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1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
3	SOUTHERN DIVISION
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5	ROBERT JULIAN-BORCHAK WILLIAMS,
6	Plaintiff,
7	vs. Civil Action
8	No. 21-10827
9	HON. LAURIE J. MICHELSON
10	CITY OF DETROIT, a municipal
11	corporation, DETROIT POLICE CHIEF
12	JAMES CRAIG, in his official capacity
13	and DETECTIVE DONALD BUSSA, in his
14	individual capacity,
15	Defendants,
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19	The Deposition of CHRISTOPHER G. GRAVELINE,
20	Taken at 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 500,
21	Detroit, Michigan,
22	Commencing at 9:44 a.m.,
23	Thursday, February 9, 2023,
24	Before Dale E. Rose, CSR-0087
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, February 9, 2023
- 3 About 9:44 a.m.
- 4 CHRISTOPHER G. GRAVELINE,
- 5 having first been duly sworn, was examined and
- 6 testified on his oath as follows:
- 7 EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. ELLIS:
- 9 Q. I'm deposing you today in connection with
- 10 Mr. Williams' lawsuit against the City of Detroit
- for his wrongful arrest. My name is William
- 12 Ellis representing Mr. Williams in this case
- under Local Rule 8321 under supervision by Mike
- 14 Steinberg.
- Before we begin, I'd like to just say
- some introductory words, lay out some ground
- 17 rules before we can get going.
- Does that sound good to you?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
- 20 Q. So for ground rules just want to make sure that
- 21 we understand each other and that the court
- reporter understands both of us, so let's agree
- 23 to the following:
- We won't interrupt each other, so
- 25 please wait until I finish asking a question



- 1 before you give an answer and I'll wait until
- 2 you're done with your answer before I ask a
- 3 question, does that sound okay?
- 4 A. Yes, it does.
- 5 Q. And please only give verbal answers, is that
- 6 okay?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. If you don't understand my questions, please ask
- 9 for clarification?
- 10 A. I will do that.
- 11 Q. And then Mr. Cunningham might object to some of
- my questions, but unless he instructs you not to
- answer, you'll need to go ahead and answer, is
- 14 that clear?
- 15 A. I understand.
- 16 Q. Next, just some definitions. "DPD" or "the
- department", when I say that I'm referring to the
- Detroit Police Department, is that clear?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. "CIU" means the DPD's Crime Intelligence Unit, is
- 21 that clear?
- 22 A. Yes. Sorry, there's other litigation where CIU
- 23 means something else with Wayne County. We never
- refer to it as CIU in house, so I had to mentally
- get there.



- 1 Q. How do you refer to it as in house?
- 2 A. Crime Intel.
- 3 Q. And by "MSP", I mean the Michigan State Police?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. When I say "the Shinola investigation", I'm
- 6 referring to the October, 2018 theft of five
- 7 watches at Shinola that ultimately led to
- 8 Mr. Williams' arrest, is that clear?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. With "FRT" I mean facial recognition technology?
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. And then FRT, just so we have a common
- definition, is a computer program or algorithm
- that takes an input photo, compares it against
- one or more stored images and attempts to produce
- an output with one or more possible matches or
- investigative leads, okay?
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. When I say "IA interviews" I'm referring to the
- 20 Garrity interviews conducted by Sqt. Dominic
- 21 Davidson and Sgt. Lisa Porter in 2020 assessing
- the Shinola investigation, okay?
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 O. Great. Lastly, breaks. You're free to take
- 25 breaks, I only ask that you please answer any



- 1 question on the table before taking that break,
- 2 okay?
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Great. So please identify yourself for the
- 5 record, your name and current position?
- 6 A. Sure. My name is Chris or Christopher Graveline.
- 7 I am the director of Professional Standards and
- 8 Constitutional Policing for the Detroit Police
- 9 Department.
- 10 Q. And how long have you been with DPD?
- 11 A. Four years.
- 12 Q. And what did you do before DPD, just a brief
- 13 overview?
- 14 A. I was a federal prosecutor here in Detroit in the
- 15 Eastern District of Michigan where I was the
- 16 chief of the Violent Organized Crime Unit for the
- 17 U.S. Attorney's Office.
- 18 Prior to the U.S. Attorney's Office I
- was a trial attorney with the Department of
- 20 Justice in Washington, D.C.
- 21 Prior to that an assistant Wayne County
- 22 prosecutor here in Detroit and prior to that I
- was an Army JAG officer for approximately seven
- 24 years.
- 25 Q. Thank you. And then specifically at DPD can you



- walk me through the positions that you've had
- 2 since you joined the department?
- 3 A. I've had the same position since I've joined the
- 4 department. What my position entails is I
- 5 supervise Internal Affairs, Force Investigations
- and the Integrity Unit. For the first two and a
- 7 half years I also ran the Disciplinary
- 8 Administrative Unit.
- 9 So when an investigation was completed
- it would be sent to Disciplinary and I ran that
- 11 unit as well. When Chief White became chief he
- thought it would be better if the person running
- the investigation was probably not running
- 14 discipline as well, and so we bifurcated that and
- that went under the Professional Development
- Bureau, but I still run the IA and all the
- 17 investigative entities there.
- 18 O. And then what town and county do you live in?
- 19 A. I live in Berkley, Michigan which is in Oakland
- 20 County.
- 21 Q. And have you ever had your deposition taken
- 22 before?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Do you understand that you're under oath today?
- 25 A. Yes.



- 1 Q. Is there anything that would prevent you from
- thinking clearly or testifying truthfully today?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And then I'm deposing you today as the 30(b)(6)
- 5 witness. As such, you speak for the City of
- 6 Detroit, is that your understanding?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. CUNNINGHAM: In his capacity as
- 9 director of the Professional Standards Bureau.
- 10 MR ELLIS: And for the record can you
- explain what you mean by "in his capacity"?
- 12 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Sure. He will be
- testifying -- his testimony will be limited to
- his capacity as the director of Professional
- 15 Standards.
- MR. ELLIS: And will he be prepared to
- speak on the topics that we agreed upon earlier
- 18 and were in the Deposition Notice consistent with
- 19 the 30(b)(6) rule?
- 20 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Yes, he will, in his
- 21 capacity as the director of Professional
- 22 Standards.
- MR ELLIS: Unless you are willing to
- say that he will not be prepared, we'll continue
- normally as far as a 30(b)(6) deposition.



- 1 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Sounds excellent.
- 2 BY MR ELLIS:
- 3 Q. So unless otherwise noted, when asking you a
- 4 question I'm asking for the official position of
- 5 the City of Detroit, not your opinion in your
- 6 personal capacity, is that clear?
- 7 A. Yes. And if I can't answer that or I can only
- give my personal opinion, I will let you know
- 9 that.
- 10 Q. Okay, perfect. And do you understand that the
- answers you provide today are binding on the
- 12 City?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1
- 30(b)(6) deposition notice
- 16 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 17 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 18 Q. So I'm entering an exhibit, Exhibit 1. Do you
- 19 recognize this document?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. This is the 30(b)(6) Notice of Deposition for the
- 22 City of Detroit as Defendant in this lawsuit,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. That is correct.
- 25 Q. And it lists the topics on which the Plaintiff



- has requested the City to produce 30(b)(6)
- deponents, is that correct?
- 3 A. That is correct.
- 4 Q. Could you please take a look at Items 1, 2, 3, 4,
- 5, 7, 14, 15 and 19 in this document and I can
- 6 repeat that list.
- 7 MR. CUNNINGHAM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.
- MR. ELLIS: 14, 15 and 19?
- 9 MR. CUNNINGHAM: 14, 15, 19.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 BY MR ELLIS:
- 12 Q. You've been designated to testify on behalf of
- the City of Detroit on those topics, correct?
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. Great. And you are expected to be reasonably
- 16 prepared to speak to those topics, is that your
- 17 understanding?
- 18 A. It is my understanding.
- 19 Q. And just to be abundantly clear, you're prepared
- 20 to testify today on behalf of the City of Detroit
- on Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14 and 15 and 19?
- 22 A. I am.
- 23 Q. Perfect. What preparations did you do for this
- 24 deposition?
- 25 A. I read over our Internal Affairs investigation.



- 1 I sat down with Mr. Cunningham from City Law
- 2 Department and we have gone over various policies
- 3 and procedures that he thought might come up
- 4 during this deposition.
- 5 Q. And which documents or materials specifically
- 6 did you review?
- 7 A. Off the top of my head I know we looked at the
- 8 facial recognition policy obviously, the training
- 9 directive that led to the facial recognition
- 10 policy, our policy on arrests, probable cause,
- 11 various policies.
- 12 I would say probably about 12 different
- policies and procedures. I've left them back in
- my office today. I mean, our preparation
- 15 occurred last week.
- 16 Q. And did you bring any documents or notes with you
- this morning?
- 18 A. I did not.
- 19 O. And did you speak with anyone in addition to
- 20 Mr. Cunningham in preparation for this?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. And if you could estimate about how long did you
- 23 spend preparing for this deposition?
- 24 A. Approximately an hour.
- 25 Q. So moving on, before we kind of dive into some of



- 1 the details, just some overarching introductory
- 2 questions.
- 3 You are aware of the Shinola
- 4 investigation that led to the arrest of our
- 5 client, Mr. Williams?
- 6 A. I am.
- 7 Q. And are you aware that DPD Det. Donald Bussa was
- 8 the lead investigator for most of the
- 9 investigation?
- 10 A. Time-wise I think it was probably Levan Adams,
- 11 about -- it's close, 50/40 -- yeah, 50/48. The
- one detective had it for, what, about a day or
- 13 something along those lines.
- 14 Q. So simply put, Det. Donald Bussa was the lead
- investigator for a portion of the investigation?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And shortly before Det. Bussa took over the case
- the previous detective in charge, Levan Adams,
- 19 submitted a facial recognition request as part of
- 20 this investigation?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. And the Plaintiff, Robert Williams, was
- identified by FRT as an investigative lead?
- 24 A. That is correct.
- 25 Q. And Det. Bussa used the investigative lead as the



- 1 basis for a photographic lineup?
- 2 A. That is my understanding, yes.
- 3 Q. And based solely on that facial recognition
- 4 search and that photographic lineup he then
- 5 submitted a warrant request for Mr. Williams?
- 6 A. The only thing I probably -- solely. I want to
- 7 be careful. I would probably defer to Det. Bussa
- 8 if he said solely, but that was the main portion
- 9 -- based on my understanding the main portion was
- 10 the FRT lead, then went to the lineup, yes, but I
- want to be careful about "solely" there.
- 12 Q. And we'll get into the details.
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. And Mr. Williams was arrested based on that
- 15 warrant, correct?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. And the charges against Mr. Williams were
- 18 eventually dropped?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 O. And was that because it turned out that
- 21 Mr. Williams was not the right suspect?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 O. Does the City of Detroit acknowledge that
- Mr. Williams was misidentified in an
- 25 FRT-generated investigative lead for the October,



- 1 2018 Shinola theft?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Does the City of Detroit acknowledge that
- 4 Det. Bussa submitted a warrant request without
- 5 sufficient evidence to establish probable cause
- of Mr. Williams' involvement in the October, 2018
- 7 Shinola theft?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. According to the City of Detroit did Det. Bussa's
- 10 method of conducting the investigation comply
- 11 with the U.S. Constitution?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Does the City of Detroit acknowledge that Robert
- 14 Williams was arrested with insufficient evidence
- of any connection to this Shinola incident?
- 16 A. We acknowledge that he was arrested pursuant to a
- 17 lawfully-obtained warrant.
- 18 After further investigation based on
- 19 that warrant we determined that there was
- 20 insufficient evidence and dismissed that warrant
- 21 at that time.
- 22 Q. Now, some overarching questions about policy
- 23 process here at DPD. Could you explain how DPD
- 24 disseminates official policies to its officers?
- 25 A. They generally speaking will highlight,



- 1 especially if it's a change in policy, through a
- teletype. What a teletype is, it goes out over
- 3 e-mail and they're to be read at roll call for
- 4 all officers.
- 5 Generally speaking you can find -- not
- 6 general speaking. You can find all of our
- 7 policies in our intranet web page that is the
- 8 opening page. Whenever you open up one of the
- 9 City of Detroit police computers you open up the
- server, that is the opening page, the intranet
- web page.
- 12 All of our policies are published
- 13 there.
- 14 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 2
- Written Directive System, 101.1
- 16 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 17 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 18 Q. And then just to look at one of those, entering
- 19 Exhibit 2. Could you identify this exhibit?
- 20 A. Yes, this is the Detroit Police Department policy
- 21 101.1 entitled Written Directive System.
- 22 O. And can you explain in general terms what it is?
- 23 A. This is one of our initial policies that let's
- 24 our Detroit Police members know how we
- 25 disseminate policy, what the various different



- 1 types of policies are.
- So, for example, personnel orders,
- 3 executive orders, directives, policies, and it's
- a general explanation to our members about what
- 5 the various types of policies or notifications
- are and how we go about notifying members of
- 7 those directives.
- 8 Q. And the effective date is September 23, 2014?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. And then just on Page 1 under 101.1 2 Policy,
- 11 the manual states that,
- "The provisions of the department's
- directives govern all personnel of the
- 14 Detroit Police Department. Each
- individual member is responsible for
- 16 knowing and abiding by these
- 17 provisions".
- 18 Is that correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 Q. How many pages approximately would you say is the
- 21 entirety of the department's directives? An
- 22 estimate is fine.
- 23 A. I've never printed them out. When you say
- 24 "directives", you mean everything to include just
- 25 policy or training directives and --



- 1 Q. Let's start with just policy.
- 2 A. My estimation would be approximately 250 to 300
- 3 pages.
- 4 Q. And then with the training directives as well --
- 5 A. I would probably increase that by another 100 to
- 6 200 pages.
- 7 Q. And then if you have a sense what level of
- 8 education does the average officer have at the
- 9 DPD?
- 10 A. I think that's a difficult question to answer.
- 11 What you minimally need to have is a high school
- 12 diploma, but I think you will find a wide
- 13 variety. Both Chief White and Chief Craig have
- 14 placed a high value on continuing education
- 15 within the Detroit Police Department.
- We regularly have -- and we have
- 17 programs that run through the city where officers
- 18 get their college bachelor's degrees, master's
- 19 degrees. Some -- there are several members who
- 20 are lawyers as well, so it's a wide variety.
- I think you could go all the way from
- 22 high school all the way up to advanced degrees.
- In terms of percentages, it's tough for
- 24 me to say what the average officer would be, but
- I would say the average officer more than likely



- 1 has at least an associate's degree and
- 2 potentially working on a bachelor's degree.
- 3 Q. And within just detectives would you say -- is it
- 4 a similar level of education or perhaps a
- 5 slightly higher level of education?
- 6 A. I think with detectives I think in my experience
- 7 that's where you start seeing that ladder start
- 8 happening.
- 9 So the way promotions work in the
- 10 Detroit Police Department, it's promotional
- 11 testing and so once you're within the Detroit
- 12 Police Department for X number of years -- I
- 13 forget what that is -- whether it's two or three
- 14 you can take the promotional test.
- 15 So we could have detectives with as
- little as three to four years on. So those are
- 17 the individuals who I would think are just
- 18 starting some of the associate's and maybe a
- 19 bachelor's degree level, but I know some of our
- 20 more experienced detectives have quite a bit of
- 21 education and many of them have bachelor's
- 22 degrees if not master's degrees.
- 23 Q. And then back to the directive system. About how
- 24 frequently are updates sent out, you mentioned
- 25 through the teletype system and they're posted on



- 1 the internet?
- 2 A. If I can just use the face of this document as an
- 3 example, so what you see here at the top is the
- 4 effective date is the date that this policy was
- 5 initially published.
- Then it has a review date. It's either
- annually or you'll see sometime biannually.
- 8 We'll review all policies at that point.
- 9 If there are changes in the policy we
- 10 don't -- what we do is we publish those in
- italics within the policy.
- 12 So let's say the effective date -- so
- essentially what this is saying right here
- 14 annually and you see no italics in the rest of
- it, this has not changed since September 23,
- 16 2014, this policy.
- 17 If there are changes you would see --
- 18 let's say there was changes today. February 9,
- 19 2023, and you would see italicized words through
- 20 this entire document showing what has changed
- 21 since the initial publication date of September
- 22 23, 2014.
- 23 Q. Now, moving back to communicating those changes
- 24 to the department, you mentioned through the
- 25 teletype system and then also at roll call.



1 Is there a mechanism in place to confirm that sworn members have in fact read the 2. 3 update? 4 So in our MAS system which is Management Α. 5 Awareness System, when you first sign in it shows 6 you you have X number of policies to read and you 7 can go through and check the policies. 8 Now, how accurate that is -- so, for 9 example, if you went on my MAS profile right now, when I first was hired in four years ago I have 10 not been checking all the policies I've read 11 12 through the years, so it will show that I have 91 13 policies to read. I have read those policies, I 14 just haven't checked the box. 15 So how accurate is that is going to be 16 dependent on did the officer check the box after they've read the order or the directives in the 17 18 MAS system. Now, with the MAS system then is there a process 19 Ο. in place for supervisors to review whether those 20 21 under their command or supervision have in fact 22 read, so if an officer had a lot of unreads for 23 example? There's the potential for that, yes. 24 Α.



