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LOCATION OF INVESTIGATION: 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT

DETECTIVES AT SCENE: J.SILVA,T.WILSON, K.BELL, J.KASPERZYK AND LT.WHITE OFFICERS: MERCED, APONTE, TYSON, HEALY, ORTIZ, LT. STREETO AND STATEWIDE NARCOTICS

DATE AND TIME: 11-09-06 1900 HOURS

THE UNDERSIGNED (A MEMBER OF THE NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT) AND DETECTIVE WILSON CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ILLICIT SALES OF NARCOTICS AT 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT NEW HAVEN, CT. THIS INVESTIGATION LED TO THE SECURING OF A SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATION, SIGNED ON 11-09-06 BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE BROWN.

ON 11-09-06 THE ABOVE LISTED DETECTIVES AND OFFICERS EXECUTED SAID SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT AT 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT NEW HAVEN CT. THE ENTRY TEAM CONSISTED OF DETECTIVES KASPERZYK, BELL, MEMBERS OF STATEWIDE NARCOTICS AND MYSELF. THE REAR OF THE APARTMENT WAS COVERED BY OFFICERS TYSON, HEALY, LT. STREETO AND LT. WHITE. THE ABOVE NAMED DETECTIVES REACHED THE FRONT LEFT OUTER DOOR OF 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT. AT THIS TIME I KNOCKED AND ANNOUNCED "POLICE WITH A SEARCH WARRANT". AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE THE FRONT LÉFT OUTER DOOR OF 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT WAS LOCKED/SECURED AND OPENED VIA BATTERING RAM. THE ABOVE LISTED DETECTIVES ENTERED THE APARTMENT. ONCE IN THE COMMON HALLWAY WE CONTINUED THRU THE OPEN DOOR OF THE FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT. WE CLEARED THE LIVING ROOM AREA AND PROCEEDED TO THE KITCHEN AREA. IN THE KITCHEN AREA I OBSERVED A BLACK MALE WALKING OUT OF THE BACK BEDROOM. THIS SUBJECT WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS NORVAL FALCONER. FALCONER WAS SECURED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE TARGET LOCATION WAS SECURED AND A SYSTEMATIC SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED.

THE FOLLOWING LIST REFLECTS THE EVIDENCE SEIZED FROM THE TARGET LOCATION OF 65-67 TRUMAN STREET FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT.

ITEM #1 (1) SANDWICH BAG CONTAINING A WHITE POWDER LIKE SUBSTANCE (SUSPECTED COCAINE) WITH AN APPROXIMATE WEIGHT OF 7.4 GRAMS. THE SUSPECTED COCAINE HAS AN APPROXIMATE STREET RESALE VALUE OF \$560.00. THIS ITEM WAS FOUND BY DETECTIVE KASPERZYK ON TOP OF THE DRESSER IN THE BEDROOM THAT FALCONER WAS COMING OUT OF.

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ITEM #2 (19) WHITE ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCES EACH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED UP IN A PIECE OF PLASTIC AND TIED IN A KNOT. (SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE). EACH INDIVIDUAL WHITE ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE HAS A STREET RESALE VALUE OF \$20.00. THE TOTAL STREET RESALE VALUE IS \$380.00. THIS ITEM WAS FOUND BY DETECTIVE KASPERZYK ON TOP OF THE DRESSER IN THE BEDROOM THAT FALCONER WAS COMING OUT OF.

ITEM #3 (1) CLEAR PLASTIC ZIPLOCK BAG CONTAINING (40) SMALL RED TINTED ZIPLOCK BAGGIES. EACH RED ZIPLOCK BAGGIE CONTAINED A GREEN PLANT LIKE LEAFY SUBSTANCE (SUSPECTED MARIJUANA). EACH INDIVIDUAL RED TINTED ZIPLOCK BAGGIE HAS A STREET RESALE VALUE OF \$10.00. THE TOTAL STREET RESALE VALUE IS \$400.00. THIS ITEM WAS FOUND BY DETECTIVE KASPERZYK ON TOP OF THE DRESSER IN THE BEDROOM THAT FALCONER WAS COMING OUT OF.

ITEM #4 \$127.00 IN CASH. THIS ITEM WAS FOUND BY DETECTIVE KASPERZYK ON TOP OF THE DRESSER IN THE BEDROOM THAT FALCONER WAS COMING OUT OF.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS SEIZED WERE FOUND BY DETECTIVE KASPERZYK ON TOP OF THE DRESSER IN THE BEDROOM THAT FALCONER WAS COMING OUT OF. ALSO FOUND NEXT TO THE ABOVE ITEMS SEIZED WAS FALCONER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD.

A PORTION OF THE WHITE ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE WAS TESTED BY DETECTIVE WILSON, (CERTIFIED NARCOTIC TESTER) USING NARK SIRCHIE #13 CRACK COCAINE TESTER. THE TEST PRODUCED A POSITIVE REACTION FOR THE PRESENCE OF CRACK COCAINE. THESE TESTS HAVE BEEN UTILIZED IN THE PAST ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND HAVE HAD RESULTS PROVEN TO ACCURATE AND RELIABLE.

A PORTION OF THE GREEN PLANT LIKE LEAFY SUBSTANCE WAS TESTED BY DETECTIVE WILSON, (CERTIFIED NARCOTIC TESTER) USING NARK SIRCHIE #8 MARIJUANA TESTER. THE TEST PRODUCED A POSITIVE REACTION FOR THE PRESENCE OF MARIJUANA. THESE TESTS HAVE BEEN UTILIZED IN THE PAST ON NUMEROUS OCÇASIONS AND HAVE HAD RESULTS PROVEN TO ACCURATE AND RELIABLE.

DETECTIVE WILSON ENTERED THE ABOVE EVIDENCE SEIZED INTO ONE UNION AVE PROPERTY ROOM.

A COPY OF PAGE 5 OF THE SEARCH WARRANT WAS LEFT INSIDE THE RESIDENCE.

