And was Crawford also at the GO  
6 or the PG afterwards?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Who else was at the  
9 investigation at the precinct?

10 A. I think they interviewed two  
11 people: Sergeant Hoffman or Officer  
12 Rodriguez or Reyes.

13 Q. Was anybody else interviewed?

14 A. Not that I know of.

15 Q. It was at that meeting there  
16 was a discussion about the fact that  
17 Officer Schoolcraft had a tape recorder;  
18 is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who mentioned that?

21 A. Brooklyn investigations might  
22 have mentioned it.

23 Q. That was the first time that  
24 you heard anybody discuss the fact that  
25 Officer Schoolcraft had a tape recorder?

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,  
Plaintiff,

Case No:  
10 CV 06005

- against -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

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444 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

July 1, 2014  
10:24 a.m.

CONTINUED DEPOSITION OF STEVEN MAURIELLO,  
pursuant to Notice, taken at the above place,  
date and time, before DENISE ZIVKU, a Notary  
Public within and for the State of New York.

1 CONTINUED- STEVEN MAURIELLO

2 audiotape. I want to know --

3 A. It was quick.

4 Q. -- since you were there, how  
5 long you say you were in his apartment and  
6 you're telling me now it was three minutes?

7 A. Five to three minutes about.

8 Q. The next paragraph of your  
9 counterclaim, in the second sentence of  
10 paragraph 12, it says here "instead they  
11 acted on a desire to prevent plaintiff from  
12 doing harm to himself and others." You see  
13 that reference?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. I know that you told me that you  
16 were acting out of a concern for yourself  
17 that Schoolcraft may do harm to himself.  
18 You said that in your first deposition,  
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You remember that?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. What's the basis for the  
24 statement that anybody was concerned about  
25 Schoolcraft harming others?