Management Awareness System you -- if you're a

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- 1 supervisor when your page opens up it will show
- 2 all of the people you supervise.
- You can click on any of their profiles
- 4 and then see that same information.
- 5 Q. And so are officers subject to discipline if they
- 6 do not read the manual?
- 7 A. No, they are expected to have read the manual.
- 8 So, for example, you will never find anyone
- 9 disciplined because in the MAS system that policy
- 10 number has not been checked off.
- But if you're out on the street and you
- violate that policy, yes, you're going to be
- disciplined for ignorance of rules and orders.
- 14 You are assumed to know and have read the orders
- that have been published.
- 16 Q. So just to clarify, reading or not reading the
- 17 manual is not considered misconduct, but later
- 18 violating what is written in that manual could be
- 19 subject to discipline?
- 20 A. Yes. I guess the biggest clarification point is
- in the MAS system -- I just don't want you to
- rely on the MAS system, like oh, they didn't
- 23 check that.
- 24 Well, that's on the individual officer.
- 25 That doesn't mean they didn't read it. The MAS



- 1 system is imperfect in that sense.
- 2 It's not like an automatic check mark
- oh, I've read the policy, so it automatically
- 4 updates in MAS. No, it doesn't do that.
- 5 So that's why we would never discipline
- 6 somebody for that.
- 7 Q. And are sworn members tested periodically on
- 8 their understanding of the manual in any way?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And were the measures you described with the MAS
- 11 system, teletype or roll call updates, were those
- measures in place at the time of the Shinola
- investigation?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And then stepping back from the updates, how does
- 16 DPD ensure that officers read the manual in the
- 17 first instance?
- 18 A. Well, when you're in the academy you are tested,
- so in the academy you are tested on your
- 20 knowledge of DPD policy as well as the law and if
- 21 you fail, then you don't become a police officer.
- 22 Q. And are seminars summarizing important changes
- 23 mandated?
- 24 A. No, that's what the teletypes are. So we don't
- 25 bring people in from their various precincts. We



- 1 expect our sergeants and our lieutenants to
- 2 disseminate the information.
- 3 Q. And is anything done or are there any resources
- 4 available to help officers digest the information
- 5 and make it more accessible, especially if some
- are more complicated than others?
- 7 Is there a resource for that?
- 8 A. I would first, in the first instance, point to
- 9 their supervision and the chain of command,
- sergeants, lieutenants, captains and commanders
- 11 at their individual precincts.
- 12 They are also afforded a 40-hour
- training once a year as part of the certification
- 14 process which includes a legal update and then
- 15 I'm available for any questions or concerns about
- 16 policies.
- 17 O. And we mentioned -- or you mentioned earlier that
- 18 officers who take actions that violate the
- 19 directives could be subject to discipline.
- 20 Is there a review procedure in place to
- 21 ensure that officers are following the manual?
- So outside of report of a specific
- violation are there specific reviews?
- 24 A. So what we expect our supervisors to do in the
- 25 precincts on a daily, weekly basis is to do



- 1 random reviews of body-worn camera, so that's one
- of the jobs of a sergeant or lieutenant is to do
- 3 periodic random reviews of body-worn cameras of
- 4 the people that they supervise to ensure
- 5 compliance with the law and our policies.
- In addition, we have a Civil Rights
- 7 Division who does randomized body-worn camera
- 8 reviews to catch or to identify any issues that
- 9 we might be having.
- 10 O. Now, specific to detectives, at the time of the
- 11 Shinola investigation did DPD require new
- detectives to complete any sort of specialized
- training for the role?
- 14 A. I am not sure at the particular time of the
- 15 Shinola incident. I do know that we have a
- detective school for people who are now currently
- 17 being promoted to the rank of detective.
- 18 O. So you have -- DPD has a detective school
- 19 requirement now?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And at the time of the Shinola --
- 22 A. I just don't know. And just in fairness, I know
- Det. Bussa did not go to that training. I don't
- 24 know if the training was available or it was
- 25 cancelled because of some event that was going on



- or we didn't have it. I don't know that.
- 2 Q. And generally speaking is there a shortage of
- 3 detectives at DPD?
- 4 A. I'd have to take a look at what our posted
- 5 numbers are against detectives. I would probably
- 6 say currently yes, probably just because it's
- 7 cyclical. So what I mean by "cyclical" is we'll
- 8 promote usually sergeants and detectives
- 9 together.
- 10 After about three or four months
- depending on retirements and various other things
- we have shortages. So then we then promote the
- next group of 10 or 12.
- Generally speaking, that's how many
- 15 detectives are going to be promoted is 10 or 12,
- so it's been two months since our last promotion,
- 17 so if you looked at our numbers of detectives
- 18 that we're supposed to have as opposed to what we
- 19 have right now, I would imagine we're probably
- somewhere in that minus 8 to 9 category right now
- 21 before our next promotion.
- 22 Q. So is there any pressure to get new detectives
- 23 into the job?
- 24 A. By the time we get down to minus 12 then, yes,
- like everybody is like we need some more



- detectives and that's why we promote.
- 2 Q. And could you give me a sense as to just the
- duration of that cycle? You said it was
- 4 cyclical.
- Is it a year, six months?
- 6 A. It all depends. When I say it all depends, we've
- 7 gone through certain time periods where a whole
- 8 bunch of people decide to retire or resign so
- 9 they can get paid more at a different police
- 10 departments.
- We just signed a brand new contract
- 12 that pays our folks a lot more and we have seen
- the number of people resigning or retiring go way
- 14 down.
- So I would imagine our promotion cycles
- are going to get longer as opposed to shorter
- 17 right now.
- 18 Q. Do you have any sense of where DPD was in that
- 19 cycle in 2019?
- 20 A. 2019, it would only be speculation; I don't know.
- 21 Q. And generally speaking would you agree that
- 22 detectives require a separate skill set than
- 23 being a patrol officer?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And would you agree that it requires specialized



- 1 training?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do supervisors know what training their
- 4 detectives have completed?
- 5 A. I don't want to speak for them, but I would
- 6 imagine they do. That's part of supervision.
- 7 Q. So would it be fair to say that Det. Bussa and
- 8 Det. Adams' supervisors would have had knowledge
- 9 of the training that the two detectives under
- 10 their command had received?
- 11 A. And I don't want to speak for them, but that's
- part of the supervision. I mean, you need to
- know what people have, especially as they're new,
- if they're newer.
- 15 The reason I tend to pause is I
- supervise people, they've been detectives and
- sergeants for 10, 12 years. Have I gone back to
- see did they get sergeant, detective training 10,
- 19 12 years -- no, I haven't.
- 20 I assume that they did. They've been
- 21 doing their job for 10 to 12 years, but I've not
- 22 double-checked on the training.
- 23 Q. So with a typical new detective it would be fair
- 24 to say that the supervisor should be aware --
- 25 A. Right.



- 1 Q. -- whether they've gone to the detective
- 2 specialized training course or what type of
- 3 in-house training they're providing to their
- 4 people -- okay.
- 5 And I believe you mentioned this
- 6 earlier for Det. Bussa, but the DPD is aware that
- 7 both Det. Bussa and Det. Adams did not have
- 8 formal detective school training, is that
- 9 correct, in 2019?
- 10 A. I don't know about Det. Adams. I agree with
- 11 Det. Bussa, he did not.
- 12 Q. Was anyone at DPD disciplined for Det. Bussa's
- lack of training?
- 14 A. Not that I'm aware of -- well, wait a minute.
- 15 Capt. Cox might have been. I believe our IA
- 16 finding in the end was that Capt. Cox failed to
- 17 provide the necessary guidance and training for
- 18 the detectives under his supervision.
- 19 O. And we'll get into that in a bit more detail
- later.
- 21 Does DPD require detectives to receive
- 22 any formal racial bias training before taking on
- 23 the role of detective currently?
- 24 A. I'm unaware, I don't know.
- 25 Q. And in 2019?



- 1 I don't know. I will say this. As part of our Α. 2 40-hour training, our annual training for all officers, there's an implicit bias class that is 3 4 part of that 40-hour training. So every member of the -- sworn member 5 6 of the Detroit Police Department does receive 7 implicit bias training on that recent annual basis. 8 9 Q. And could you tell me a little bit more about the 10 40-hour program? So that's an annual 11 requirement, is it a --12 Α. It's an annual requirement. Right now it's a 24-hour program simply because of COVID. COVID 13 14 really kind of put a hamper on -- or hampered our 15 ability to get large numbers of people together. 16 So when you have a 2,200 person 17 department the way that we go about training is we bring in approximately 30 to 50 officers on a 18 19 weekly basis and they go through a number of 20 classes. 21 The classes that we are currently 22 training on -- one, you have to get qualified on 23 your weapon, so there's an entire day just out at the range. 24
- 25 But for some of the classroom



- instruction I do a two-hour long block. I know
- they do diversity, equity and inclusion training.
- 3 I don't know how long that block is.
- 4 I know they get implicit bias training
- 5 and then there's a couple of other classes as
- 6 well that are on different days than I teach; I'm
- 7 not sure about those.
- 8 MR ELLIS: And then, Pat, just on the
- 9 detective training at some point we would like a
- designee who can speak to the detective school
- 11 requirements that are in place in 2019.
- MR. CUNNINGHAM: Okay, I don't -- we'll
- 13 see.
- MR. ELLIS: Well, for the record we
- 15 would request that and it was in our original
- 16 topic list.
- 17 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I note your request.
- 18 BY MR ELLIS:
- 19 Q. Moving on, does DPD use photographic arrays or
- 20 photographic lineups as a tool to identify
- 21 suspects of alleged crimes?
- 22 A. We do.
- 23 Q. Is there a difference between the terminology
- 24 photographic array and photographic lineup?
- 25 A. No, not that I'm aware of.



- 1 Q. Does the DPD use single photo show-ups as a tool
- 2 to identify suspects of alleged crimes?
- 3 A. Not on a regular basis, but I'm not going to say
- 4 we don't. We talk about potential show-ups
- 5 although often times it's in the context of
- 6 photographs.
- 7 It could be an in-person show-up, but I
- 8 would say that those are very infrequent.
- 9 Q. And given their infrequency under what
- 10 circumstances would it be acceptable to use a
- show-up?
- 12 A. I have to go back and take a look at my training
- and I tape this about six -- when I say "tape", I
- videotaped this training for our detectives and
- 15 whatnot about six to eight months ago.
- 16 But there's fairly strong Michigan case
- 17 law that talks about when police officers are at
- 18 the scene of an incident and is it permissible to
- 19 bring an eyewitness to the scene to take a look
- at someone who's in custody.
- 21 And the law is you can. You have to
- 22 make sure it's not suggestive and you can't be
- using terms of, "Do you recognize this person as
- the person of the crime?" or various other rules.
- 25 But in-person show-ups can be done. I



1 mean, I think our basic training is be careful 2 because it's very easy to become suggestive when the person is standing there in handcuffs and 3 like, "Is this the person?" 4 So it's frowned upon, but it is 5 6 available under Michigan law. 7 Ο. And you mentioned especially being careful with 8 in-person show-ups. 9 With single photo show-ups is there a similar caution? 10 11 Α. Sure, I mean, just showing someone a picture, one 12 picture, and saying, "Is this the guy?" 13 Once again, it would depend on what was 14 said, how it was presented. I mean courts are 15 going to try to evaluate that in all those 16 various ways. 17 And so I don't think there's an 18 absolute bar that you can't do that, but I think 19 courts are going to when you go through the check list of things that make a lineup or a 20 photographic identification suggestive, one of 21 22 those things, "Is that the only picture you showed them?" 23 24 And when you say, "Yes" -- okay, well, 25 that's not the best practice to use.



- 1 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 3
- 2 "Eyewitness Identification and Lineups"
- 3 203.11
- 4 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 5 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 6 Q. So I'm showing you another exhibit, this is
- 7 Exhibit 3. Can you explain what this document
- 8 is?
- 9 A. Yes, it is Detroit Police Department Policy
- 10 Directive 203.11, Eyewitness Identification and
- 11 Lineups.
- 12 Q. The policy is dated October 1, 2014?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. So it would have applied during the Shinola
- 15 investigation?
- 16 A. Yes, it would have.
- 17 Q. Could you please read 203.11-2 Policy on Page 1,
- just that paragraph?
- 19 A. "Members shall strictly adhere to this directive
- 20 in order to maximize the reliability of
- 21 identification, minimize unjust accusations and
- 22 conform to established legal procedures".
- 23 Q. And to fulfill that policy was it DPD's position
- 24 at the time of the Shinola investigation that
- officers should avoid procedures that may be



- 1 unnecessarily suggestive of a specific
- 2 photograph?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Was it consistent with DPD policy at the time for
- 5 the lead investigator or officer in charge to be
- 6 present during a photographic lineup?
- 7 A. I'm just taking a quick look, but I'm not aware
- 8 of any bar to the officer in charge being
- 9 present.
- 10 Q. Could you explain why -- I'm sorry, could you
- 11 repeat that?
- 12 A. I'm not aware of any bar that the officer in
- 13 charge cannot be present. It is typically our
- 14 advice to the officers to get another detective
- 15 or another investigative sergeant to conduct the
- lineup simply to avoid any types of accusations
- of improper pointing out, improper suggestive
- 18 conduct that would invalidate an identification,
- 19 but I'm not aware of an specific bar like no, you
- 20 cannot be in there, officer in charge.
- 21 Sometimes you're the only person
- 22 available and so you're going to do it and our
- counsel is don't do anything that would be unduly
- 24 suggestive. So I don't think there's any bar to
- it, but it's our advice that we go and obtain a



- different person to do it to protect against that
- very type of allegation.
- 3 Q. When you say "our advice", if it's not formally
- 4 in the policy is that through training or --
- 5 A. That's through training. I train to that as well
- as I think it is at least, -- well, I don't see
- 7 it in the policy, so I know I train to it.
- I also know that multiple of our
- 9 investigative units to include Homicide also that
- 10 is their advice to all of their detectives and
- sergeants.
- 12 Q. So would you say -- is it fair to say that any
- reasonable officer at DPD conducting a lineup
- 14 would have known about the risks of a head
- investigator being present during the lineup?
- 16 A. Any officer? I don't know if I can say any
- officer, but in your Detective Bureau you should
- 18 be aware of that.
- 19 O. So any detective?
- 20 A. Any detective should be aware of that.
- 21 Q. And does DPD leadership know if lead
- 22 investigators do in fact from time to time remain
- in the room during a lineup?
- 24 A. That's a broad question about DPD leadership I
- don't know who exactly you're talking about there



- in terms of DPD leadership.
- 2 Q. Or, to clarify, does -- is DPD aware that lead
- 3 investigators sometimes remain in the room during
- 4 a photographic lineup?
- 5 A. I would say this. I would not be surprised, but
- 6 that's not the counsel that they normally get.
- 7 If it can be avoided -- you know a lot of our
- 8 training and policy is what our best practices
- 9 are.
- 10 There are situations where if there's
- no one else available, here's how you go ahead
- 12 and conduct it in a constitutionally permissive
- 13 way.
- 14 Q. And the training would be that if there's no one
- available, it would be better for the lead
- investigator to conduct the lineup than to wait
- 17 and have another officer do it?
- 18 A. It's all depends. I mean, availability of
- 19 witnesses -- I mean sometimes witnesses are very
- 20 tough to come by and so you might be looking for
- 21 this witness for months.
- 22 You get them, they're not walking out
- of that room of a lineup and if there's no other
- 24 detectives there, guess what, the officer in
- charge, you're conducting that lineup.