FALCONER WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITHIN 1500 FEET OF A SCHOOL, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH THE INTENT TO SELL, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH THE INTENT TO SELL 1500 FEET OF A SCHOOL, POSSESSION OF A NARCOTIC SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF A NARCOTIC

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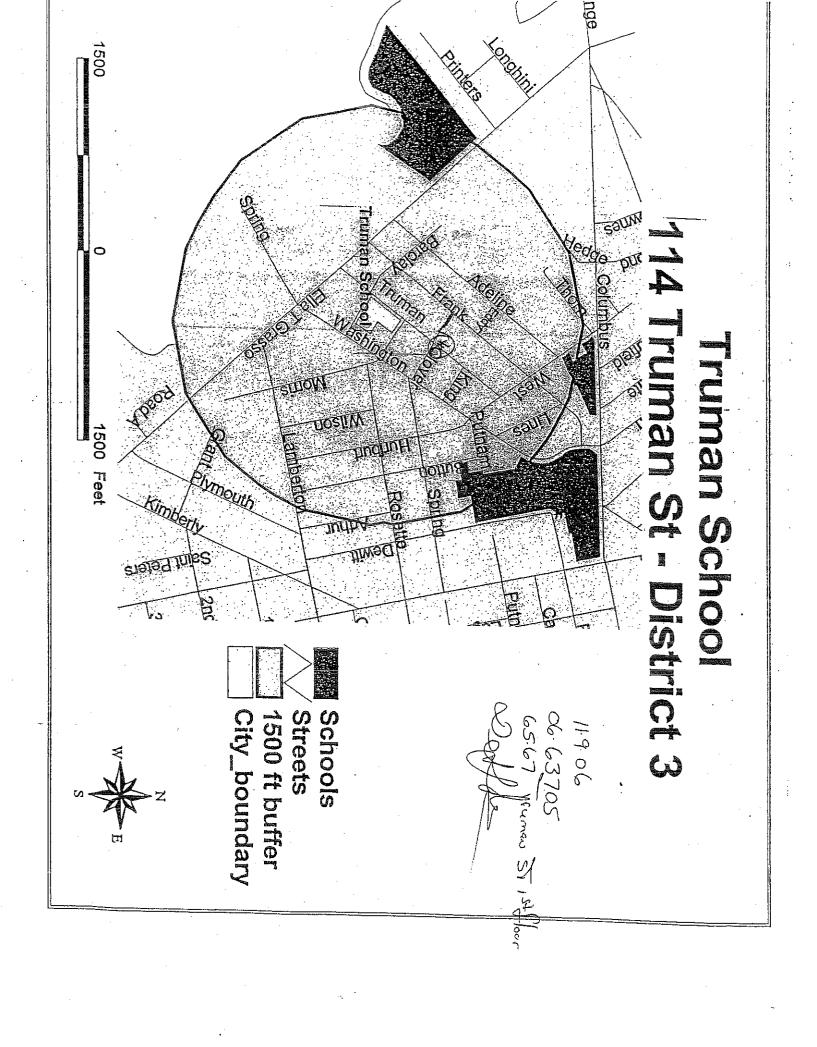
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FALCONERWAS TRANSPORTED VIA PRISONER CONVEYANCE TO ONE UNION AVE DETENTION CENTER.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

TOMASA PIZARRO AND JORGE PIZARRO,

Plaintiffs,

-versus-

: No. 3:06CV00450(VLB)

JUSTEN KASPERZYK, WILLIAM WHITE, PAUL BICKI, MARK CALAFIORE, DAVID K. RUNLETT, PAUL GUGLIELMO, :

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Defendants. :

Deposition of JUSTEN KASPERZYK, taken pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, at the Corporation Counsel's Office, 4th Floor, 165 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, before Jacqueline McCauley, RPR/CSR, a Notary Public in and for the State of Connecticut, on June 16, 2008, at 10:07 a.m.

- 1 JUSTEN KASPERZYK,
- 2 271 Chestnut Hill Road, Killingworth, Connecticut,
- 3 called as a witness, having been first duly
- 4 sworn by Jacqueline M. McCauley, a Notary
- 5 Public in and for the State of Connecticut,
- 6 was examined and testified as follows:

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- 8 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 10,
- 9 marked for identification.)
- MS. POLAN: Usual stipulations
- 11 ^ accept ^ except read and sign.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Yeah, we'll read and
- 13 sign.
- 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MS. POLAN:
- 16 Q. Good morning, Mr. Kasperzyk. My name is
- 17 Diane Polan. We just met before the deposition began,
- 18 correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. You're here to have your deposition taken
- 21 in a case entitled Pizarro versus Kasperzyk, Et. Al.
- 22 You're aware of that, are you not?
- A. Correct.
- Q. That's why you're here?
- A. Correct.

- 1 few. I think there was like 12 to 15 detectives in
- 2 it.
- Q. And these two sergeants were in charge?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And did the leadership, for lack of a
- 6 better word, did that change in the narcotics unit at
- 7 sometime after you joined it?
- A. Yes. Three to four months into it
- 9 Lieutenant White was reassigned to run everything.
- Q. And who is -- who reassigned him?
- 11 A. I believe the mayor and the chief.
- Q. When you say the mayor and the chief,
- 13 what's that belief based on?
- A. They put him there.
- Q. What's the reason you say the mayor put
- 16 him there as opposed to someone else?
- A. Just because we heard they were not happy
- 18 with the drug dealing going on in the city, and they
- 19 wanted more enforcement, and he was considered the
- 20 best we had. He ran the DEA and everything over
- 21 there, Lieutenant White.
- Q. Let me ask you this. Sergeant Collier and
- 23 Sergeant Esposito, did they assign you to different
- 24 tasks? Is that how it worked? They would give you
- 25 assignments?