- Just do it in a constitutionally
 appropriate way. I mean, that would be our
- 3 advice to our officers. Don't let that person
- 4 who you've been trying to track down for six
- 5 months and now you finally have them, don't let
- 6 them walk out the door.
- 7 Q. And if a witness were readily available, would
- 8 you advise an officer to wait?
- 9 A. Potentially. I mean, it all depends on the
- 10 circumstances of the case, but best practice is
- 11 to have someone other than the officer in charge
- of the case to do the photographic lineup.
- 13 Q. Has DPD disciplined any officers for being the
- lead investigator in the room during a
- 15 photographic lineup?
- 16 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 17 Q. Was it consistent with DPD policy at the time of
- the Shinola investigation for a lead investigator
- 19 to conduct the photo array?
- 20 A. I don't think it's the policy. I mean, what this
- 21 discussion is really talking about is what is a
- 22 best practice as opposed to what's the policy.
- The policy is I think constitutionally
- 24 officer in charge can conduct a photographic
- lineup, no problem, and it will be



- 1 constitutionally permissive.
- What we're talking about is a best
- 3 practice and to avoid any accusations of undue
- 4 influence.
- 5 Q. So it would not violate policy formally for the
- 6 lead investigator to conduct a photo array?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 4
- 9 eyewitness ID policy writing guide
- 10 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 11 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 12 Q. We're entering Exhibit 4. And DPD provided that
- policy writing guide through discovery. Could
- 14 you identify the document for me?
- 15 A. Its title is "Law Enforcement Eyewitness
- 16 Identifications: A Police Writing Guide", adopted
- 17 2012, updated December 22, 2015.
- 18 It is a State Bar of Michigan document.
- 19 O. Thank you. And could you turn to Page 7. Under
- 20 "Conduct a Photographic Lineup", could you please
- 21 read Bullet Point 2?
- 22 A. "Photographic lineups shall be conducted by a
- 23 blind administrator who is unaware of
- 24 the suspect's identify. If a blind
- 25 administrator is impracticable, a



1		blinded method, i.e. the folder shuffle
2		method, shall be employed."
3	Q.	And then, again, turning to the next page
4		under "Commentary for Writers", that first
5		sentence, begins "Blind administration"
6	A.	"Blind administration is the only way to
7		guarantee the absence of inadvertent
8		influence and/or suggestiveness in the
9		procedure, therefore preserving the
10		integrity of eyewitness identification
11		evidence. If a blind administrator is
12		not available, a method that 'blinds'
13		the administrator such as the folder
14		shuffle method shall be used to protect
15		the integrity of the procedure".
16	Q.	So does DPD agree with these two
17		recommendations?
18	A.	I would say that well, to say we agree that
19		blind administration is the only way to guarantee
20		the absence of inadvertent influence or
21		suggestiveness, I don't agree with that sentence.
22		I believe that you can conduct a live
23		photographic array in a constitutionally
24		permissive way without having a blind
25		administrator



- I would agree that the best way to
- 2 conduct photographic lineups is a blind test, but
- 3 that is the best practice, not necessarily -- if
- 4 you don't do it that way, it's not
- 5 constitutionally permissive.
- 6 Q. So to clarify, conducting a non-blind
- 7 photographic lineup doesn't formally violate DPD
- 8 policy?
- 9 A. It does not.
- 10 Q. Did DPD policy at the time of the Shinola
- investigation require officers to video record
- the administration of the photo array?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. And do they require video recording now?
- 15 A. No, it does not.
- 16 Q. So it would be consistent with DPD policy to not
- video record the administration of a photo array?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 O. And turning back to that Exhibit 4, if you could
- 20 turn to Page 6, could you read the first two
- sentences under the second commentary for
- 22 writers?
- 23 A. The, "Preparing a complete ..."?
- 24 Q. Yes, that paragraph right there.
- 25 A. "Preparing a complete and accurate record of



- 02/09/2023 Page 45 the outcome of the identification 1 2 procedure is important to preserve the evidentiary value of the live or photo 3 lineup. Video recorded documentation 4 5 (with audio) is the preferred method. Documentation and records are important 6 for any subsequent court hearing or 7 legal proceeding. Law enforcement 8 9 officials shall protect as evidence 10 photo lineup pictures in the order of 11 presentation". 12 Ο. So does DPD agree that video recorded 13 documentation would be the preferred method for a 14 photo lineup?
- 15 It is not within our policy, so I would say no, Α.
- 16 we do not.
- 17 O. Are you familiar with the practice of asking a
- witness to indicate her confidence level in an 18
- 19 identification?
- 20 Α. That can be done sometimes, yes.
- Is it required by DPD policy to ask for the 21 Q.
- confidence level of a witness? 2.2
- 23 It is not. Α.
- So at the time of the Shinola investigation was 2.4 Ο.
- 25 it consistent with DPD policy to not ask a



- 1 witness to indicate their confidence level in an
- 2 identification contemporaneous with that
- 3 identification?
- 4 A. DPD policy does not mandate that you ask the
- 5 witness their level of confidence.
- 6 O. And back to the same exhibit, could we look to
- 7 Page 5 [sic]. Could you read the first bullet
- 8 point under "Document Eyewitness Identification
- 9 Procedures".
- 10 Let's see here, that might not be the
- 11 right -- sorry, Page 6. The first bullet point,
- 12 yes.
- 13 A. "Instructions to witnesses shall be read from the
- 14 Eyewitness Identification form which shall also
- 15 include a witness' affirmation of his or her
- 16 confidence statement".
- 17 Q. So just to clarify, DPD policy does not require
- this sort of affirmation?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 5
- 21 "Photographic Show-up Instructions"
- 22 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 24 Q. And entering Exhibit 5. DPD also provided this
- 25 document in discovery.



- 1 Can you confirm that these are
- photographic show-up instructions?
- 3 A. I can.
- 4 Q. Do these instructions include a question about
- 5 confidence level?
- 6 A. They do not.
- 7 Q. Was it consistent with DPD policy at the time of
- 8 the Shinola investigation to allow a witness to
- 9 view a photo or video of the suspect while
- 10 participating in the photo lineup?
- 11 A. I would say no, you do not let them view a photo
- or video at the same time they're looking at the
- 13 photo lineup.
- 14 Q. And could you point to where that is articulated
- in the manual?
- 16 A. Well, I think it's going to be in a couple of
- 17 different places here. One I would say it is
- encompassed under 203.11-3(a) of the last
- 19 sentence, "Witnesses should never be shown only a
- 20 photograph of the suspect."
- 21 So if you're showing them a photograph
- while they're looking at six other photographs
- 23 that would be showing them only a photograph of
- 24 the subject.
- 25 And then it's implied in (c), "Each



- 1 witness should view the photographs alone so that other witnesses would not be influenced or open 2 3 to suggestion". And then it is also implied in 4 5 Paragraph 5, "In any lineup or show-up the 6 7 proceeding must be conducted in a fair manner so as not to be unduly 8 9 suggestive of the suspect. Officers should refrain from making any remarks 10 11 once the witness begins to view the 12 photos. This is important as any 13 remarks could be interpreted as an 14 attempt to influence the 15 identification". 16 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Let's take a break for a minute. 17 18 (A recess was taken). 19 BY MR FLLIS: Back on the record. So back to Directive No. 20 Ο. 203.11. You just mentioned your interpretation 21 of 203.11-3(1)(a), "The witness should never be 2.2
- 24 A. Yes.

2.3

25 Q. Does that not mean that they should never be

shown only a photograph of the suspect"?



- 1 shown a single photo?
- 2 A. What I was saying is that when you're conducting
- 3 a photographic lineup there should be multiple
- 4 photographs. I think your question was, should
- 5 they ever be allowed to view a single photo or
- 6 video as part of this whole thing and then shown
- 7 a photographic lineup.
- 8 That is showing someone a single photo
- 9 then. Like -- because you've allowed them to
- 10 take a look at a photo and then like, "Here's six
- 11 people. Which one of these people is this
- person?", right, type of thing.
- 13 Q. So to clarify, the policy doesn't say they
- shouldn't be shown a separate photo in addition
- 15 to the 6-pack?
- 16 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat that?
- 17 Q. The policy does not say that they should not be
- allowed to view a separate photo in addition to
- 19 the 6-pack.
- So, for example, a witness -- it
- 21 doesn't say that a witness should be prohibited
- from taking a photograph out of their wallet and
- looking at the lineup to compare it in the room?
- 24 A. They should never do that because -- so, I mean
- 25 -- so here's what we say. Witnesses should never



- 1 be shown only a photograph of the suspect.
- 2 So "of the suspect". So if you have a
- 3 photograph of the suspect and you show that to
- 4 them and then turn to a 6-pack, you have shown
- 5 them a photograph of only the suspect then.
- 6 Q. And what if they are the ones who produce the
- 7 photo, not the officer conducting the photo
- 8 array, is that prohibited in the policy?
- 9 A. It is not prohibited in the policy. I mean, this
- is part of the issue in terms of working with
- 11 people and citizens, right.
- 12 They can do certain things that we
- would prefer them not to do and then we have to
- do the best we can do to make sure that we still
- do a competent procedure.
- 16 Q. And then one other clarification point too just
- interpreting 203.11(3), the bullet point "c",
- 18 "Each witness should view the photographs alone"
- 19 so that other witnesses will not be influenced or
- 20 open to suggestion"?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. Does that mean that if you have multiple
- witnesses who are participating in a photographic
- lineup, each one should participate in a lineup
- 25 separate from the others?



- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Was it consistent with DPD policy at the time of
- 3 the Shinola investigation to rely on an
- 4 investigative lead generated by facial
- 5 recognition technology as the sole basis for
- 6 conducting a lineup?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And was it consistent with DPD policy at the time
- 9 to inform a witness prior to a photo lineup that
- facial recognition technology had been used to
- identify the suspect?
- 12 A. Is it consistent with policy? I don't -- I think
- 13 the policy was silent as to that.
- 14 Q. And does DPD have any concerns about telling a
- 15 witness that FRT was the basis of the
- investigative lead going into a photographic
- 17 lineup?
- 18 A. Not necessarily.
- 19 Q. And did DPD photo lineup policy at the time of
- 20 the Shinola investigation provide any specific
- 21 guidance on the use of investigative leads
- 22 generated by FRT?
- 23 A. I'm sorry, which policy? I think you just said
- 24 did the eyewitness policy say that.
- 25 Q. So within the context of photographic lineups did



- 1 DPD policy provide any specific guidance on the
- 2 use of an investigative lead generated by FRT?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Turning back to 203.11, could we look to Bullet
- 5 Point 7 on Page 2 and it says,
- 6 "Where a witness identifies the suspect
- 7 through the use of photographs the
- 8 'totality of the circumstances' test is
- 9 used to determine whether the
- 10 photographs utilized are not
- 11 unnecessarily suggestive of any
- 12 particular suspect".
- 13 Is that correct?
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. Could you tell us under this policy which factors
- should be included in that totality of the
- 17 circumstances analysis?
- 18 A. Sure. I mean, we would take a look at were the
- 19 people dressed in similar clothing or clothing
- 20 that would be unduly suggestive. You would be
- 21 taking a look at face shape, be taking a look at
- 22 various facial features that would be hopefully
- 23 consistent between individuals.
- Obviously you would be taking a look at
- 25 the race of the person. You wouldn't put in five



- 1 Caucasians and one African-American, be like who
- 2 would this be.
- 3 You would be taking a look at the
- 4 presence or non-presence of tattoos, of various
- 5 different facial features and you try to as
- 6 closely as possible make the six photographs as
- 7 close as possible.
- 8 Q. Now, again on Directive 203.11 the title of the
- 9 directive is "Eyewitness Identification and
- 10 Lineups", correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And under the Purpose section it says, "The
- purpose of this directive is to establish the
- proper guidelines for obtaining reliable
- 15 eyewitness identification...", is that correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What does DPD mean by "eyewitness" in this
- 18 directive?
- 19 A. An eyewitness would be someone who -- I guess we
- 20 don't define it, but an eyewitness is someone who
- 21 could identify the person that we are trying to
- identify.
- 23 Q. Are there any other parameters for what that
- 24 means? So, for example, would someone who was
- 25 not at the scene of an incident and only saw the



- 1 suspect on surveillance footage qualify as an
- 2 eyewitness under DPD policy at the time of the
- 3 Shinola investigation?
- 4 A. I'm not aware of anywhere where we define
- 5 eyewitness. I would say that someone who only
- 6 had viewed the person on video is not as strong
- 7 as someone who has seen the person face to face.
- 8 Q. But using that person would not be formally
- 9 prohibited?
- 10 A. It would not be formally prohibited.
- 11 Q. Under 203.11-3 (1)(a) it uses the term "witness"?
- 12 A. Yep.
- 13 Q. Does that refer to eyewitness or is it ambiguous?
- 14 A. I would say it is ambiguous. It doesn't say
- 15 eyewitness, so -- but you're only showing a
- 16 photographic lineup to someone who has had some
- opportunity or some way to identify the person in
- 18 the lineup.
- 19 Q. So let's turn to photo array training that was in
- 20 place at the time of the Shinola investigation?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did detectives receive training on photo arrays
- and photo lineups?
- 24 A. During 2019, yes, I believe we were training
- during the 40-hour block about eyewitness



- identification. It wasn't until the second half
- of 2019 that I took over the training, it was a
- 3 different person at that point.
- 4 So I can't say for the first six months
- 5 whether eyewitness was definitely being taught,
- 6 although it was her packet of information that
- 7 she handed over to me that I began training off
- 8 of, so my assumption is she had trained for the
- 9 first six months as well.
- 10 Q. And do you still have that packet that she
- 11 provided you with in the turnover?
- 12 A. I would have to go back and take a look whether I
- 13 have the 2019 version. I know I've made
- 14 modifications to it through the years, so I know
- 15 I have a packet of slides on eyewitness
- 16 identification.
- I just can't say whether I have the one
- that she handed to me back in 2019.
- 19 Q. And could you tell us a little bit more what that
- 20 training looked like?
- 21 A. Sure. It's approximately 30 slides, maybe 40
- 22 slides, PowerPoint slides. It covers the
- 23 different types of identifications you can do,
- whether they're show-ups, whether they're
- 25 photographic lineups, in person lineups.



- 1 What are the legal requirements to make
- any of those constitutionally permissible, how do
- you go about setting up a photographic lineup.
- We discuss the use of the 6-pack which
- a lot of our precincts still use. We discuss the
- 6 blind method that Homicide uses with the
- 7 envelopes.
- 8 And then we talk about various items
- 9 that could raise issues, whether it's juveniles,
- 10 whether it's -- any of those types of things.
- 11 Q. And was the propriety of relying on an
- investigative lead generated by facial
- recognition technology specifically included in
- that training?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And I believe you said you were unsure on whether
- the eyewitness issue was included in that
- 18 training?
- 19 A. Eyewitness being --
- 20 Q. How to define and pick an eyewitness?
- 21 A. No, we don't cover that.
- 22 Q. And was the propriety of having a witness view a
- separate photo like we talked about, would that
- have been included in the training?
- 25 A. We talk about what are suggestive or



- non-suggestive things. I don't believe I've ever
- 2 told anyone though "Don't show them a photo right
- 3 before they view the 6-pack."
- I don't think that's part of the
- 5 training.
- 6 Q. Would that be in your view because it would be so
- 7 obvious to a reasonable officer not to do that or
- 8 not to allow that?
- 9 A. It's just never really crossed my mind, so I've
- 10 never seen that happen before.
- 11 Q. And was the propriety of having a lead
- investigator or investigator in charge in the
- room during the lineup included in the training?
- 14 A. We talk about it, but as I've answered here, we
- 15 talk about why it's the best practice to have
- someone else. It's not constitutionally
- 17 prohibited to do it yourself.
- 18 Q. And on the subject of video recording or audio
- recording the administration, was that included
- in your training?
- 21 A. Where it's discussed in our training is if it's a
- live lineup it is statutorily required in
- 23 Michigan to have a live lineup recorded.
- 24 Photographic lineup, no, we don't talk about it.
- 25 Q. And recording confidence levels, whether or not



- 1 to do that, was that included in the training?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And are detectives trained on the totality of the
- 4 circumstances --
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. -- analysis that we talked about?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR ELLIS: And I actually think if it's
- 9 all right with everybody, could we take a
- 10 five-minute break?
- MR. CUNNINGHAM: Sure.
- 12 (A recess was taken.
- 13 BY MR ELLIS:
- 14 Q. So, moving on, how does DPD define probable
- cause in the context of seeking a warrant?
- 16 A. Probable cause is -- we have a policy about
- 17 arrests. We define probable cause as the
- 18 reasonable belief that someone has committed, is
- 19 committing or is about to commit the offense.
- 20 O. And are detectives taught to analyze the
- 21 available evidence according to this definition
- 22 before seeking a warrant?
- 23 A. Yes, I can say that about detectives. I can say
- 24 that because all officers, they're all trained on
- 25 that standard prior to arrests.



- 1 Q. And at the time of the Shinola investigation what
- 2 training did DPD provide to detectives
- 3 specifically on the subject of probable cause?
- 4 A. They are trained every year as part of the annual
- 5 -- well, first there's the academy training and
- they're trained about the law and probable cause,
- 7 but then every year as part of our annual legal
- 8 training I cover the 4th Amendment as what is
- 9 necessary to conduct an arrest.
- 10 O. And did the training differ for detectives from
- 11 the probable cause training that a typical patrol
- 12 officer or sworn member would receive?
- 13 A. So that training is all together and so I try to
- 14 cover different circumstances that apply to both
- 15 patrol officers and detectives, so we cover both
- 16 probable cause arrests as well as arrests and
- 17 warrants and what you're looking for.
- 18 O. So the training for detectives on the subject
- doesn't differ substantively from what a patrol
- 20 officer would receive?
- 21 A. I can't speak to all training, but just my
- training does not differ.
- 23 Q. And typically are patrol officers allowed to seek
- 24 warrants?
- 25 A. Generally speaking, no. What they'll do is they



- will make an arrest and then do the determination
- whether it's going to be a not-in-custody warrant
- or in-custody warrant, but then it goes to our
- 4 detectives in the Precinct Detective Unit, the
- 5 PDU.
- I will say this. There's -- it's not
- 7 just detectives and sergeants back there, there's
- 8 also police officers that we assign in and train
- 9 up as detectives, so your patrol officer today
- 10 could be assigned to a PDU tomorrow and work in
- those cases, so that can happen as well.
- 12 Q. And does DPD distinguish between the reasonable
- 13 suspicion standard and the probable cause
- 14 standard?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Could you explain the difference between the two
- 17 standards for us?
- 18 A. Sure. Reasonable suspicion is articulable facts
- 19 based upon the officers experience and expertise
- 20 that makes one believe that criminal activity is
- 21 afoot and needs to be investigated, while
- 22 probable cause is the reasonable belief that the
- person is committing, is about to commit or has
- 24 committed the offense.
- 25 Q. And are officers trained on the differences



- between these two standards?
- 2 A. Yes, we talk at length about detention as opposed
- 3 to custody as opposed to arrest and what the
- 4 various things that have to happen in those
- 5 various contexts.
- 6 Q. And how are detectives taught to account for
- 7 exculpatory evidence when assessing probable
- 8 cause?
- 9 A. I think that's -- the training is essentially the
- 10 totality of the circumstances test, right? I
- mean, you're looking at all the evidence and then
- once you believe you have the amount of evidence
- while also weighing any exculpatory evidence,
- then you make your decision on probable cause.
- 15 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 6
- 16 "Arrests", 202.1
- 17 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 18 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 19 Q. Entering Exhibit 6. Could you identify this
- document, please?
- 21 A. This is Detroit Police Department Directive
- 22 202.1, entitled "Arrests".
- 23 O. And the effective date of this policy is November
- 24 5, 2014?
- 25 A. Correct.



- 1 Q. So was it in effect at the time of the Shinola
- 2 investigation?
- 3 A. Yes, it was.
- 4 Q. Could you read the definition of probable cause
- 5 under 202.1-3.4 ?
- 6 A. "A reasonable belief that an individual has
- 7 committed, is committing or is about to commit an
- 8 offense".
- 9 Q. And could you also read 3.6, reasonable
- 10 suspicion?
- 11 A. "The facts and circumstances that existed at the
- time of the stop that could lead a reasonable
- officer to believe that criminal activity was (or
- had been, or was about to be) afoot".
- 15 Q. And turning to the previous page under arrests
- the directive states that, "An arrest is lawful
- when supported by probable cause", correct?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 O. And the policy also states that, "An arrest is a
- 20 seizure of greater scope or duration than an
- investigatory or Terry stop," is that correct?
- 22 A. That is accurate.
- 23 Q. Now, turning back to the next page, under 3.2
- 24 under Terry stop the directive explains that a
- 25 Terry stop is a limited seizure, correct?



- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. So the Terry stop in contrast to the probable
- 3 cause required for an arrest merely requires
- 4 reasonable suspicion, is that correct?
- 5 A. That is accurate.
- 6 Q. So is it fair to say that reasonable suspicion is
- 7 a lower standard than probable cause in the sense
- 8 that less evidence may be required to meet the
- 9 threshold of reasonable suspicion?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. And just a couple of clarification questions so
- that we fully understand. If an officer has
- sufficient evidence to meet the requirements of
- probable cause, so necessarily they have
- 15 sufficient evidence to meet reasonable suspicion?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 O. And if an officer has sufficient evidence to meet
- the requirements for reasonable suspicion they
- 19 may not necessarily have sufficient evidence to
- 20 meet the threshold of probable cause?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. And I know you said sworn members and detectives
- receive around the same amount of training for
- 24 probable cause. Just to clarify, detectives are
- also trained on the difference between those two



- 1 standards, is that right?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. And looking at the two definitions, they do read
- 4 very similarly. Does DPD provide continuing
- 5 training for the officers to help make sure that
- 6 they understand the distinction?
- 7 A. Every year.
- 8 Q. That's part of the 40 --
- 9 A. 40-hour training, yes. We spend a lot of time
- 10 going over reasonable suspicion and probable
- 11 cause.
- 12 Q. And are DPD officers subject to discipline if
- they, for example, conduct an arrest with merely
- reasonable suspicion, but not probable cause?
- 15 A. It would depend on the circumstances, so every
- 16 arrest is reviewed by a supervisor prior to a
- 17 person being entered into the detention center,
- 18 the Detroit Detention Center, DDC.
- 19 So on a probable cause arrest officers
- 20 might bring someone in, describe to the sergeant
- at the desk of the DDC and that sergeant could
- say, "I don't think you have enough probable
- 23 cause" and release the person and the person is
- on their way.
- We might take a look at that situation



- to see what it is, but the officers just might
- 2 have been mistaken that they had enough or
- 3 there's just a genuine disagreement on whether
- 4 there was enough.
- 5 Those officers would not be
- 6 disciplined. If they simply arrested somebody
- 7 and had zero probable cause and what are we doing
- 8 here, then yes, that would trigger an internal
- 9 investigation and then yes, they could be
- 10 disciplined.
- 11 Q. So, again, generally speaking if there's a
- borderline question given how similar these
- standards are they likely would not be subject to
- 14 discipline?
- 15 A. They would not be subject to discipline.
- 16 Q. But in egregious cases --
- 17 A. They would be, an investigation would occur and
- we would discipline them.
- 19 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 7
- 20 transcript of deposition of Officer Stevie
- 21 Posey 11-22-22
- 22 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 24 O. Entering Exhibit 7. This is the transcript of a
- deposition of DPD Officer Stevie Posey taken on



- 1 November 22, 2022, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And could you turn to Page 10, I've got the mini
- 4 pages here, but Page 10 of the mini pages.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. And could you please look to Line 24 to 25. Is
- 7 Stevie Posey a detective with DPD's 3rd Precinct.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And then let's turn to Page 56. Looking to Line
- 10 6 to 10. Det. Posey defines probable cause as,
- "Basically reasonable suspicion of a crime that
- has been committed or about to happen."
- 13 Is that correct?
- 14 A. Just one second. I got it.
- 15 Q. Page 56, Lines 2 to 10 should give you the
- 16 context.
- 17 A. Okay. Yes, he defines it as "Basically
- 18 reasonable suspicion of a crime that has been
- 19 committed or about to happen".
- 20 Q. And is that an accurate definition under DPD
- 21 policy?
- 22 A. It is not. He has inaccurately included
- 23 suspicion for belief, so the actual definition on
- 24 a probable cause is reasonable belief of a crime
- 25 that has been committed or about to happen.



- 1 And then we further define about to
- 2 happen in the footnote of our policy.
- 3 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 8
- 4 transcript of Part 1 of deposition
- of Det. Donald Bussa, 10-24-22
- 6 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 7 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 8 Q. Entering Exhibit 8. This is a transcript of a
- 9 deposition of DPD Officer Donald Bussa taken on
- 10 October 24, 2022, is that correct?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. Please turn to Page 11, Line 13.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Donald Bussa identifies himself as a detective,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. That is accurate.
- 17 Q. And let's turn to Page 40, Lines 23 to 25 and
- then on to Page 41, Lines 1 to 6?
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. Det. Bussa defines probable cause as "a
- 21 preponderance of the evidence, 51 percent, 51
- 22 percent -- " I believe that should be "rule", not
- role, is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes, that was what he says.
- 25 Q. And Det. Bussa explains that that was the



- definition he came into the detective role with,
- is that correct, Lines 4 to 6?
- 3 A. Yes, that is accurate.
- 4 Q. And Det. Bussa further explains that this is the
- 5 definition that he continues to hold today, is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And is his definition of probable cause an
- 9 accurate definition under DPD policy?
- 10 A. I wouldn't call it inaccurate. Preponderance of
- 11 the evidence means -- he's mixing civil terms
- with criminal terms, but probable cause is more
- 13 likely than not, so more likely than not is a
- 14 little bit more than 50 percent, right.
- 15 So I think if you take a look at a lot
- of the case law they don't define it as that
- 17 because he's mixing civil with criminal, but the
- 18 criminal standard of probable case is more likely
- 19 than not, and so it's not entirely inaccurate.
- 20 I personally wouldn't phrase it this
- 21 way, but I wouldn't necessarily say he's that far
- 22 off the mark, let's put it that way. At least
- he's thinking in the right terms.
- 24 O. So it's not an accurate definition of the formal
- policy, but in DPD's view it's not totally off



- 1 the mark?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 9
- 4 transcript of deposition of
- 5 Det. Benjamin Atkinson, 11-9-22
- 6 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 7 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 8 Q. This is Exhibit 9 and this is a transcript of the
- 9 deposition of DPD Officer Benjamin Atkinson taken
- on November 9, 2022, is that correct?
- 11 A. That is accurate.
- 12 Q. Please turn to Page 6, Lines 19 to 22.
- 13 Mr. Atkinson identifies himself as a detective
- 14 with DPD, is that correct?
- 15 A. That is true.
- 16 Q. And let's turn to Page 31 and look to Lines 19 to
- 17 23. When asked to define probable cause
- Det. Atkinson states, "That the person I'm
- talking to, you have reason to believe that the
- 20 person on that time and date committed the
- offense," is that correct?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. Is Det. Atkinson's definition of probable cause
- 24 consistent with DPD's policies?
- 25 A. I'd like to talk to him and ask him some



- 1 questions about it. Clearly it's not just a
- 2 reasonable belief -- well, it is reasonable
- 3 belief, that's actually our standard, not just a
- 4 reason to believe.
- 5 So I would like to clarify with him,
- 6 "What do you mean by that? Was it a reason to
- 7 believe or reasonable belief and what do you
- 8 define reasonable belief to be?"
- 9 So it's one of those -- I think picking
- that particular quote out I have some follow-up
- 11 questions for Det. Atkinson, but I think he's
- 12 trying to articulate what our policy is, maybe in
- 13 an inartful fashion.
- 14 Q. And to clarify then, having a reason to believe
- 15 would be different than the reasonable belief
- 16 standard?
- 17 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 18 Q. Now, does DPD recognize that the value of
- 19 evidence degrades over time?
- 20 A. Depends on the evidence. What I mean by that --
- 21 I'm not trying to be tricky here is if I have
- video, the video doesn't degrade over time.
- 23 A witness' memory degrades over time.
- 24 So it all depends on the type of evidence we're
- 25 talking about.



- 1 Q. Sure. So some specifics, so does an on-the-scene
- witness' recollection degrade over time in terms
- 3 of evidentiary value?
- 4 A. It can.
- 5 Q. Does physical evidence such as fingerprints or
- 6 DNA evidence, would that degrade over time
- 7 evidentiary?
- 8 A. Not necessarily. However, whenever you have
- 9 those things -- I've been in cases where suddenly
- 10 the amount of testing available, the sample
- 11 available, that can degrade over time.
- 12 But generally speaking DNA and
- fingerprints are pretty steady constants in the
- 14 evidentiary realm.
- 15 Q. And generally speaking aside from certain types
- of digital evidence which you've suggested, would
- the overall value of on-the-scene investigating
- 18 decrease over time?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. So is it better for a DPD investigator to go to
- 21 the scene of the crime as soon as feasible?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Under DPD policy are officers instructed to
- 24 consider the gap in time between an incident and
- 25 the investigation when assessing the quality of



- 1 evidentiary information?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And with an ongoing investigation does DPD have
- 4 department-wide procedures in place for
- 5 transferring a case from one detective to
- 6 another?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What do those procedures look like?
- 9 A. Generally it's in house within the precinct, but
- 10 the procedures are when you're losing a detective
- 11 either through re-assignment or the person is
- 12 leaving the department they have these cases and
- they need to be transferred to someone else.
- 14 They have supervisors, so in a Precinct
- Detective Unit they have a sergeant, lieutenant
- and usually the captain of the precinct are the
- 17 supervisors and it is their responsibility to
- 18 ensure that those cases are then transferred over
- 19 to someone else.
- 20 Do I think -- I don't believe the
- 21 department has a formal checklist of make sure
- 22 these 10 things happen in the transfer, but it is
- 23 the supervisor's responsibility to ensure a
- 24 proper transfer has occurred.
- 25 Q. Now, moving on to the processes related to



- 1 submitting a warrant request, under DPD policy at
- 2 the time of the Shinola investigation were
- 3 officers expected to only submit warrant requests
- 4 that included enough information to meet the
- 5 requirements of probable cause?
- 6 A. Not just the Shinola request. At all times we're
- 7 only supposed to be submitting warrant requests
- 8 that we believe have met the probable cause
- 9 standard.
- 10 O. And in general terms what are officers trained to
- include in that warrant request?
- 12 A. As many of the facts as necessary to establish
- 13 probable cause. They are not necessarily
- instructed to add all facts in, but a sufficient
- amount of facts that they believe justify
- 16 probable cause.
- 17 Q. Are they instructed to include both inculpatory
- and exculpatory information?
- 19 A. In terms of training, I don't know, I can't
- answer that.
- 21 Q. So there's no formal training that they should
- include exculpatory evidence?
- 23 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 24 O. And also in the training vein at the time of the
- 25 Shinola investigation did detectives receive



- 1 specific training on the requirements of warrant
- 2 requests?
- 3 A. Yes. I mean so the training that I'm speaking of
- 4 there is probably in-house training. So there's
- 5 the formal training at DPD, but there's also the
- 6 in-house training.
- 7 So I get elevated to the rank of
- 8 detective, I'm going to be working with a more
- 9 seasoned detective. I'm not just going to type
- 10 up my investigator's report without someone
- showing me this is how we go about doing this,
- this is how you put your facts together.
- 13 Then you also have supervisors who then
- also review that as well. So there's in-house
- training as well as -- or on-the-job training as
- well as formal training.
- 17 Q. So just to clarify, so when you say "in-house
- training" you mean on-the-job training from
- 19 colleagues and supervisors?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. Which is less formal?
- 22 A. Less formal, yes.
- 23 Q. And for the formal training what does that look
- like for the warrant requests?
- 25 A. That I don't know, I do not do training on that.



- 1 Q. Are officers subject to disciplinary action if
- 2 they submit a warrant request that does not meet
- 3 the minimum requirements of establishing probable
- 4 cause?
- 5 A. I have never seen anyone disciplined for that.
- 6 Generally speaking that would be caught by the
- 7 supervisor. Supervisors review the
- 8 investigator's report before going over to the
- 9 Prosecutor's office.
- 10 So if a supervisor said, "Hey, listen,
- this doesn't meet it, you need more," they'll
- just send it back and more investigation happens.
- 13 Q. Okay, so are officers subject to disciplinary
- action if a warrant request is rejected for lack
- of probable cause?
- 16 A. I've just never seen that. That's one where
- 17 you're mentored through like you need to do more
- 18 investigation on this avenue, that avenue, those
- 19 types of things.
- 20 Q. Do you know how often DPD warrant requests are
- 21 rejected by the Prosecutor's Office?
- 22 A. The numbers, no. I chuckle because -- well, one
- of DPD's frustrations is how often Wayne County
- rejects our warrant requests with the only
- 25 explanation being "in the best interests of



- justice."
- 2 And we're like okay, how does that help
- 3 us. That's one of our frustrations. That's why
- 4 I chuckle, so --
- 5 Q. Do you have a sense of -- not specific numbers,
- 6 but maybe some percentage ranges?
- 7 A. No, I don't. I mean -- I don't have any specific
- 8 hard numbers on that, no. And the reason, it's
- 9 tough to pin down -- it's a floating thing.
- 10 So, for example, if you talk about a
- 11 Homicide warrant, we've submitted Homicide
- 12 warrant submissions and often times the Wayne
- 13 County Prosecutor's Office won't deny it. What
- they do is they send it back with a to do list.
- 15 So is that technically a denial, no,
- but it's not signed either. So they send it back
- 17 with 10 things and then we come back with whether
- we can accomplish those 10 things or not.
- 19 So especially in like a broader case,
- 20 it's not uncommon for the Wayne County
- 21 Prosecutor's Office to send us a to do list to
- 22 do, so I wouldn't categorize that as denial.
- Then there's other cases they just deny
- 24 and sometimes when we reach back out to them like
- 25 hey, we didn't like this or we didn't think that



- 1 met probable cause, although honestly I can't
- 2 remember too many -- well, when I say not too
- 3 many. So one of the issues we have sometimes
- 4 there's multiple people in a car with a gun.
- 5 So they will be like no, I don't think
- 6 you have probable cause on that person, but I'm
- 7 going to sign on this person.
- 8 So yeah, that's a long-winded answer
- for I can't really give you a concrete number
- 10 there.
- 11 Q. If no concrete number, would you say, for
- example, the iterative process you were talking
- about, does that occur in 50 percent of cases, 10
- 14 percent of cases or --
- 15 A. No, I can't -- I would say it's a minority of
- 16 cases, not the majority of cases, but I can't
- 17 give you a number.
- 18 O. Would that be the same for denials or are denials
- 19 fewer than the iterative --
- 20 A. The majority of our warrants that we send over
- are signed, or affirmed by the Wayne County
- 22 Prosecutor's Office.
- 23 Whether that number is above 60
- percent, 70 percent, 80 percent, I don't know,
- 25 but the majority are signed.