- l was the new plan for the City.
- Q. And did you, as a police officer, hear
- 3 about that?
- 4 A. Word of mouth through the department,
- 5 other bosses.
- 6 Q. So basically you heard that the mayor and
- 7 the chief wanted him, meaning Billy White --
- A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. -- to come back to the City and run
- 10 narcotics?
- A. Everything; the task forces, too. They
- 12 all had to report to him. He reported to the chief
- 13 and the mayor.
- Q. When you say all the task forces, what do
- 15 you mean?
- A. There's State Police Task Force, FBI Task
- 17 Force. There's the Auto Theft Task Force. There's
- 18 the what's called statewide -- there's two statewide
- 19 units, statewide narcotics and statewide gangs, which
- 20 they assign officers to as well; and also they created
- 21 a street interdiction unit, which were comprised of
- 22 officers they pulled up from patrol for 6 to 12
- 23 months, just hit the street corners.
- Q. What I want to try to just get clear you
- 25 said they wanted him, meaning Mr. White, to come back

- 1 and "run all the task forces"?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And this was about the same time you were
- 4 becoming a detective? Was it later?
- A. It was right after, a couple months after.
- Q. So it was within a few months? Your best
- 7 recollection it was within a few months of, sort of
- 8 spring/summer of '03?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And you said they created the street
- 11 interdiction unit. Was that created when Mr. White
- 12 was running these task forces, before, after?
- A. I believe before. They really put an
- 14 emphasis on it, a little before.
- 15 Q. The way you knew all the things you're
- 16 telling me about is through word of mouth through the
- 17 department?
- A. You saw it. You saw firsthand.
- 19 Q. You said they wanted him to come back to
- 20 the City and you said "run everything"?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. When you said come back to the City, was
- 23 Mr. White actually working for someone other than the
- 24 City at this time when you first became a detective?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection to the form.

- 1 Q. Go ahead.
- A. They had an off-site location with the DEA
- 3 so you never really saw those guys. They had to
- 4 report to the department.
- 5 Q. So as I understand it, when you first
- 6 became a detective, White was somewhere else running
- 7 some DEA task force/intelligence unit?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And there were New Haven officers working
- 10 for him, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. But it was at an off-site location?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And your understanding was the mayor and
- 15 the police chief wanted him to come back to "run
- 16 everything"?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 MR. WOLAK: Objection to the form.
- 19 Q. And your understanding was that included
- 20 all the task forces?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And also they wanted him to run the
- 23 narcotics unit?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 MR. WOLAK: Object to the form.

- 1 summer of '03, a few months after you became a
- 2 detective, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Did anything change in terms of the
- 5 day-to-day operation when he took over?
- A. I didn't know how it ran before, because I
- 7 was a new detective in the unit.
- Q. You said there were a couple months when
- 9 these two were in charge, Collier and Esposito.
- 10 A. Right.
- Q. Did anything change from when they were in
- 12 charge to when White took over?
- 13 A. No, not really. We still did the same
- 14 stuff, search warrants, drug arrests.
- Q. Did you receive -- strike that. What was
- 16 your understanding of whom Mr. White's supervisor was?
- 17 A. The Chief of Police.
- Q. Was that Chief Ortiz?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Was your understanding the mayor had any
- 21 supervisory role with respect to Mr. White?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 23 A. I know that the chief, the mayor and he
- 24 would have meetings. That was it.
- Q. Were they having meetings about narcotics

- 1 enforcement or --
- A. Oh yes, yes.
- Q. And how did you know they were having
- 4 meetings about narcotics enforcement?
- A. He have to go to the meeting. He would
- 6 tell me he was going to the meeting with the chief and
- 7 the mayor.
- Q. Who was that? Billy?
- 9 A. Yes, Lieutenant White.
- 10 Q. How often did he tell you he was going to
- 11 meetings with the chief and mayor?
- 12 A. He met with the chief every day and the
- 13 mayor. I don't know.
- 14 Q. Can you approximate how often he told you
- 15 he was going to a meeting with the chief and the
- 16 mayor?
- 17 A. A lot of times he would tell us that this
- 18 came from the mayor's office, from the words of the
- 19 chief. Get it done. I know probably once a month
- 20 they probably have a meeting with the mayor and the
- 21 chief.
- 22 Q. And you recollect times he would say,
- 23 "This came from the mayor. Get it done"?
- A. And the chief? All the time.
- Q. What would this be referring to?

- 1 A. A house hit over here, drug activity in
- 2 certain area, more weapons arrests. You know, we had
- 3 constant pressure from the chief's office.
- Q. When you say a house hit over there, can
- 5 you --
- 6 A. A search warrant. The chief constantly
- 7 gets complaints of drug dealing going on and
- 8 shootings, and the area is violent. Take care of it.
- 9 Clean it up. Make a buy out of the house, and do a
- 10 search warrant or make an arrest outside.
- 11 Q. So your understanding, when you were in
- 12 the narcotics unit, was that the mayor and the chief
- 13 were both identifying areas of the City, sometimes
- 14 specific houses where they wanted you to make arrests?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 16 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And at that time, and I am now talking
- 19 about the whole time from 2003 to 2007, do you
- 20 remember any specific locations where you got
- 21 direction from the mayor that you were to either hit
- 22 this house or arrest somebody in this particular
- 23 location?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 25 A. It never really came from the mayor

- 1 itself. It came from the chief.
- Q. Do you remember specific either addresses
- 3 or streets?
- A. I couldn't tell you; there's hundreds.
- Q. But you would get instructions to go to
- 6 specific locations?
- 7 A. Sometimes we were working on a job, and
- 8 Lieutenant White would say, "Drop what you're doing.
- 9 This is from the chief. He wants it done."
- 10 Q. And this is from the chief would mean
- 11 what?
- 12 A. Get your ass, that thing, down within a
- 13 next couple days.
- 14 Q. Get that thing done would mean what?
- 15 A. Make an arrest. Clean up the
- 16 neighborhood.
- 17 Q. Prior to the time you became a detective
- 18 did you get any kind of annual or any kind of periodic
- 19 evaluations of your work as a police officer?
- A. I received numerous awards.
- Q. That's not my question.
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Evaluations.
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know what a job evaluation is?

- A. You're supposed to. They don't do it.
- 2 Q. When you became a police officer, was it
- 3 your understanding you would get either annual or some
- 4 type of regular evaluations?
- 5 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. How did you learn that when you became a
- 8 police officer?
- 9 A. There is a form for it, a supervisor form
- 10 on how you're doing. They are never done, though.
- 11 Q. Let's just go back. When you first became
- 12 a police officer, did you receive anything in writing,
- 13 any kind of handbook or anything from the union or
- 14 anything that led you to believe that you were going
- 15 to get either annual or any other kind of evaluations
- 16 from a supervisor? How did you know this?
- A. I don't know if it was in the general
- 18 orders or not, which is a big -- basically it's our
- 19 bible on how the department is run. It could be in
- 20 there, but I know that there's forms for disciplinary
- 21 as well as good work, I want to say "at a boys" and
- 22 then performance.
- Q. There are performance evaluation forms?
- A. Yes. I know if a person gets in trouble,
- 25 then they have to write a performance for the next six

- 1 months or a year after that point on how they!re
- 2 doing.
- Q. Let's not talk about people in trouble.
- 4 Let's just talk about when you were a regular police
- 5 officer. Do you remember ever having a regular
- 6 performance evaluation done by any kind of supervisor?
- 7 A. Never.
- 8 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 9 Q. When you were on the statewide task force,
- 10 do you remember ever being subject to any kind of
- 11 performance evaluation?
- 12 A. They always had them in the state police.
- Q. When you were in the state police, you got
- 14 them?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. When you were assigned to that task force,
- 17 you did get evaluated?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Who did your evals?
- 20 A. Rick Stevens.
- Q. How many times do you think you got
- 22 evaluated by Rick Stevens?
- A. I think they had to do one either once a
- 24 month or once every six months.
- Q. Would you be given copies of those?

- 1 A. I never saw any.
- Q. Were you asked to sign them?
- A. I might have been, to tell you the truth.
- Q. When you went back to New Haven from the
- 5 task force, did you ever get any kind of performance
- 6 evaluation after that?
- 7 A. No, not that I know of. They could have
- 8 done it behind my back, and put it in my file, but I
- 9 never saw it.
- 10 Q. As far as you know, you were never
- 11 evaluated?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Apart from that very short period of time,
- 14 where those -- Collier and Esposito, is that their
- 15 names?
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Were the supervisors -- Billy White was
- 18 your supervisor the rest of the time you were a
- 19 detective in narcotics, correct?
- A. And sometimes James Kelly, Sergeant Kelly.
- Q. What role did he play?
- 22 A. He ran the interdiction unit of the
- 23 officers plus sometimes he was there covering for
- 24 Lieutenant White or he would be with us. They would
- 25 be out together. So if he's a boss in our unit, we

- 1 still got to follow the chain of command.
- Q. He would cover for White or work with him?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What was his first name?
- 5 A. James Kelly.
- Q. Is he still there or he retired?
- 7 A. He's retired.
- Q. Was he above White or parallel or where
- 9 was he in the chain of command?
- 10 A. He was a sergeant below.
- 11 Q. But he was above you?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Did he ever evaluate you?
- A. I don't think so.
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 16 MS. POLAN: Do you know if anybody
- 17 in the unit ever got any kind of performance
- 18 evaluation?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 20 A. I never seen anything.
- Q. Do you know if White ever got evaluated by
- 22 any superior?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Now, let me ask you some questions about

- 1 lawyer Ethan Levin-Epstein?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is there anything in that section, which
- 4 is about five, six paragraphs, that's inaccurate?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. So those are all things that -- that's an
- 7 accurate summary of what you told the FBI, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And everything you told them on March 16,
- 10 2007 was true?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And, for example, you told them that you
- 13 moved the drugs to "tighten up" the case, and put them
- 14 in a more incriminating area?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you also told them that you moved
- 17 drugs once in a while to strengthen a case, White's
- 18 philosophy was in cases where you do not get the guy
- 19 with the "goods," you have to put it on them?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- Q. You also told that to the FBI, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. How did you learn Lieutenant White's
- 24 philosophy about narcotics enforcement?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.

Page 114 How did you learn --Α. How did you learn his philosophy? 2 Q. 3 He just told you. Α. 4 Can you tell me what other things you learned from him about narcotics enforcement? 5 6 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form. 7 Just basically that. 8 Well, would this particular statement that White's -- this is from your 302. White's philosophy was in cases where you do not get the guy with the 10 goods, you have to put it on them. Are those things 11 he -- is that something he specifically told you? 12 13 MS. DORMAN: Objection to form. 14 Yeah. You write a good report, and, you know -- he had that philosophy, but, you know ... 15 16 What I'm trying to find out is how you Ω. learned it from him. Was it a written policy he gave 17 18 you? 19 Α. No. 20 It was based on conversations, correct? Ω. 21 Α. Yes. 22 And is it fair to say that in your mind Q. the greater goal of ridding the streets of drug 23 dealers justified some illegal actions? 24 25 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.

- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- Q. Is that fair?
- A. I guess in this case, yes.
- Q. Now, in fact, you wrote a letter to Judge
- 5 Nevis in connection with your sentencing in a criminal
- 6 case, didn't you?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. That's Plaintiff's 4. I'm giving you a
- 9 copy of your letter. With respect to the Truman
- 10 Street Search, you believed the people who were
- 11 selling narcotics out of Truman Street were a threat
- 12 to the neighborhood, didn't you?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And that they were operating a
- 15 24-hour-a-day narcotics operation, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And that you also told Judge Nevis that
- 18 the drug dealers know the drug laws, and they use the
- 19 language of the laws to help from being prosecuted,
- 20 correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And in particular, you told Judge Nevis
- 23 that the drug dealers put their drugs in a common area
- 24 so they avoid prosecution, correct?
- A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And you also told Judge Nevis that you
- 2 didn't move the drugs from the outside. You just
- 3 moved them from the basement to the bedroom.
- 4 A. Correct.
- Q. What was important to you -- why is that
- 6 distinction important in your mind that you didn't
- 7 move the drugs from the outside of the house, but just
- 8 from the basement to the bedroom?
- 9 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as form.
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 11 A. My opinion is because I didn't bring the
- 12 drugs from my house. They were there. They were
- 13 selling those drugs and they used a system, and moved
- 14 it to keep away from getting prosecuted. They know
- 15 the laws, how to get away from it, and that's that.
- Q. That made you angry, doesn't it?
- A. It doesn't make me angry. It makes me
- 18 frustrated. It makes me sad that the good people out
- 19 there have to live like that. They get taken over,
- 20 their neighborhoods, by these people.
- Q. You thought by moving the drugs in the
- 22 basement, which you knew to be illegal, correct? You
- 23 knew it was illegal for you, as a police officer, to
- 24 move the drugs from the location where they were found
- 25 to another location in order to make an arrest. You