- 1 Q. And how often are the warrants rejected by
- 2 magistrates later in the process?
- 3 A. After the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has
- 4 signed off on them, I'm not aware of all that
- 5 many.
- 6 Q. And does DPD track this information so the
- denials, the to do list, the acceptances, is that
- 8 tracked?
- 9 A. In some units, yes. So, for example, Homicide is
- intently aware of every case and every to do list
- 11 and every item. If you're a Precinct Detective
- 12 Unit, if you get the denial you're probably not
- doing a ton of follow-up on it. You're just like
- 14 okay, they denied it and then that's the end of
- 15 it.
- Where Homicide, no, we're going to be
- 17 having this conversation about what's going on
- 18 here. So some units, yes, we track it minutely
- 19 and others yeah, not as much I would think.
- 20 Q. So the tracking really depends on the precinct or
- 21 units?
- 22 A. I would think the unit more. The Precinct -- the
- 23 further away you get from the top -- at
- 24 headquarters where you got Homicide and SVU or
- whatnot, we're going to be pressing, we're going



- 1 to be pressing really hard.
- 2 If Wayne County doesn't sign on a B&E
- 3 case, okay, we got another B&E case we got to get
- 4 up and whatnot, so there's not going to be the
- 5 same pushback.
- 6 Q. And does DPD keep track of the reasons for
- 7 rejection or is that also dependent on the unit?
- 8 A. Depending on the case and the type of crime. So
- for example, we have been tracking very closely
- 10 denials of CCW arrests and the reasons for that.
- We're interested in that, one, because
- 12 if our officers don't have sufficient probable
- cause we want to know why.
- 14 Is it a search issue, is it a training
- issue, is it something I can address during
- training or is it just the Wayne County
- 17 Prosecutor's Office isn't signing it because
- they're not in love with the case.
- 19 And so sometimes there's nothing that
- 20 can be done, that was the case, and so there it
- 21 is.
- 22 Q. And does DPD track the reasons for rejection for
- facial recognition technology-specific warrants?
- 24 A. Well, I want to be careful. I don't know that
- 25 personally. The reason I can assume that we do



- is we have reporting requirements.
- 2 Under our facial recognition policy we
- 3 have reporting requirements to the Board of
- 4 Police Commissioners about how many times we've
- done that, and we keep very close tabs about how
- and in what cases facial recognition is being
- 7 conducted.
- 8 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 10
- 9 warrant submission, etc.
- 10 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 11 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 12 Q. Entering Exhibit 10. Could you identify this
- document for the record?
- 14 A. Yes, this is the warrant submission and
- investigator's report in the case in question
- identifying Robert Williams as the suspect in a
- 17 retail fraud investigation.
- 18 Q. And could you please turn to Page 3. This page
- 19 indicates that the prosecutor is authorizing the
- issuing of a warrant against Mr. Williams,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And turning back to Page 1, the cover page, could
- you please take a moment to read the details of
- 25 the investigation section, just let me know when



- 1 you're done.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Given what you know of the Shinola investigation
- 4 did Det. Bussa leave out any required information
- 5 under DPD policy at the time?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Should the warrant request have included
- 8 information on the quality of the surveillance
- 9 footage that is used to run the facial
- 10 recognition search?
- 11 A. No, it's my understanding that the video was sent
- 12 along with this warrant submission, so that would
- 13 be up to APA Gillis to assess for herself the
- 14 quality of the video.
- 15 Q. And should the warrant request have included
- information on the reliability of the facial
- 17 recognition technology that was used?
- 18 A. No, that is not a requirement.
- 19 O. Should it include that a face is occluded by a
- 20 hat?
- 21 A. No, that is not required.
- 22 O. That the -- should it have included information
- related to the lighting the image used?
- 24 A. No, those were all attached to this warrant
- submission, so we would leave that up to the



- 1 Wayne County Prosecutors to make their own
- 2 assessment on that.
- 3 Q. And same with the pixel count?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And with the position of the face relative to the
- 6 camera?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And related to any shadow issues?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And as you said, you believe that it was
- included. As a matter of policy, should the
- warrant request have included the video footage
- from Shinola's surveillance system?
- 14 A. Well, based on what's been handed to me, it
- 15 appears that a still photo -- so I don't know if
- the video itself went over, but the still photo
- 17 went over as well as the investigative leads.
- 18 I would have included the video as
- well, but it appears that they took a screenshot
- 20 of that camera and submitted it as part of the
- 21 investigator's report.
- 22 Q. And should the investigator's report have
- 23 mentioned that Katherine Johnston was not a
- 24 direct witness?
- 25 A. I would have liked to have seen that in the



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1		circumstances here. It is once again, it was
2		attached. The shoplifting crime report which
3		does identify that she wasn't an eyewitness, that
4		she witnessed it through the CCTV footage later
5		on.
6		So would I have liked to see that in
7		the write-up in front just to be clear? Yeah, I
8		would have liked to have seen that, but I think
9		it's also incorporated in the statement that was
10		attached to the warrant submission.
11	Q.	So when you say you would have liked to have seen
12		it in the details of investigation, do you mean
13		that it violated policy or it violated best
14		practices or
15	A.	No, I don't think we violated policy on it
16		because, as we talked about before,
17		investigators' reports don't have to include
18		every fact that you know.
19		So I don't think it violated policy.
20		What I'm talking about, I would have liked to
21		have seen it I think that would have been a
22		good fact to include.
23		So if I was Det. Bussa's supervisor I
24		would have been like, "Why don't we put that
25		right up front to make sure that they're aware of



- 1 it."
- 2 But in the attachment it does refer to
- 3 how she saw this and so is it -- I would have --
- as a supervisor I would have said, "Let's put it
- 5 up there", but I don't think it violated policy
- 6 because we did attach this as well.
- 7 Q. Should the details of investigation on the front
- 8 page have mentioned that Katherine Johnston
- 9 didn't physically work at the Shinola store?
- 10 A. Not necessarily, no.
- 11 Q. And should it have mentioned that she had never
- seen the suspect in person?
- 13 A. No, not necessarily.
- 14 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 11
- 15 transcript of Detroit Board of Police
- 16 Commissioners meeting 7-9-20
- 17 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 18 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 19 O. Could you identify this document for me?
- 20 A. The front page reads Detroit Board of Police
- 21 Commissioners, regular meeting, Thursday, July 9,
- 22 2020 at 3 PM, virtual meeting technology.
- 23 O. And could you please turn to mini Page 47 and
- 24 could you identify the speaker after Chairman
- 25 Bell?



- 1 A. Chief Craig.
- 2 Q. And then turning to Page 55 could you read the
- 3 sentences on Lines 20 to 22 out loud?
- 4 A. "So one of the things as I started out as
- 5 you know this tragic situation
- 6 involving the arrest of Mr. Williams
- 7 should not have happened. Had the
- 8 Board of Police Commissioners' policy
- 9 that was adopted 10 months ago been in
- 10 place, this would not have happened.
- 11 We know that".
- 12 Q. So, to be clear, Chief Craig is talking
- about the Shinola investigation as to Williams'
- 14 arrest, is that correct?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. And let's turn to Page 58. Could you read Lines
- 17 1 to 8 beginning with the sentence, "So the
- 18 warrant..."
- 19 A. "So the warrant was requested and for
- 20 whatever reason that prosecutor signed
- it based on what that prosecutor was
- 22 told, a photo array identification.
- What was left out and what I'm advising
- you of today, the person that made the
- 25 pick in a photo array was not a direct



- witness."
- 2 Q. So in this meeting Chief Craig is
- 3 acknowledging that Katherine Johnston's role as a
- 4 non-direct witness should have been disclosed in
- 5 the investigator's report?
- 6 A. That -- yes, that it had been left out of the
- 7 investigator's report, correct.
- 8 Q. But that doesn't violate policy?
- 9 A. Not in the investigator's report. Since there
- 10 was the attachment that documented her statement
- I don't think that that violated policy.
- 12 We did not find that it violated policy
- 13 after our investigation.
- 14 Q. Turning to mini Page 59, could you identify the
- 15 next speaker on Line 7?
- 16 A. That would be me.
- 17 Q. And turning to Page 62, could you read Lines 13
- to 22 starting with, " This is ..."
- 19 A. "This is the investigator's report that was
- 20 submitted to the Wayne County
- 21 Prosecutor's Office. As you can see,
- 22 it is approximately three paragraphs
- long. Does not include many details
- 24 other than the theft occurred at
- 25 Shinola, what was taken from Shinola



- and there was a video and the person
- 2 from the security firm had picked out
- 3 Mr. Williams as a perpetrator. Did not
- 4 mention that it was not an in-person
- 5 pick or any of that information."
- 6 Q. So to be clear, should the investigator's
- 7 report have included those details that you
- 8 mentioned?
- 9 A. Yes. As I testified today, I would have included
- 10 those in the investigator's report.
- 11 Q. Should the investigator's report have disclosed
- that the FRT "hit" was to an expired version of
- 13 Mr. Williams' license?
- 14 A. I wasn't aware that that was what it was.
- 15 Q. If it were the case, should that have been in the
- 16 investigator's report?
- 17 A. Not necessarily, but -- let me take a look here.
- Not necessarily, but it's a fact that one should
- 19 consider, so I would have liked to have seen
- 20 something along those lines if it was an expired
- 21 version of his license.
- 22 Q. And should the investigator's report have
- 23 disclosed that Johnston knew that DPD had
- identified a suspect through FRT when she
- 25 performed the lineup?



- 1 A. No, not necessarily. That wasn't our concern,
- 2 no.
- 3 Q. And that would not be the DPD's concern in an
- 4 analogous present day case or investigator's
- 5 report?
- 6 A. I don't believe that we require any detective who
- 7 uses a facial recognition hit to put that into
- 8 the investigator's report.
- 9 Q. Should the investigator's report have included
- 10 any exculpatory details to the best of your
- 11 knowledge?
- 12 A. Once again, I mean it's not our policy to include
- every exculpatory detail. I mean, that's where
- we start to get into well, you left out this one
- as opposed to this one.
- The investigator's report is supposed
- 17 to set forth the relevant facts on the case.
- 18 With that being said, the entire warrant
- 19 submission that's given to the Wayne County
- 20 Prosecutor's Office gives the fuller picture.
- It's not just what's in the
- 22 investigator's report. So to say -- I would have
- liked to have seen some more details in the
- investigator's report. That's what I was
- 25 referring to in my Board of Police Commissioners



- 1 statement.
- I would say that this is not a model
- investigator's report. At the same time, do I
- 4 think it violated our policy, no, I don't, and
- 5 that's what we found in our investigation.
- 6 Q. And is there a continuing duty to disclose
- 7 exculpatory information if it comes to light
- 8 after a warrant request has been submitted?
- 9 A. Absolutely.
- 10 Q. Should Det. Bussa have taken steps to disclose
- 11 that he had a suspect's license plate number that
- was not connected with Mr. Williams?
- 13 A. Yes, he has a duty to disclose any exculpatory
- information.
- 15 Q. And just to wrap up, are there other details that
- 16 Det. Bussa should have included in the
- investigator's report going to DPD?
- 18 A. No, other than what we identified, no.
- 19 O. And was Det. Bussa disciplined for submitting
- this warrant request?
- 21 A. He was not.
- 22 Q. Was Det. Bussa's reassignment to the Warrant
- 23 Division disciplinary in nature?
- 24 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 25 Q. So let's turn back to the front page again.



1 A. I mean, just to clarify that last question, I'm
2 not sure when he was reassigned. It is not
3 unusual when we open up an investigation into a
4 matter to reassign someone out of their job duty
5 into a more administrative position within the
6 department.

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- So that's a very common thing, so if today someone goes out and has an OWI, we would assign that person out from patrol duties into an administrative function and it is very common that we don't even leave them at their precinct, we send them to general assignment.
- So we send them to the Detroit

 Detention Center while the investigation happens.

 So I don't think much can be taken from the fact
 that Det. Bussa might have been reassigned.
- I would want to kind of see the dates
 of that, but that would be just part of our
 protocol during any internal investigation time
 period.
- Q. So to clarify, protocol is if someone is under
 investigation related to an incident that's under
 investigation it's common to reassign them to an
 administrative role?
- 25 A. It is common. I don't want to say it's protocol



- just because it depends on what we're
- investigating. We're investigating you for
- 3 taking bribes, I'm going to need you to keep
- 4 being out there so you can take some bribes so we
- 5 can investigate you type of thing.
- 6 So it all depends on what the
- 7 investigation is. In this particular case it
- 8 would not surprise me if he had been reassigned
- 9 out of the Detective Bureau so he's not doing any
- 10 further investigation until we could have
- 11 determined what was going on in this situation.
- 12 Q. And also to clarify, so those reassignments are
- not considered disciplinary in nature?
- 14 A. They are not disciplinary at all.
- 15 Q. So let's turn to the cover page again. Could you
- 16 please look at the lower right-hand corner and it
- 17 says supervisors officer underneath the
- 18 signature, is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What is the significance of that?
- 21 A. All investigator's report prior to submission
- 22 must be approved by a supervising officer.
- 23 O. And at the time of the Shinola investigation what
- 24 policy guidance did DPD have in place related to
- 25 supervisory approval of a warrant request?



- 1 A. Essentially that you need to have a supervisor
- 2 review and sign off on the investigation.
- 3 General speaking that would be your
- 4 direct supervisor. In this particular situation
- 5 the sergeant of the Precinct Detective Unit.
- 6 One of the deficiencies that we found
- 7 in this particular investigation is that he took
- 8 it to not his supervisor of the Precinct
- 9 Detective Unit, he took it to Sqt. Saati.
- 10 With that being said, can Sqt. Saati
- review an investigator's report, yes. In one
- sense, sergeants and lieutenants are
- interchangeable within the -- it's not prohibited
- 14 by policy. It's just not really great work.
- 15 Q. So to confirm, Sqt. Saati was an officer in
- 16 Centralized Timekeeping, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, at the 3rd Precinct.
- 18 Q. Right and he had no specialized investigatory or
- 19 detective training, is that correct?
- 20 A. I don't know that. He's been a sergeant for a
- long time, so he could have had it a decade ago,
- I don't know.
- 23 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 12
- 24 transcript of deposition of
- 25 Ray Saati, 11-8-22



- 1 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 2 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 3 Q. Entering Exhibit 12. Can you identify this
- 4 exhibit?
- 5 A. This appears to be the deposition taken of Sgt.
- 6 Ray Saati on November 8, 2022.
- 7 Q. And could you please turn to Page 11 and read
- 8 Lines 20 to 24?
- 9 A. "Q. Now, what was your position at DPD on
- July 30, 2019?
- 11 A. July 30 I was in Timekeeping.
- 12 Q. Okay, and prior to that time have
- 13 you ever held an investigative role?
- 14 A. No."
- 15 Q. So here he confirms that he was in
- 16 Timekeeping, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And then he explains that he had never held an
- 19 investigative role?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. And please turn to Page 14 and if you could read
- Lines 1 to 9 to yourself is fine. Just let me
- know when you're done.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. So according to Sqt. Saati he had no



- investigative training, is that correct?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. So despite his lack of training it was consistent
- 4 with DPD policy for him to provide the
- 5 supervisory sign-off on this warrant request?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So DPD did not prohibit officers who did not have
- 8 any detective training from approving warrant
- 9 requests?
- 10 A. That is correct, it does not.
- 11 Q. Did DPD prohibit detectives from seeking approval
- from those who did not have that training?
- 13 A. It did not.
- 14 Q. And did it prohibit detectives from seeking
- 15 approval from officers that were not in their
- 16 direct chain of command?
- 17 A. It did not.
- 18 Q. Has DPD since changed that policy related to
- 19 supervisory approval of warrants?
- 20 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 21 Q. And why is that?
- 22 A. Because our policy -- we try to make our policy
- as flexible as possible in order to cover a
- 24 variety of circumstances. So what should happen
- does not necessarily mean that it's violation of



1		policy because someone's supervisor might not be
2		present or, let's say, the sergeant of the
3		Precinct Detective Unit gets sick and is out on a
4		six-month-long absence.
5		Does that mean we can't move a sergeant
6		over, even though they might have limited or no
7		investigative training, yes, we might, just to
8		fill that role because we need a supervisor.
9		Once you're a sergeant within the
10		Detroit Police Department you've had to study
11		in order to get promoted you have to study to
12		pass the promotional exam.
13		You have to have scored higher than
14		your peers. You're expected to know the policy
15		and we need to be able to plug sergeants, in
16		particular sergeants, but also lieutenants in
17		whatever role we might need them to be.
18		And so while they might not have
19		specific investigative training, yes, we might
20		we're not going to draft our policy to say you
21		can't go to some sergeant. A sergeant is
22		presumed to know what our policies and procedures
23		are.
24	Q.	And just to clarify, you mentioned with the
25		flexibility that a sergeant has passed certain



- 1 exams for promotional purposes same as
- 2 lieutenants and captains, etc.
- But to clarify, Sqt, Saati had never
- 4 passed the exam to be promoted to a detective?
- 5 A. That is correct. Those are two different ranks
- 6 altogether.
- 7 Q. Right, and was Sgt. Saati subject to any
- 8 disciplinary action for approving the warrant?
- 9 A. He was not.
- 10 MR ELLIS: Let's take a one-minute
- 11 break.
- 12 (A recess was taken).
- 13 BY MR ELLIS:
- 14 Q. Moving on to discipline and the disciplinary
- structure here at DPD, could you describe DPD's
- disciplinary process when an individual officer
- 17 or detective has engaged in misconduct?
- 18 A. So if a member has been found to have sustained
- 19 misconduct -- and the way that that happens is
- 20 from three different potential sources.
- One is there can be an investigation by
- 22 the Office of the Chief Investigator of the Board
- of Police Commissioners or BOPCOCI. They can
- 24 conduct an investigation. Those are into citizen
- 25 complaints that are non-criminal.