- 1 knew that, didn't you?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- A. I knew it was illegal.
- 4 Q. And you thought that that illegality was
- 5 justified because of the ability of the drug dealers
- 6 to avoid prosecution, correct?
- 7 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 8 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- 9 A. I was really worried about the tenants
- 10 upstairs getting killed by these people if someone
- 11 didn't go to jail.
- 12 Q. You didn't have any information that the
- 13 individual who had been secured in the building had
- 14 posed a threat to the neighborhood, did you?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- Q. That particular person you didn't know,
- 17 did you?
- 18 A. From my training and experience I don't
- 19 know. The narcotics dealers, they carry guns and are
- 20 in gangs, and they use violence as a force of a
- 21 method.
- Q. You didn't even know if that individual
- 23 was a narcotics dealer, did you?
- A. He was in the bedroom sitting in a chair
- 25 in a window where they were selling drugs out of where

- 1 money was next to. I believe he was selling
- 2 narcotics.
- Q. You didn't have any information about him,
- 4 did you?
- 5 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- 6 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- A. We had one of four males in the house
- 8 selling narcotics.
- 9 Q. And he didn't have a weapon, did he?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 11 Q. He was checked for weapons, wasn't he?
- 12 A. Nothing was found in the house.
- Q. But he didn't have any weapon on his
- 14 person, did he?
- 15 A. No.
- Q. There were no weapons in the apartment,
- 17 were there?
- 18 A. None were found.
- 19 MR. WOLAK: Just a question at this
- 20 point. When did this incident happen?
- Q. This happened in November of 2006, didn't
- 22 it?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MR. WOLAK: At this point, Attorney
- 25 Polan, you are doing discovery for what case?

- 1 MS. POLAN: I am doing a deposition
- 2 of an individual about his credibility, Mike.
- 3 MR. WOLAK: I want to know what the
- 4 purpose of this is about.
- 5 MS. POLAN: It's about his
- 6 credibility. That's what it's about. Now, you also
- 7 gave some information to the FBI about something that
- 8 they described as a roving drug lab. Do you remember
- 9 that?
- MR. DEL SOLE: What are you
- 11 referring to?
- MS. POLAN: The same exhibit,
- 13 Plaintiff's Exhibit 5. Do you remember that
- 14 information you gave?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Can you refer us to a
- 16 particular page?
- 17 Q. Yeah, page 6. It's right after the Truman
- 18 Street information. First of all, is that roving drug
- 19 lab, those three words in quotes, is that a term you
- 20 used for the FBI or is that just --
- 21 A. The FBI uses it.
- Q. Now, you told the FBI, during that
- 23 session, that there were occasions on which you and
- 24 other officers from the Narcotics Enforcement Unit
- 25 would pull over a car, get the keys to the person's

- 1 house, and go into the person's house without a
- 2 warrant and seize drugs, and then bring them back to
- 3 the car. That's the essence of what you told them,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. No. I said on this one the man had a
- 6 bunch of drugs in the car. We went back to the place
- 7 where he came out of, and they were dispatching
- 8 material there and a sale, and some money we put back
- 9 in the car, but the drugs were found in the car.
- Q. With respect to the entry into the man's
- 11 house with the car keys at the time, you did that did.
- 12 You believe that was lawful?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 14 A. No.
- Q. So you knew that was unlawful to take the
- 16 person's car keys, and go into a house to look for
- 17 evidence, correct?
- A. Say that again?
- 19 Q. You knew it was unlawful to take a
- 20 person's car keys, go into the house and search for
- 21 evidence, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And why did you do it?
- A. Just to, I guess, save time on doing the
- 25 search warrant, and it was getting the small stuff

- 1 that was in the house, because the majority of the
- 2 narcotics were inside the car, so we just did that.
- Q. Now, you told the FBI that Lieutenant
- 4 White made the decision to put the "stuff" from the
- 5 house in the car. Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes,
- Q. Were you following his instructions --
- 8 strike that. Did he also tell you to go to the house
- 9 with the car keys or did you make that decision on
- 10 your own?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- A. He told us.
- Q. And how many times did you engage in that
- 15 type of activity?
- A. Only a couple.
- 17 Q. Now, you also say at the bottom of that
- 18 first paragraph after the last sentence, "Kasperzyk
- 19 and White did not have a conversation about what to do
- 20 with the 'stuff' from the house, because Kasperzyk
- 21 knew what to do with it." You see that sentence?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is that referring to taking the evidence
- 24 that had been found in the house, and putting it into
- 25 the car?

- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- Q. Is that what that refers to?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And how is it you knew what to do with it
- 6 without him telling you?
- 7 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. He told me prior.
- 9 Q. Do you remember when that incident
- 10 occurred that was on Lombard Street?
- 11 A. I couldn't really give him a date and
- 12 time. It was about -- I said two years ago on the
- 13 thing, but I had no specific date.
- Q. Now, let me go back to Exhibit 6. There's
- 15 more conversation between you and the FBI agents on
- 16 March 22. On the first page under the heading illegal
- 17 search warrants it says, "There were a couple of times
- 18 where Kasperzyk arrested someone following a car stop,
- 19 took the person's keys, and went to the person's
- 20 house, and conducted a warrantless search. Typically
- 21 Kasperzyk and Lieutenant William White went to the
- 22 house and conducted the search. White pressured
- 23 officers of the Narcotics Enforcement Unit to do these
- 24 types of stops and searches." You see that?
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- Q. Are those -- is that all information that
- 2 you provided to the FBI?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Is it accurate?
- 5 A. Pretty much.
- Q. How did White pressure you to do these
- 7 types of stops and searches?
- 8 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. He told officers they should do it.
- Q. Well, what did you feel would happen to
- 11 you if you didn't do it?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. Probably get bounced out of the unit.
- Q. What made you think you'd get bounced out
- 15 of the unit if you didn't engage in this illegal
- 16 activity?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- 19 A. I don't know. He's your lieutenant. I
- 20 don't know.
- Q. At any time between the time Lieutenant
- 22 White took over the narcotics unit and the date of
- 23 your arrest in March of 2007 did you ever speak to
- 24 anyone who you believed was his superior about any
- 25 activities within the unit that you believed were

- 1 unlawful?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. Did I speak to anybody?
- 4 Q. Uh-huh.
- 5 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever make a complaint to anyone or
- 7 your superior about any of the activities Lieutenant
- 8 White either asked you or pressured you to engage in?
- 9 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- 10 A. I don't believe so.
- 11 Q. And, in fact, did you have any problem
- 12 with any of the activities that he either asked you or
- 13 pressured you to engage in that were unlawful?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as form.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. Yeah, I had a problem, but I still did it.
- 17 Q. What problem did you have with it?
- A. Just you get tired of people getting away
- 19 with crimes and -- I don't know. I just get disgusted
- 20 with how people have to live, and you see children
- 21 hurt, shot over this freak'n drugs, and it gets to you
- 22 after awhile.
- Q. So you didn't have a problem with anything
- 24 Lieutenant White was asking you to do. You had a
- 25 problem with what was going on on the street?

- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- Q. Is that what you're telling me?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. So whatever things -- whatever activities
- 6 that were unlawful that you engaged in while in
- 7 narcotics enforcement, while you were a member of the
- 8 narcotics unit, you didn't have any problem with any
- 9 of those activities because of your concern about what
- 10 the drug dealers were doing to the neighborhood; is
- 11 that fair statement?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- A. I just wish there was an easier way to do
- 14 it. I wish we had more -- we don't have the means to
- 15 catch these people. We don't have wiretaps. We don't
- 16 have the money to spend, so our hands are tied. I
- 17 guess, no, I didn't have a problem.
- 18 Q. And was it your belief, during the period
- 19 of time you were working with Lieutenant White, the
- 20 summer of '03 to the time you were arrested, that the
- 21 -- strike that. With respect to the activities that
- 22 you yourself believed to be illegal that you engaged
- 23 in from time to time, was it your belief that
- 24 Lieutenant White's superiors knew what was going on in
- 25 the narcotics unit or not?

Page 126 1 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form. 2 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form. 3 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form. 4 I believe so. 5 You do, okay. And just tell me why do you 6 believe they knew? 7 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form. 8 MR. WOLAK: Same objection. 9 I believe so, because I was told to make arrests at all costs, and that we won't get an 10 overtime if we didn't make arrests; that if we worked 11 eight hours a shift, and didn't come back with a body, 12 the chief wasn't going to pay you. He put tremendous 13 pressure on us to make these arrests, and White only 14 15 dealt with the chief. So you are talking about Chief Ortiz, 16 17 right? Yes, and everybody on this unit has 18 tremendous pressure on them to make arrests. 19 20 So do you know if Wuchek or Brett Runlett ever complained to the chief about what was going on 21 in the unit and why they wanted out? 22 23 ${\tt MS.}$ DORMAN: Objection as to form. 24 I mean, you hear them talk about it, but I Α.

don't know if they actually did.

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                And your unit was making a lot of arrests,
     weren't you, between the summer of '03 and the spring
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     of '07?
                       MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
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                 We were the most active unit.
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                 And you were getting a lot of overtime,
     weren't you?
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                 Yes.
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                 From your point of view or your perception
    at the time is that the chief didn't really care how
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    you made the arrests as long as you made the arrests?
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                       MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
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                       MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
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                       MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
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               Did White ever say that to you?
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                       MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
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                       MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
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                      MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
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               Just said that the chief wants the arrest
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    done now.
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   Nevis, you shared your frustrations about what drugs
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   were doing to the community, didn't you?
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- I need to put in the search warrant to get a judge to
- 2 sign it?
- A. There was probable cause.
- 4 Q. When you put in the affidavit false
- 5 information to get a search warrant, was that because
- 6 you thought you didn't have enough to get probable
- 7 cause without the false information?
- 8 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- 9 A. I really don't -- I wasn't really sure on
- 10 this one. I said maybe I might have once or twice,
- 11 but I didn't really know. I couldn't give you an
- 12 honest answer on that one.
- Q. Well, first you said to the FBI probably,
- 14 yes, according to the 302, correct?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And then you said I do not know, correct?
- A. Right.
- 18 Q. And then you said you only did it once or
- 19 twice, and you didn't recall when you did it last,
- 20 correct?
- A. Yeah, but there was all this stuff during
- 22 this questioning that I don't know what they asked me.
- Q. I'm asking you is it correct you did it
- 24 once or twice?
- A. I could have. I don't know. I can't

- 1 remember positively.
- Q. It also says two paragraphs down from that
- 3 in the same exhibit, this report of the interview you
- 4 had with the FBI on March 22, 2007, "White always
- 5 pressured Kasperzyk to 'get a buy' and put it in the
- 6 warrant."
- 7 MR. WOLAK: To get a what?
- MS. POLAN: To get a buy.
- 9 MR. WOLAK: Oh, B-U-Y, okay.
- 10 Q. Uh-huh. Do you see that?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- 12 Q. And then it says, "Kasperzyk understood
- 13 'get a buy' to mean get a buy from anyone anywhere,
- 14 and put it in the affidavit in support of a search
- 15 warrant for a particular house. Kasperzyk used
- 16 informants' buys on two occasions in affidavits." You
- 17 see that?
- A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Is that an accurate report of information
- 20 you provided to the FBI during that interview?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- A. I believe so.
- Q. So that's the substance of what you said
- 24 to the FBI on that subject, correct?
- A. About the other two up here? I don't