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- 2 misconduct they bring forward their investigation
- 3 to the Disciplinary Administration.
- 4 There can also be in investigation
- 5 conducted by the Professional Standards Bureau
- 6 which is IA or Force.
- 7 If there's sustained misconduct there
- 8 that gets forwarded to Disciplinary
- 9 Administration Unit or if the command does their
- 10 own investigation, command investigations are of
- 11 the type of you're showing up late for work,
- 12 you're insubordinate to your sergeant, those
- 13 types of things.
- 14 They're not criminal, but it's against
- 15 kind of the good order and discipline of the
- 16 department. Those get forwarded to the
- 17 Disciplinary Administration.
- 18 Disciplinary Administration is made up
- 19 of a lieutenant, a sergeant and multiple police
- 20 officers who review those investigations and then
- 21 draft up what is known as a Notice of Discipline.
- 22 The Notice of Discipline tracks our
- 23 Code of Conduct and then based upon the severity
- 24 of the misconduct we have a matrix, and that
- 25 matrix defines -- so if it's -- has minimal



- impact on the effectiveness of the department,
- 2 it's Category A and so presumptive penalty would
- 3 be a written reprimand.
- 4 If you did one of those infractions
- 5 within two years, a similar type of infraction,
- 6 that say you forgot -- you didn't have your
- body-worn camera on recording a citizen contact,
- 8 that would be a Category A written reprimand.
- 9 If you did it twice within two years,
- 10 then it would go to three days. So it's like a
- 11 little matrix of -- kind of like a sentencing
- 12 guideline matrix.
- There's Category A, minimal impact; B,
- 14 significant impact; C it begins to touch upon
- 15 like the integrity of the department and/or
- 16 yourself, and D which is usually the presumptive
- 17 penalty is termination and that's for very
- 18 serious misconduct.
- 19 O. And then you mentioned Disciplinary Admin. On
- various documents we see DA No., is that what
- 21 that is referring to?
- 22 A. Yes, that's Disciplinary Administration.
- 23 O. And then could you explain to me what types of
- 24 disciplinary action are on the table? You
- 25 mentioned written reprimand. Are there



- 1 suspensions, demotions?
- 2 Could you just walk me through those
- 3 options?
- 4 A. So the options are informal counseling which
- 5 means you go back and someone talks to you about
- 6 what happened and how that shouldn't happen
- 7 again.
- A formal written reprimand, those stay
- 9 within an officer's file for a maximum of two
- 10 years. Suspension and that suspension means you
- don't get paid, so that's a punishment, or
- 12 termination of employment.
- 13 Demotion is something separate. If we
- 14 want to demote someone, that is separate and
- 15 distinct from the disciplinary process and so
- that is a completely separate thing.
- 17 Q. And you mentioned a written reprimand stays in an
- officer's employment file for up to two years?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. How about suspension, starting there?
- 21 A. So that stays on your record -- so the way the
- 22 Disciplinary maintains their records are if it's
- a written reprimand technically it falls off your
- 24 record, but is there still a record in
- 25 Disciplinary, yes, we can still see that 12 years



- 1 later you got that.
- 2 It's just not -- if someone were to ask
- 3 us for that officer's disciplinary file we would
- 4 not hand them that 12-year-old written reprimand.
- 5 However, if the Prosecutor's Office asks us for a
- full accounting based on a Brady or Giglio check
- 7 we would give them here's the full accounting.
- 8 So a written reprimand would go out of
- 9 your personnel file for like a FOIA request or
- 10 something along those lines.
- 11 A suspension, it's not like there's a
- 12 piece of paper. It just says you've been
- suspended for three days and so that's always
- 14 going to be in your personnel file.
- 15 And then those are the realm of what
- 16 can be done.
- 17 Q. So just to clarify, the written reprimand remains
- in the internal disciplinary file?
- 19 A. Right.
- 20 Q. But it does not remain on their personnel file?
- 21 A. Well, and also like -- so, for example, if
- 22 someone did a FOIA request for someone's
- 23 disciplinary file, if it's a written reprimand
- from 10 years ago, you will not see that on the
- one that would be released on FOIA because



- 1 technically that's done and gone with.
- 2 However, the department maintains it
- 3 because we have a separate constitutional
- 4 obligation for Brady and Giglio. And so when the
- 5 Prosecutor's Office is asking, we send over
- 6 everything and say -- just so you know, there's
- 7 this case that ended in a written reprimand.
- 8 And that might not be Brady or Giglio,
- 9 but at least the prosecutors know okay, that's
- 10 out there, and then they make their own Brady and
- 11 Giglio determination.
- 12 Q. And you said that the suspensions will remain in
- the person's personnel file just by the nature of
- 14 what it is?
- 15 A. Yes, so if you FOIA that, it doesn't matter if
- that happened 20 years ago, you're going to get
- 17 that on your FOIA.
- 18 Q. And will that specify on your file what the
- 19 suspension was for?
- 20 A. There will be a summary of it. It will say
- 21 something along the lines of conduct unbecoming
- 22 and probably a one-sentence description of that.
- 23 O. And then the other option of informal counseling,
- is that in any way recorded or tracked?
- 25 A. No, because basically in the disciplinary history



- 1 like, once again for Brady or Giglio check, it
- will say was found sustained misconduct for
- failure to turn on body-worn camera, informal
- 4 counseling was issued.
- 5 That will be the end of that.
- 6 Q. And does the department track the number of times
- 7 that an officer might need informal counseling?
- 8 A. It's on the disciplinary history and it's also in
- 9 MAS, the Management Awareness System.
- 10 O. And is there a mechanism to take other efforts
- 11 after a number of times if an officer has had to
- 12 undergo informal counseling 10 times, at that
- point does it trigger some sort of additional
- 14 supervision?
- 15 A. One of the things the department has started to
- do is identify officers who have a certain risk
- 17 profile. And so we've started doing this over
- the last year and a half or so.
- 19 And one of the things that we look at
- 20 are we take a look at various indicators that
- 21 might say okay, this officer is not performing up
- 22 to our standards. That could be sustained
- 23 misconduct, that can be being involved in auto
- 24 accidents, that can be citizen complaints,
- 25 whatnot.



1		Now, the thing what we were trying to
2		accomplish with that is you don't want to give
3		just the same number for sustained misconduct and
4		a not-sustained citizen complaint or a not or
5		a non-preventable auto accident.
6		So we actually gave them numbers with
7		sustained misconduct being a 2.0, then 1.7 for a
8		preventable auto accident, all the way down to a
9		.02 for a not-sustained citizen complaint.
10		Because we want if someone has 50
11		citizen complaints we want that to kind of
12		trigger something as well. And then once we've
13		identified a certain pool of individuals, we've
14		taken on advanced mentoring of those officers.
15		We've done reviews of their body-worn cameras,
16		what are they doing out there.
17		We will bring them in to talk to senior
18		management within the department and try to
19		mentor them up to a better standard of policing.
20	Q.	And with this risk profile effort, you said it's
21		been in place for about one and a half years?
22	A.	Yes, it's close. I think I want to say it was
23		December of 2021 that we sat down and first
24		started kind of thinking through it.
25		I think we actually started getting it



- off the ground in January of 2022, February,
 2 2022.
- 3 Q. And what prompted that new program or what was 4 the reasoning behind doing that?
- 5 A. Chief White is very committed to providing the
 6 best possible service to the citizens of Detroit.
 7 We've been thinking about something along this
- line for a little bit, so how can we identify

 people that we need to train up or mentor better.

And so he really kind of put a focus on that after kind of doing his initial couple of months evaluation of the department, and that was one of the things.

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I mean, I don't think there's any one thing that triggered it, but I mean there was some discussion about how we had some officers on the force who had 80 citizen complaints, but they're all not-sustained -- well, that should trigger something at some point, right?

Like we needed to have something, a mechanism in place, that kind of captures that or says hey, what are we doing on that.

And so that was one of the kind of -the genesis of it, but I wouldn't say it was the
absolute starting point of it.

- 1 Q. And besides the risk profile program or effort,
- 2 the other descriptions you gave about the basic
- disciplinary process, was that how it was at the
- 4 time of the Shinola investigation?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And then one other follow-up. How do officers
- 7 appeal disciplinary decisions?
- 8 A. Sure, so the process goes like this. The Notice
- 9 of Discipline is issued to the officer. They
- 10 have an option to accept that discipline, so it
- will go out with what's called a presumptive
- 12 penalty on it.
- 13 They can sign the back of the form and
- say all right, I accept it, no big deal, I'll
- take my five-day suspension and I acknowledge
- 16 that I did something wrong.
- 17 Or they can appeal it. Depending on
- 18 the severity of the misconduct, that is either
- heard by a captain or a commander usually. It
- 20 can be elevated up to a deputy chief or assistant
- 21 chief, although we tend to try to keep the
- 22 assistant chief and deputy chiefs for where
- 23 suspensions of 15 days or more or termination of
- 24 employment is on the line or something along
- 25 those lines.



- 1 They then have a hearing in front of that command officer where the unions are 2 3 there to represent their member. We can take 4 evidence, we can hear arguments, all those types of things. Then the command officer decides what 5 6 the punishment is. 7 It can remain at the presumptive penalty, it can be reduced down. 8 It can't be 9 elevated above the presumptive penalty though. Once that's been done, pursuant to the 10 11 contracts with the LSA and the DPOA if there's a 12 suspension over three days you can then appeal 13 that decision to an arbitrator. 14 And then we engage in binding 15 arbitration and so we have -- there's one more 16 layer of review if you get more than three days of suspension. 17 Turning to the Shinola investigation, did the DPD 18 Q. 19 discipline Ray Saati in any way in relation to his involvement? 20 21 We did not. Α. 22 Q. Did the DPD discipline Steven Posey in relation 23 to his involvement?
- 24 A. We did not.
- 25 Q. Did the DPD discipline Lt. Angelique



- 1 Chadwick-Bills in relation to her involvement?
- 2 A. We did not.
- 3 Q. Did the DPD discipline Benjamin Atkinson in
- 4 relation to his involvement?
- 5 A. We did not.
- 6 Q. Did the DPD discipline Det. Bussa in relation to
- 7 his involvement in the Shinola investigation?
- 8 A. We did not.
- 9 Q. Did the DPD discipline Levan Adams in relation to
- 10 his involvement in the Shinola investigation?
- 11 A. I don't have the investigation in front of me,
- 12 but I didn't think we found sustained misconduct
- 13 for Levan Adams.
- I could be wrong. I know we identified
- some deficiencies in terms of him not putting the
- 16 case notes in, but I can't remember if that
- 17 resulted in sustained misconduct or not.
- 18 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 13
- Disposition of IA Investigation 20-058
- 20 dated 11-5-20
- 21 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 23 Q. Entering Exhibit 13. Can you identify this
- 24 document for me?
- 25 A. Yes, this is the Internal Affairs investigation



- 1 into the arrest of Mr. Williams.
- 2 O. And is it dated November 5, 2020?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what is the IA case number?
- 5 A. 20-058.
- 6 Q. And the memorandum here on the first page
- 7 explains that Internal Affairs sustained a charge
- 8 for neglect of duty against Det. Levan Adams, is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. That is correct. So every time we complete one
- of our investigations a memo is delivered to the
- member informing them of the results of that
- investigation and if it's sustained misconduct it
- 14 will be signed by me. If it is not sustained or
- 15 exonerated, it's usually signed by the
- 16 investigating sergeant.
- 17 Q. And is that your signature on the memorandum?
- 18 A. That is my signature informing Det. Levan Adams
- 19 that while we exonerated him for violation of the
- 20 facial recognition policy, we did sustain for
- 21 neglect of duty.
- 22 Q. And could you turn to the attached IA report to
- 23 Page 3 and could you read the Superion report
- 24 number from the second paragraph?
- 25 A. Yes, Superion Report No. 1810050167.



- 1 Q. And could you turn to Page 48. Let me know when
- 2 you've found it.
- 3 A. I have it.
- 4 Q. According to this page what was the specification
- of the charge against Det. Adams?
- 6 A. He was found to have sustained misconduct for
- 7 neglect of duty in that he had a duty to add
- 8 proper case notes to this Superion report case
- 9 and he failed to do so.
- 10 O. So is it correct to understand that the failure
- 11 to add case notes was the extent of his
- 12 misconduct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 14
- 15 official reprimand re Adams
- 16 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 17 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 18 O. And we'll move on to Exhibit 14. Could you
- identify this document for me?
- 20 A. Yes, this is an official reprimand or also known
- 21 as written reprimand that has been issued to Det.
- Levan Adams.
- 23 O. And what was the charge?
- 24 A. Neglect of duty and failure to add proper case
- 25 notes to the case involved in question here.



- 1 Q. And the DA number?
- 2 A. Is 20-0367C.
- 3 Q. And the reprimand was in relation to which case?
- 4 A. It doesn't say on this particular paperwork, but
- 5 it is IA Case 20-058. This is the discipline for
- 6 the sustained misconduct for the IA investigation
- 7 in question.
- 8 Q. I believe if you look in the specifications Line
- 9 2 towards the right it has the case number?
- 10 A. Oh, that's the Superion case number again, so
- 11 yeah, that would be Case No. 1810050167.
- 12 Q. And just to confirm, so this is the same
- disciplinary action referenced in the other --
- the previous exhibit?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
- 16 Q. So can DPD officers appeal an official reprimand
- 17 like this?
- 18 A. No, and just to be clear, he appealed it to a
- 19 commander's hearing and the commander sustained
- the presumptive penalty.
- 21 So in answer to your question, can he
- 22 appeal, yes. Once that commander made his
- 23 decision, no, that's the end of it. They don't
- get to go to arbitration over this.
- 25 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 15



- 1 Appeal Hearing Decision re Adams
- 2 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 4 Q. Okay, got it. Entering Exhibit 15, can you
- 5 identify this document for me?
- 6 A. This is the appeal hearing decision for Case No.
- 7 20-0367C.
- 8 Q. So to clarify then, so this would have come
- 9 before that official reprimand?
- 10 A. No, so this is -- so these are two separate
- documents. One, Exhibit 14, is a document
- 12 produced by the Disciplinary Administration
- 13 lieutenant that states written reprimand was
- 14 adjudged. On the back is the written reprimand
- 15 itself.
- 16 What Exhibit 15 is is another form that
- 17 the lieutenant from Disciplinary Administration
- 18 also prepares that's a disciplinary form that
- 19 talks about what happened at the Commander's
- Hearing.
- 21 So what this tells us is on January 28,
- 22 2021 there was a Commander's Hearing, so
- Det. Adams had appealed his Notice of Discipline.
- 24 His initial Notice of Discipline, the
- 25 presumptive penalty was two-day suspension.