- 1 know.
- Q. I'm talking to you about the paragraph I
- 3 just read to you about what you did at Lieutenant
- 4 White's direction.
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. So as I understand it, I want you to tell
- 7 me if I'm wrong, if I misunderstand what you're
- 8 telling me, is that Lieutenant White taught you or
- 9 instructed you to report in an affidavit in support of
- 10 a search warrant that you had gotten -- there had been
- 11 drugs purchased by an informant at a particular
- 12 location when in fact it was from a different
- 13 location?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- Q. Do I understand it correctly is that what
- 18 you were saying?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MR. DEL SOLE: I'll object to that
- 21 question, whether you understand it. I think you're
- 22 mischaracterizing what you're reading from the
- 23 document.
- MS. POLAN: Okay. Mr. Kasperzyk,
- 25 explain to us what that meant. Tell me, in your own

- 1 words, what that paragraph means.
- MR. DEL SOLE: The paragraph that
- 3 reads "White always pressured Kasperzyk to get a buy"?
- MS. POLAN: Uh-huh, yep.
- 5 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- 6 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- Q. All right. You can go ahead, Mr.
- 8 Kasperzyk. What does that refer to?
- 9 A. What it says.
- Q. No, no, that's not the answer. I want you
- 11 to explain it.
- 12 A. That's the best I could. That's what I
- 13 said, get a buy from an informant.
- Q. What information did you put into a search
- 15 warrant affidavit that was inaccurate?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Any search warrant?
- MS. POLAN: No. That's referenced
- 18 in this paragraph.
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- Q. Can you answer the question?
- A. I guess when I get a buy, I did a search
- 23 warrant for a house.
- Q. Mr. Kasperzyk, if you continue to answer
- 25 in this manner, we'll probably be here till 9 o'clock.

Page 152 MR. DEL SOLE: No, we won't. 2 I want you to answer my questions. What did you do that that paragraph is referring to? Tell 3 4 me what you did. A. I don't know. I didn't tell them what I 5 6 did. 7 You never told them any of this? made it up? 8 9 I didn't know. I said it probably happened once or twice. 10 Well, that's a different paragraph. Let's 11 talk about what you did. 12 13 A. On two occasions --14 MR. DEL SOLE: There is no question pending. 15 16 MS. POLAN: On two occasions you did 17 what? 18 MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form. What did you do on two occasions? 19 Q. It says I got a buy. 20 Α.

- Q. It wasn't true, was it, on the two
- 22 occasions you prepared a search warrant affidavit that
- 23 referred to an informant making a buy from a house
- 24 when in fact the informant hadn't made a buy from that
- 25 house, isn't that what this is saying?

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                       MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
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                       {\tt MS.} DORMAN: Objection to form.
                 Just please answer my question.
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                 Who taught you to do that?
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                       MR. WOLAK:
                                  Objection to the form.
                       MS. DORMAN: Objection to the form.
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                       MS. POLAN: Did you learn that at
    the police academy?
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                       MR. DEL SOLE: Objection. There is
    a question pending. There's been no answer.
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                       MS. POLAN: Fine.
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    the question of who taught you to do that?
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                       MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
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                       MS. DORMAN: Same objection.
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               White.
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                Did you learn that at the police academy,
    that you could put false information into search
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    warrant affidavits?
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                      MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
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                      MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
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                      MR. DEL SOLE: Objection to form.
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            Α.
                No.
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               Did anyone, other than White, teach you to
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   do that?
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- 1 MR. WOLAK: Objection to form.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection to the form.
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Now, you also -- look at the next
- 5 paragraph. On the same section of the same exhibit
- 6 that report says that you had an argument with
- 7 Lieutenant White about arresting somebody for
- 8 possession of drug paraphernalia. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. And it says in there that you reported
- 11 that White always pressured the NEU to "lock" people
- 12 up even if it was a "bullshit" arrest. Do you see
- 13 that?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is that accurate?
- MR. DEL SOLE: Objection as to form.
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 18 MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
- 19 Q. Is it accurate that White always pressured
- 20 the NEU to lock people up even if it was a bullshit
- 21 arrest?
- 22 A. Yes.
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- Q. Do you remember any other incidents other
- 25 than that one where Lieutenant White pressured you to

- 1 lock somebody up?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Now, in that same exhibit you indicated
- 4 that you began gambling in 2005?
- 5 A. Yep.
- 6 Q. You said that -- I am on page 5 now. You
- 7 told -- according to this report in this 302 you told
- 8 the FBI that you estimated you stole money 15 or 16
- 9 times.
- A. I thought I said 12 or 10.
- Q. So that's inaccurate?
- A. I believe so.
- Q. So it should be 10 to 12 times?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. When you stole the money, where did you
- 16 steal it from?
- A. Drug scenes.
- 18 Q. So it was always from the scene where --
- 19 strike that. What do you mean by drug scenes?
- A. Abandoned money on drug scenes or drug
- 21 arrests --
- Q. Were some of those --
- A. -- in a drug house or something.
- Q. What about were some of those times you
- 25 stole money during the execution of search and seizure

- 1 warrants?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And on those occasions what evidence
- 4 collection procedures were followed on those occasions
- 5 where you stole the money during the execution of a
- 6 search and seizure warrant?
- 7 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- A. There are no evidence procedures really.
- 9 Just get the money, and get the names where you seized
- 10 it, and you throw it in a bag or the duffle box that
- 11 we had.
- Q. Now, was that the way that -- when you
- 13 were in the Narcotics Enforcement Unit, was that how
- 14 -- what you just described, was that the evidence
- 15 collection method used routinely while you were a
- 16 narcotics detective?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Were you aware that there were written
- 20 procedures or general orders or something that
- 21 governed how evidence was to be secured and collected
- 22 during the execution of a search and seizure warrant?
- A. Was I aware?
- Q. Yeah, that there were actually written
- 25 procedures or policies.

- A. I'm sure there's one notice, general
- 2 orders, but nothing's ever enforced.
- Q. So that particular order at least was
- 4 never enforced while you were in the narcotics unit?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection to form.
- 6 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 7 MS. POLAN: Did Lieutenant White
- 8 ever spend any time with you and the other people in
- 9 the Narcotics Enforcement Unit reviewing general
- 10 orders of the police department that might relate to
- 11 your duties?
- MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form.
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Did any other superior ever go over with
- 15 you at any time written orders or policies with
- 16 respect to the securing and collection of evidence
- 17 during execution of search warrants?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 19 A. No.
- Q. So it was pretty easy for you to just take
- 21 money from these scenes, wasn't it?
- MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did anyone else know you were taking money
- 25 from these scenes?

with that document.