1		You can't see it. On Page 3 of Exhibit
2		15 is the Notice of Discipline, but unfortunately
3		there is this sticker that kind of blocks, it
4		says DC.
5		Underneath that, that says the
6		mitigated penalty and it should read two-day
7		suspension, Category B. That's what that "DC" is
8		blocking right there.
9	Q.	Okay.
10	A.	So essentially the decision at Disciplinary at
11		that time was, okay, you had a neglect of duty.
12		Then you go to the matrix and say, okay, your
13		neglect of duty, did it have a significant impact
14		or a negligible impact on the department.
15		Disciplinary determined and, quite
16		honestly, the person making this decision would
17		have been me so I made the decision this had a
18		significant impact on the department.
19		Therefore, I elevated the Category B.
20		However, because Det. Adams wasn't the last
21		person handling this case, we mitigated it, so
22		that by moving it to Category B the
23		presumptive penalty would have been three days.
24		I was like, no, I think this would be
25		hetter as a mitigated penalty but I but two days



- 1 and that's how we issued it out.
- 2 Then he chose to appeal that and you
- 3 can see that on the back of that page where you
- 4 see on the back of the form he elects to appeal
- 5 it -- is appealing the disciplinary action.
- 6 And he signed it on January 21, 2021,
- 7 so this was given to him seven days prior to
- 8 that. He appealed it. The hearing officer, if
- 9 you go back to Page 1 of Exhibit 15, was Deputy
- 10 Chief Charles Fitzgerald.
- 11 He sat in, he heard it. He decided to
- reduce the presumptive penalty for two days down
- 13 to a written reprimand. So that's how Det. Adams
- 14 got a written reprimand as opposed to suspension
- days in this particular situation.
- 16 Q. Okay and could you explain why his presumptive
- two-day suspension would have been mitigated to a
- 18 written reprimand?
- 19 A. I don't -- typically there is a recording of
- 20 disciplinary hearings, an audio recording of
- 21 disciplinary hearings that's done for the DPOA
- 22 members, not the LSA members.
- 23 And I forget off the top of my head how
- long we keep those recordings, so there might be
- a recording for that, so that might be something



- we might have, but I don't know the reasoning
- 2 that DC Fitzgerald gave for reducing it from two
- days to a written reprimand.
- 4 Q. And who did you say keeps those?
- 5 A. Disciplinary Administration, but I know we also
- 6 purge them at some point as well, so I just don't
- 7 know -- I forget off the top of my head what our
- 8 retention policy is on those.
- 9 Q. And just to clarify then, so post disciplinary
- 10 notice and appeal, the ultimate result with
- 11 regard to this case for Det. Adams was a written
- reprimand disciplining him for not entering case
- 13 notes?
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. And I know you mentioned this a little bit
- before, but what are the repercussions for a
- sworn member when they receive a written
- reprimand?
- 19 A. I mean it's an official document in your file
- saying you didn't live up to the standards, but
- 21 after two years that will fall off your personnel
- 22 file.
- So after two years it's somewhat
- 24 negligible at that point.
- 25 Q. And then in addition to this case notes



1 discipline did DPD take any other disciplinary action related to the Shinola investigation? 2. I know that we found sustained misconduct for 3 Α. both Lt. Barbara Kozloff and Capt. Rodney Cox. 4 5 I don't remember off the top of my head 6 what if any discipline they received. I know 7 around the same time period Capt. Cox was demoted, but like I explained before those two 8 9 tracks, the disciplinary track and the demotion 10 track, are two separate tracks. So that demotion would not have been 11 12 only solely based upon the sustained finding of 13 misconduct over here. 14 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 16** 15 Notice of Discipline re Lt. Kozloff 16 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER 17 FOR IDENTIFICATION. So let's start with Lt. Kozloff and now I'm 18 Ο. 19 entering Exhibit 16. 20 Could you identify this document for 21 me? This is a Notice of Discipline dated January 14, 22 Α. 2021 in Disciplinary Administrative Case 20-0367B 23 and the person receiving this Notice of 24



Discipline was Lt. Barbara Kozloff.

- 1 Q. And could you -- is there any significance to in
- the DC number the "B" at the end?
- 3 A. Yes. So when you have multiple people on the
- 4 same investigation who are found to have
- 5 sustained misconduct, we will keep the same
- 6 number, but then we'll have separate folders for
- 7 each person. So there's A, B, C, D, E, F for
- 8 however many officers are involved.
- 9 So what this tells me is I would think
- 10 Capt. Cox was 20-0367A, and Lt. Kozloff "B" and
- 11 Det. Adams "C".
- 12 Q. And they generally -- do they descend in terms of
- 13 chain of command?
- 14 A. They can, but there's no rule to it. Personally
- 15 when I was running the unit I would prefer it
- 16 that way, but --
- 17 O. And what was the charge here?
- 18 A. There was also a neglect of duty for her neglect
- that she failed to ensure that Det. Adams added
- 20 case notes in Case No. 1810050167 prior to her
- 21 making the case inactive.
- 22 So she was Det. Adams' supervisor. She
- 23 had a duty to ensure that he was doing his duty.
- 24 She failed to do that and then she had made the
- 25 case inactive after he had left the unit, but she



- 1 had not checked to see what the case notes said
- and therefore we found that to be a neglect of
- 3 duty on her part.
- 4 Q. And the penalty?
- 5 A. Was, once again, a two-day suspension Category B,
- 6 mitigated penalty.
- 7 Q. And could you explain what a mitigated two-day
- 8 penalty would mean?
- 9 A. So on the matrix it gives you some flexibility,
- so when you say okay, it's going to be Category B
- 11 because it had a significant impact on the
- 12 department you can either mitigate it -- and so
- under our matrix Category B starts off with a
- three-day suspension. Mitigated would be two
- 15 days -- wait a minute, let me back up. I think
- 16 Category B might start out with five days, it's a
- 17 five-day.
- 18 Mitigated can be two to four days. You
- 19 can choose something. Aggravated can be six to
- 20 eight days, so depending on the circumstances of
- 21 the case the reason we thought this should be
- 22 mitigated -- well, we elevated it from a typical
- neglect of duty to a Category B, but then when
- 24 you're taking a look at this there were so many
- 25 people that, okay, if you would have done X you

- 1 might have changed the outcome. You didn't.
- 2 That's a neglect of duty.
- 3 But to say you're the sole reason that
- 4 this happened, well, that can't be said either.
- 5 So Det. Adams was gone by the time Mr. Williams
- 6 was arrested, so how can you say he was the --
- 7 that's why we mitigated it.
- 8 Same could be said for Lt. Kozloff.
- 9 She was gone by the time Mr. Williams was
- 10 arrested. That's why it's mitigated.
- 11 Q. And to be clear, so she did ultimately receive a
- two-day disciplinary suspension?
- 13 A. That is unclear to me because -- so just based on
- this paperwork, Exhibit 16, because if you
- 15 actually accept your discipline you go to Page 2,
- 16 you would sign it right there in the middle,
- 17 right. It's completed by the member, it says
- 18 you've been served and I'm accepting notice.
- 19 This is blank, so there's ways for me
- 20 to look it up, not here right now, but I don't
- 21 have a memory of what happened in Lt. Kozloff's
- 22 case.
- 23 Q. If we follow up on that, that's something you
- 24 could look into?
- 25 A. Yes.



- 1 Q. And other than the neglect of duty in this Notice
- of Discipline did DPD take any other disciplinary
- action against Lt. Kozloff in relation to the
- 4 Shinola incident?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did DPD discipline Rodney Cox in relation to his
- 7 involvement in the Shinola investigation?
- 8 A. I know we found sustained misconduct. I know a
- 9 Notice of Discipline was prepared. I don't have
- 10 an independent memory whether Chief Craig decided
- 11 the demotion was enough or he also did more
- 12 discipline.
- 13 I'd have to take a look at some
- 14 records.
- 15 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 17
- 16 Notice of Discipline re Rodney Cox
- 17 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 18 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 19 Q. Entering Exhibit 17. Could you identify this
- 20 document for me?
- 21 A. Yes, this is a notice of discipline in
- 22 Disciplinary Administrative Case 20-0367A. It is
- listed as the rank of Lt. Cox. He was Capt.
- 24 Rodney Cox at the time of the actual incident
- 25 with Mr. Williams.



1		So this reflects that the demotion that
2		Capt. Cox received had already occurred, that's
3		why he's listed as Lt. Rodney Cox there. It is
4		for neglect of duty for failure to ensure that
5		the supervision assigned to the 3rd Precinct PDU
6		properly supervised and trained department
7		members assigned to that Precinct Detective Unit
8		The presumptive penalty is the five-day
9		suspension Category B, there was no mitigating of
10		this. It is unclear based on just this exhibit
11		what happened since there's no signatures on the
12		back. I can't tell whether he accepted it or if
13		this Notice of Discipline went away; I'm not
14		sure.
15	Q.	And similarly to Lt. Kozloff if we follow up
16		could you check into that paperwork?
17	A.	Yes.
18	Q.	And could you also explain the charge in more
19		detail?
20	A.	So as the captain of a Precinct Detective Unit
21		your job is to be the primary supervisor of that
22		detective unit. So just like Lt. Kozloff had a
23		responsibility to supervise Det. Adams and to
24		ensure case notes were being done and whatnot,
25		the department wouldn't necessarily think that a



- 1 captain has to go in and check the case notes on
- a regular basis, but they're ensuring that the
- 3 lieutenant is familiar with the case, knows the
- 4 case and is providing the guidance necessary and
- 5 the training necessary to do the job.
- 6 Q. And we have this document here of course. Is it
- 7 also true that the penalty was ultimately
- 8 mitigated to just a one-day suspension on appeal?
- 9 A. I'd have the take a look at it; that I don't
- 10 know.
- 11 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 18
- 12 transcript of deposition of Lt. Cox, 11-16-22
- WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 14 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 15 O. Exhibit 18, could you identify this exhibit?
- 16 A. Yes, this is the deposition transcript of
- 17 Lt. Rodney Cox given on November 16, 2022.
- 18 Q. And please turn to Page 149 -- actually make that
- 19 150.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. Actually back to 149. If you could look to Lines
- 4 to 6 is it true that according to Lt. Cox he
- 23 had a hearing before Deputy Chief now Asst. Chief
- 24 Charles Fitzgerald?
- 25 A. That's -- yes, that's what it says in this



- 1 transcript.
- 2 Q. And in turning to Page 150 if you read to
- 3 yourself Lines 6 to 10, is it true that according
- 4 to Lt. Cox's testimony his five-day suspension
- 5 was mitigated to one day?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. And now let's also turn to Page 151.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. If you look to Lines 17 to the end of that page,
- is it true according to Lt. Cox he was presented
- with a plea agreement that would remove the
- 12 one-day suspension?
- 13 A. Yes, that refreshes my memory. That is what
- happened.
- 15 Q. And would the department still have a copy of
- that plea agreement?
- 17 A. Yes, I would think so. I mean, the person who
- 18 would probably have that -- I would imagine
- there's a copy in the Disciplinary Administration
- 20 file, but minimally Dep. Chief Grant Ha would
- 21 have a copy of it.
- 22 Q. And if we follow-up, is that something we could
- 23 get as well?
- 24 A. Yes, I can look into that.
- 25 Q. And so to clarify under the plea agreement his



- 1 five-day and then one-day suspension was
- 2 reversed?
- 3 A. Yes -- well, the penalty was taken away. I don't
- 4 want to say -- I'd want to take a look at the
- 5 plea agreement on how it was worded. I would
- 6 imagine he remains sustained misconduct, but the
- 7 penalty was taken away.
- 8 Q. And now you also mentioned demotions?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And we've also through other testimony heard the
- 11 term "de-apppointment" used?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Could you explain the difference between demotion
- and de-appointment?
- 15 A. Demotion can happen to any member of the Detroit
- 16 Police Department. In one sense I think it's
- 17 probably just a vernacular type of thing, but --
- 18 so can a sergeant be demoted to an officer, yes.
- 19 You go back to whatever rank you are.
- 20 You're technically appointed to a command
- 21 position though, so -- and a command position is
- 22 captain, commander, deputy chief, assistant
- chief.
- You serve at the pleasure of the chief.
- 25 At any point in that command position the chief



- can de-appoint you from that command position and
- 2 send you back down to the last rank you earned.
- 3 The ranks you earn in the Detroit
- 4 Police Department is police officer, detective,
- 5 sergeant, lieutenant.
- 6 So those are like testable things that
- 7 you can take the test and you become a
- 8 lieutenant. Chief really in one sense doesn't
- have any say about that. It's like that's the
- 10 list and you're to the lieutenant.
- But de-appointment, you get
- de-appointed from command positions.
- 13 Q. And was Rodney Cox's de-appointment related to
- 14 his supervision of the Shinola investigation?
- 15 A. It was one thing out of many. It was his
- 16 performance as a command officer period.
- 17 O. And are you able to explain the rationale behind
- 18 his de-appointment in any more detail?
- 19 A. No, I just knew that there was more than one
- 20 thing. So lots of times with demotion and
- 21 de-appointment and discipline because they have
- to be separate tracks, Chief Craig would have a
- 23 separate conversation with Deputy Chief Grant Ha
- 24 about that.
- So because you can't -- you can't take



- 1 the de-appointment demotion step as part of the
- disciplinary process. So in one sense
- 3 professional standards is out of that.
- 4 Now, this is a prerogative type of
- 5 decision being made. So he would -- Chief Craig
- 6 would have talked with probably his senior level
- 7 executives. I'm somewhat speculating on that,
- 8 but he definitely would have talked DC Grant Ha
- about that he would have done the paperwork.
- 10 Q. So within the kind of professional standards
- 11 purview, because of the plea agreement Rodney Cox
- was not formally disciplined?
- 13 A. Not formally disciplined, that's correct.
- 14 Q. So then the two people who were subject to formal
- 15 disciplinary action post appeal, etc for the
- 16 Shinola investigation were Det. Adams and Lt.
- 17 Kozloff?
- 18 A. I can definitely say yes to Det. Adams. I'd have
- 19 to check with Lt. Kozloff.
- 20 Q. And is that the extent of disciplinary action
- 21 that was ultimately taken due to the Shinola
- 22 investigation?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 19
- 25 Internal Affairs report 11-5-20



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- 3 Q. Entering Exhibit 19. This is a copy of the IA
 4 report that we had looked at earlier that was
- 5 attached to the November 5 memorandum?
- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 Q. Could we turn to Page 50. Under First
- 8 Endorsement what is the recommendation?
- 9 A. The recommendation is
- 10 "I have read and reviewed the
- investigation submitted by Sgt.
- 12 Davidson and I find it to be complete
- 13 and accurate. I concur with Sgt.
- 14 Davidson's findings of 'EXONERATED' as
- 15 it related to the allegation of misuse
- of facial recognition and 'SUSTAINED'
- 17 for violating DPD policy. I recommend
- 18 that this report be forwarded to
- 19 Disciplinary Administration for
- 20 adjudication".
- 21 And that was signed by Lt. William
- 22 Trzos.
- 23 Q. Could you explain just to be abundantly clear
- 24 "exonerated", does that mean that there was no
- 25 policy violation with regard to facial



1		recognition technology?
2	A.	So, at the end of any internal investigation we
3		can make one of the following, well, five
4		findings. One is administratively closed because
5		we just couldn't get in touch with the victim any
6		more, there's just nothing more we could do with
7		the investigation. We're going to
8		administratively close it.
9		If they ever come back and re-instigate
10		the complaint, we'll follow up on it at that
11		time.
12		There's unfounded which means we found
13		no facts that showed that this ever happened.
14		Exonerated means that it happened, but
15		it was within DPD policy. Not sustained means we
16		couldn't find beyond a preponderance of the
17		evidence one way or the other about what
18		occurred.
19		And then sustained means by a
20		preponderance of the evidence we have found this
21		sustained misconduct. The only other change to
22		the level of or the level of proof is if we
23		find sustained findings of false statement, those
24		would have to be by clear and convincing



evidence.

- 1 Q. And just to recap as well, the sustained charge
- 2 here was the failure to enter case notes and the
- failure to supervise the entering of case notes?
- 4 A. That is correct.
- 5 Q. And was that the extent of policy violations that
- 6 was found?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And the approved stamp?
- 9 A. Was by myself on November 5, 2020. So what we'll
- do is generally speaking we'll have the
- 11 lieutenant review the investigation. The captain
- 12 normally also reviews the investigation, but if
- -- at this point it was Capt. Leno Ladell (sp).
- 14 If she was out or -- then we wouldn't necessarily
- 15 wait for her to come back into the office and
- then myself, we would stamp off on it.
- 17 If I felt like more explanation needed
- 18 to be done, I could also write a second
- 19 endorsement. I did not feel like a further
- 20 explanation needed to be done in this case.
- 21 Q. And to clarify, so those are your initials on the
- 22 approved stamp?
- 23 A. That's my signature. I know it looks like only
- 24 my initials, but you know, that's my signature.
- 25 (An off-the-record discussion was



- 1 held).
- 2 Q. So, turning to the FRT issue more specifically,
- do you know how many times a DPD investigation
- 4 that used FRT to help identify a suspect resulted
- 5 in the arrest of the suspect who was not
- 6 ultimately convicted?
- 7 A. Off the top of my head, no, I have no idea.
- 8 Q. Does DPD keep track of those cases?
- 9 A. As a separate stat, I don't know.
- 10 O. Has DPD disciplined sworn members or other
- 11 employees in relation to any cases other than the
- 12 Williams case in which FRT was used to identify a
- suspect who was arrested and then not ultimately
- 14 convicted?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with the arrest of Michael
- 17 Oliver on July 31, 2019?
- 18 A. I am.
- 19 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 20
- 20 Complaint and Jury Demand Oliver case
- 21 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 23 Q. Entering Exhibit 20. And could you identify this
- 24 document for the record?
- 25 A. This is a civil Complaint Case No. 20-011495-NO



- filed in Wayne County Circuit Court in the civil
- 2 lawsuit of Michael Oliver versus Donald Bussa,
- 3 Stephen Cassini and the City of Detroit.
- 4 Q. And if we turn to Page 5, Line 20 of this
- 5 document does it allege that the DPD arrested
- 6 Michael Oliver on July 31, 2019?
- 7 A. Based upon the allegation I'm reading here
- 8 Ferndale Police arrested him on a felony warrant
- 9 out of Detroit and then we came and picked him up
- 10 from Ferndale's custody.
- 11 Q. And then moving to the next page, Line 25 does it
- state that the prosecutor requested all charges
- against Mr. Oliver be dropped on September 13,
- 14 2019?
- 15 A. Yes, that is what it states.
- 16 Q. And do you know if that is in fact the case?
- 17 A. Let me take a look. I know we addressed it as
- 18 part of our IA investigation into Mr. Williams'
- 19 arrest as well.
- 20 It does not state that that was the
- 21 date and time that the charges were dismissed so
- 22 I'm taking that at face value that that's what
- occurred on September 13, 2019.
- 24 Q. Is DPD aware that the charges were dropped in
- 25 general?