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Page 160 Because you really liked that job, didn't Q. you? 3 A. Yeah. Q. You felt like you were doing a lot of 4 good, didn't you? 5 6 Α. Yeah. 7 Up to the time of your arrest in March of '07 from the day you started in the narcotics unit did 8 anyone who was superior to you ever meet with you to 9 discuss your satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the 10 workings of the Narcotics Enforcement Unit? 11 12 MR. WOLAK: Objection as to form. 13 MS. DORMAN: Objection as to form. 14 Α. Say that again? 15 Could we have that reread? Q. 16 (Whereupon, the question was read 17 back.) 18 MS. DORMAN: Same objection. 19 MR. WOLAK: Same objection. 20 I don't believe so. Α. 21 I'm going to switch topics to the incident Q. that brings us here. I'm going to show you what is 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, which is the amended complaint 23 in this case, and just ask you if you are familiar 24

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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TOMASA PIZARRO AND JORGE PIZARRO,

Plaintiffs, :

-versus- : No. 3:06CV00450(MRK)

JUSTIN KASPERZYK,
WILLIAM WHITE, PAUL BICKI,
MARK CALAFIORE,
DAVID K. RUNLETT, :

Defendants. :

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Deposition of WILLIAM WHITE, taken pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, at the Office of the Corporation Counsel, 165 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, before Jacqueline McCauley, RPR/CSR, a Notary Public in and for the State of Connecticut, on May 13, 2008, at 11:19 a.m.

- 1 WILLIAM WHITE,
- 2 200 Alston Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut,
- 3 called as a witness, having been first duly
- sworn by Jacqueline M. McCauley, a Notary
- 5 Public in and for the State of Connecticut,
- 6 was examined and testified as follows:

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- 8 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 9,
- marked for identification.)
- MS. POLAN: Usual stipulations.
- MR. KARSTEN: We'll read and sign.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MS. POLAN:
- Q. Good morning, Mr. White. My name is Diane
- 15 Polan. We just met before the deposition, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. I'm representing Jorge Pizarro in a
- 18 lawsuit that was filed against you and several other
- 19 New Haven police officers entitled Pizarro versus
- 20 Kasperzyk, which is pending in the United States
- 21 District Court. We're here to take your deposition in
- 22 that case. Is that your understanding?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Mr. White, have you ever been deposed
- 25 before?

- 1 you did as the head of narcotics?
- MR. KARSTEN: Just object to the
- 3 form. You can answer it if you understand the
- 4 question.
- A. Well, like I said, he was the head of the
- 6 whole department, and I mean, we'd have a meeting
- 7 every day just about every day in his office, and
- 8 every day I would get, you know, assignments from him,
- 9 his office, Bryan's office, whoever else gave us
- 10 assignments. You know, neighborhood complaints
- 11 really, that's what they were.
- 12 Q. Did you get evaluated as part of your job
- 13 with the New Haven Police Department while you were
- 14 head of narcotics?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Was there any type of annual or other
- 17 evaluation process in place?
- 18 A. I know there used to be evaluations years
- 19 ago, but I don't know if there was an evaluation setup
- 20 now.
- Q. When is the last time you remember having
- 22 a written evaluation of your --
- 23 A. Well --
- O. Let me finish -- of your performance as a
- 25 police officer?

- A. A long, long time ago they used to
- 2 evaluate you before you took a test. You would get an
- 3 evaluation.
- Q. Since you became a lieutenant, which you
- 5 believe was somewhere in the mid '90s, correct?
- A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. Did you ever have an annual or other
- 8 performance evaluation that you were aware of?
- 9 A. That they would like say here's your
- 10 performance? Not that I can remember.
- Q. Do you know if other people who headed,
- 12 let's call them special units like narcotics
- 13 enforcement, had evaluations during Chief Ortiz's
- 14 tenure?
- A. I don't know that either.
- 16 Q. But you didn't. You were never evaluated
- 17 during those four years?
- 18 A. Not that I can remember.
- 19 Q. Were you a member of a bargaining unit
- 20 when you were in the police department union?
- A. Was I a union member?
- 22 O. Yes.
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Was your position a union position?
- 25 A. Yes.

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EXHIBIT 4

O Supervisors overseeing narcotic teams should periodically rotate between teams to ensure personnel are operating in a manner consistent with department policy and procedure.

FINDINGS

No strict policies and procedures have been routinely used in the department's narcotics enforcement. There was a systemic problem that allowed officers and supervisors to create their own policies and practices as to informants, their use, and documentation of confidential funds. When there were good role models, senior officers or supervisors, those systems worked, but when there was an absence of adequate mentoring, which appears to be the more recent case in New Haven, the system broke down.

G.O. 93.3 is the current operating policy. There is no assurance that this policy was followed by the former Narcotics Enforcement Unit, but it sets out direction for recording seizures and provision of receipts to the person from whom the seizure was made. The policy provides for the marking of exhibits and verification of amounts. This General Order is outdated in that it names specific officers and their responsibilities and these persons are no longer assigned to this role or have left the department. There is no provision for independent audits or inspections of seized narcotics or monies and none are carried out.

G.O. 93-3 also establishes Narcotics Enforcement Unit as the clearing house for all drug cases opened by the Department, directing that the Officer in charge of the Unit be notified in the event of any major seizure. A major seizure is defined as a quantity of drugs, monies or property that would indicate the arrestee is an upper level dealer or courier. The order also requires that, without exception, a field test for narcotics seized will be performed at the time of seizure for warrantless arrests or if a future arrest by warrant is likely.

The Order requires that seizures of narcotics, controlled substances or dangerous drugs be placed in an evidence envelope marked by the seizing officer. A supervisor or another officer will verify the count and insure the evidence is sealed. In practice, the supervisor is the Front Desk Sergeant at Police Headquarters. Narcotics evidence is entered into the narcotic evidence log at the Front Desk of Police Headquarters and placed in the safe in the Annex Property Room. Storage, security, laboratory testing and destruction then become the responsibility of Identification Unit.