- 1 A. We are aware, yes.
- 2 Q. And does DPD know why the charges were dropped?
- 3 A. At least according to Det. Bussa he stated that
- 4 during the court proceedings the prosecutors
- 5 pulled him off to the side and advised him that
- 6 because facial recognition was used and it was
- 7 controversial he was going to drop the case.
- In terms of that, no, I have never
- 9 personally spoke to the APA on that matter.
- 10 O. And did DPD conduct a separate review of the
- 11 Michael Oliver case?
- 12 A. There is no separate IA investigation. Sgt.
- 13 Dominic Davidson did take a look into that and
- 14 based upon his review he agreed with Det. Bussa's
- 15 assessment in that case, but we did not -- no one
- 16 came forward and asked us to conduct a separate
- 17 investigation in that case.
- 18 Q. Were any sworn members or employees at DPD
- 19 disciplined in relation to the investigation and
- 20 arrest of Mr. Oliver?
- 21 A. No, based upon our initial review of the case we
- 22 saw nothing wrong with what Det. Bussa did in
- 23 that case.
- 24 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 21
- 25 Crime Intel SOP Re: Facial Recognition



- 1 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 2 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 3 Q. Now, let's turn to FRT policies in general. I'm
- 4 entering Exhibit 21. Could you identify this
- 5 document for me?
- 6 A. It states it is standard operating procedure of
- 7 the Detroit Police Department Crime Intelligence
- 8 Unit, effective date July 1, 2018 with the
- 9 subject of Facial Recognition.
- 10 Q. And does it have a revised date of April 1, 2019?
- 11 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 12 Q. And what does -- generally speaking here what
- does Section 8 cover?
- 14 A. Facial recognition.
- 15 Q. And prior to the effective date of July 1, 2018
- was there at Crime Intel a SOP section on FRT?
- 17 A. Not that I know of. I believe there was a
- 18 training directive that spoke about vehicle
- 19 identification cameras and facial recognition,
- 20 but I don't think there was a separate SOP for
- 21 facial recognition.
- 22 Q. So in March, 2019 then was there any written
- policy governing Crime Intel's use of FRT?
- 24 A. There was no standard operating procedure. There
- was a training directive, but that was it.



- 1 Q. And please turn to Subsection 8.11.
- 2 MR. CUNNINGHAM: 8.11?
- 3 MR. ELLIS: Yes.
- 4 BY MR ELLIS:
- 5 Q. I'm going to read the first part of that
- 6 subsection -- one moment please.
- 7 This relates to DPD's facial
- 8 recognition policy training program?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And in advance of this deposition we asked
- 11 Mr. Cunningham to make sure either you or another
- 12 30(b)(6) deponent would bring attendance records
- for DPD's FRT training.
- 14 Did you bring those today?
- 15 A. I did not, no.
- 16 Q. Does DPD take attendance records at trainings?
- 17 A. Yes, normally.
- 18 Q. And how does it keep attendance records from
- 19 training?
- 20 A. It depends. If this is given through the academy
- 21 the academy would keep those records. If it is
- being done by the Crime Intel themselves, they
- 23 might keep the records.
- 24 MR ELLIS: And, Mr. Cunningham, we're
- requesting these records for the second time, so



- 1 putting that on the record.
- 2 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Okay.
- 3 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 22
- 4 Crime Intel SOP Re: Facial Recognition
- 5 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 6 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 7 Q. Entering Exhibit 22. Can you identify this
- 8 document for the record?
- 9 A. This is standard operating procedure, Section 8,
- 10 Detroit Police Department, Crime Intelligence
- 11 Unit, effective date July 1, 2018, the revised
- date of December 21, 2020, Subject: Facial
- 13 Recognition.
- 14 Q. Is it your understanding that this SOP was
- 15 updated in 2022?
- 16 A. I'd have to be shown the documents, but I know
- 17 that we're continually refining our policies,
- specially in terms of facial recognition.
- 19 O. So --
- 20 A. So it wouldn't surprise me. I just don't have
- 21 the document in front of me that I can tell you
- 22 exactly did it happen in 2022.
- 23 Q. And if there were a 2022 version you could
- 24 provide that?
- 25 A. Yes.



- 1 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 23
- 2 transmittal of proposed
- 3 Manual Directive 307.6
- 4 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 5 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 6 Q. Entering Exhibit 23. This is supposed manual
- 7 directive articulating DPD policy with regard to
- 8 the use of traffic light-mounted cameras and FRT,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Please turn to Page 3 of 3, Section 307.6-5.1.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Does this policy put any limits on the types of
- criminal investigation for which sworn members
- may use FRT?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. So Michael Oliver's investigation would have
- 18 qualified for FRT under this policy, correct?
- 19 A. Correct -- well, other than this policy wasn't in
- 20 effect, so I think there was a training
- 21 directive. So what we're seeing in here with
- this document is this is a proposed policy
- 23 directive.
- 24 And the way our policies work is before
- a policy can go into effect we have to approve it



- 1 but then it gets sent to the Board of Police
- 2 Commissioners.
- 3 They post it on their website, they ask
- 4 for public comment. They can propose items back
- 5 to us and then -- so this would not be like --
- 6 this policy was never in effect as written here,
- 7 not as policy as identified as 307.6 here.
- 8 What you see on that front page is
- 9 while it says "approved", the first signature on
- 10 the left, that's Grant Ha, 2nd Deputy Chief,
- 11 April 22, 2019.
- 12 Then April 11, 2019, that's then Asst.
- 13 Chief James White's signature. And then
- 14 "received" means on April 23 we forwarded it to
- 15 the Board of Police Commissioners.
- So I don't believe that this was ever
- 17 put into practice or never approved to be an
- 18 official policy. So in terms of Michael Oliver's
- 19 case or anything along those lines this was never
- 20 a policy, never an approved policy.
- 21 So even though it has "approved" stamps
- 22 all over the front, this was not approved. It
- 23 was approved to be sent to the Board of Police
- 24 Commissioners.
- That's what those approved stamps mean.



- 1 Q. And then it was never formally adopted by the
- 2 Board of Police Commissioners?
- 3 A. The summer of 2019 we spent a lot of time and a
- 4 lot of debate with the Board of Police
- 5 Commissioners.
- I think if you take a look, it was the
- 7 subject of multiple Board of Police Commissioners
- 8 meetings. Some got very testy. I think they
- 9 ended up in the newspaper.
- 10 But a lot went into this and then I
- 11 believe -- the reason I know this didn't go into
- 12 effect is we broke out that policy on facial rec
- just in and of itself, it didn't even stay with
- 14 the traffic light-mounted cameras section.
- 15 So this changed drastically between
- 16 April of 2019 and when facial rec actually --
- 17 facial rec policy came out in September of 2019.
- 18 O. And do you know who would have drafted this
- 19 policy?
- 20 A. Based upon the heading up here it says reviewing
- 21 Office of Support Operations. At that time Asst.
- 22 Chief James E. White ran Support Operations. I
- would imagine he personally did not draft it.
- 24 He has a whole staff of people when he
- was in that role, but it would have come out of



- 1 his shop.
- 2 Q. And can you explain why this was not adopted?
- 3 A. Because of all of the public comments coming in
- 4 and a lot of kind of the feedback from the
- 5 community as well as the Board of Police
- 6 Commissioners as well as our own internal study
- 7 of best practices being used by other police
- 8 departments around the country.
- 9 All of those things kind of came
- 10 together in the summer of 2019 to -- for us to
- 11 really go a different way than this initial kind
- of draft policy.
- 13 Q. What were the key critiques of the policy?
- 14 A. I think if we take a look at the September policy
- that we actually drafted I would probably talk a
- 16 lot more intelligently about that, because it
- 17 went from essentially two paragraphs to like a
- 18 four or five-page document.
- 19 So a lot of that was based on input
- 20 from the community.
- 21 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I need to take a break
- 22 for a few minutes. My facilitation is heating
- up, I probably need like 10 minutes.
- MR. ELLIS: No problem at all.
- 25 (A recess was taken.)



1		DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 24
2		draft of Policy Directive 307.5
3		WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
4		FOR IDENTIFICATION.
5	Q.	So let's turn back to Manual Directive 307.5 and
6		just I know you mentioned you wanted to get or
7		to the September policy, but just quickly for the
8		record I'm entering Exhibit 24.
9		Could you identify this one for me?
10	A.	This is the front page says "Planning and
11		Deployment, Transmittal of Written Directive."
12		But then when you turn to Page 2 it is
13		a draft of Policy Directive 307.5 facial
14		recognition. And then so the front page, what it
15		documents is it had been approved to be forwarded
16		to the Board of Police Commissioners by Deputy
17		chief Grant Ha on July 25, 2019 as well as then
18		Asst. Chief James White on July 25, 2019 and it
19		was received by the Board of Police Commissioners
20		for their review on July 25, 2019.
21		So based upon my review this is our
22		first attempt, the department's first attempt to
23		break out facial recognition from the other
24		policy and this was our first draft proposed



draft policy directive.

- 1 Q. And to clarify, so this one was proposed, but
- 2 never formally adopted?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And do you know specifically why this one was not
- 5 adopted?
- 6 A. For the same reason, they were still going
- 7 through a lot of discussion with the Board of
- 8 Police Commissioners and obtaining input from the
- 9 community and the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 10 Q. And did the input from the community at that time
- include concerns about the reliability of FRT?
- 12 A. Yes, that was one of the issues.
- 13 Q. Did it include concerns about the accuracy or
- inaccuracy due to race?
- 15 A. That was one of the concerns raised, yes.
- 16 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 25
- 17 Manual Directive 307.5
- 18 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 19 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 20 Q. Entering Exhibit 25 and can you identify this
- 21 document for me?
- 22 A. This is the final approved facial recognition
- policy as originally adopted on September 19,
- 24 2019, it is Directive No. 307.5, facial
- 25 recognition.



- 1 Q. And could you just read the effective date for
- $2 me{e}$?
- 3 A. Yes, September 19, 2019.
- 4 Q. And why did DPD adopt this policy?
- 5 A. We wanted to use facial recognition as a crime
- fighting tool and we were adopting policy to
- 7 allow -- well, to do it in the best possible way.
- 8 O. And was this the first formal FRT-related
- 9 provision in the manual directive?
- 10 A. Yes, in the manual directive -- as an official
- 11 policy in the manual, yes.
- 12 Q. Please turn to Page 3 of 8, Section 307.5 5.3?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. This section restricts the use of FRT to Part 1
- violent crimes or Home Invasion 1 investigations,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. Why did DPD limit FRT to those categories of
- 19 crimes?
- 20 A. I believe this was one of those compromises in
- 21 talking with the community that in order to
- 22 assure the population that we're not just using
- this willy-nilly, we're going to start off with
- 24 the most serious crimes.
- 25 And then if we can do it well on the



- 1 most serious crimes, maybe we can come back and
- 2 revisit that limitation, but it was one of those
- 3 compromises that you make to say, okay, we will
- 4 only use it in the most serious of crimes.
- 5 Q. And did this policy apply to ongoing
- 6 investigations in which an FRT search had already
- 7 been run?
- 8 A. I don't know. All I can say is most policy
- 9 provisions as soon as they're in effect apply to
- 10 all investigations. Can I confidently say right
- 11 now that there's no investigation that was not
- into a Part 1 crime that was ongoing, I don't
- 13 know. If you've already done it, I don't know
- 14 how you take it out of it, you know what I'm
- 15 saying.
- 16 Like so if I've already submitted it --
- 17 now, if it was submitted and hadn't been done
- 18 yet, then yes, we should pull it back.
- 19 But I can't say right now whether that
- 20 was -- if we have such a case, I don't know.
- 21 Q. So it would be typical if, let's say, there was
- an ongoing investigation, the search had been
- run, the result had been provided, there was no
- 24 effort to halt that or take that out of the file?
- 25 A. No, I don't think so.



1 Now, so as you just mentioned this manual Q. 2. directive limits the types of crimes for which FRT can be used, but does it address issues 3 4 related to reliability? 5 It does. So, for example, it limits -- so for Α. example in 307.5 - 5.1 use limited to still 6 7 images, so it can only be used on still images, not on a video. 8 So that is one of the things that we 9 looked at that we want to only use it on still 10 11 photos as opposed to a video, so I would say that 12 is primarily the only time it talks about the 13 stock of photos that we're going to use. 14 It also talks about in the definitions portion the examiner plays an important role in 15 16 assessing image quality and appropriateness for facial recognition searches and to perform 17 one-to-many and one-to-one facial image 18 19 comparisons. That would also be addressing 20 reliability type of standards. And then finally in 307.5 -2.4 talks 21 about all facial recognition searches must be 22 23 corroborated by at least two examiners and one supervisor, so that would be an additional way as 24

a quality control type of mechanism.

- 1 Q. And does under 307.5 2.3 that they are a
- 2 qualified section that you quoted, does that
- 3 refer to the training that was required at that
- 4 time for examiners?
- 5 A. For examiners, correct. I think that's an
- 6 important point. When I took a look at some of
- 7 those previous training directives, that's
- 8 training for examiners as opposed to training for
- 9 detectives in the PDU.
- 10 Q. Right, and detectives in the PDU did not receive
- 11 the specialized training?
- 12 A. No, because the training they're talking about is
- how to actually do one of these comparisons.
- 14 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 26
- 15 Manual Directive 307.5 (effective 12-16-22)
- 16 WAS MARKED BY THE REPORTER
- 17 FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 18 O. And now entering Exhibit 26. And is this the
- 19 2022 version of Manual Directive 307.5?
- 20 A. Yes, it is.
- 21 Q. And could you read the effective date for me?
- 22 A. December 16, 2022.
- 23 Q. Is it identical to the September, 2019 manual
- 24 directive?
- 25 A. I would say not because we would not put out



- another one with a different effective date
- 2 unless we made changes. If I just take a quick
- 3 look here though.
- 4 The way you can tell what the changes
- 5 are in any Detroit Police policy is the use of
- 6 italics. So any italicized words would be the
- 7 change from the previous one so I'm just taking a
- 8 quick look at that right now.
- 9 Q. Sure, take your time.
- 10 A. Actually I see no italicized words in this.
- MR. CUNNINGHAM: They're weren't any.
- 12 A. So I don't -- honestly I don't know why we put
- 13 that out at December 16. It looks like there's
- 14 no changes.
- 15 BY MR ELLIS:
- 16 Q. And --
- 17 A. Although it's also interesting too, the other
- 18 thing that's interesting about this is while if
- 19 it is revised there would be a check mark or an
- 20 "X" in the revised box and there's no such check
- 21 in the revised box on this December -- the
- document dated December 16, 2022.
- 23 Q. Do you know why it was re-issued and there
- appeared to be no changes?
- 25 A. No.



- 1 O. Please turn to Section 6.2. The directive also
- 2 requires an annual report to the Board of Police
- 3 Commissioners, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And the required information includes the summary
- of police reports, correct?
- 7 A. I'm sorry, I think you -- it said in your last
- 8 question annual report. Oh, the annual report,
- 9 6.3. Yes, there's a weekly report and an annual
- 10 report, yes.
- 11 Can you repeat your last question now?
- 12 Q. Sure, and the -- so Section 6.2 requires weekly
- reports to the Board of Police Commissioners,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And 6.3 requires an annual report to the Board of
- 17 Police Commissioners, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. And was there an annual report for the year 2019?
- 20 A. I don't know, I'd have to go take a look at that.
- 21 Q. And how about for the year 2022, has that been
- 22 produced yet?
- 23 A. Not that I'm aware of, but I can check on that as
- 24 well.
- 25 Q. Thank you. Let's turn back slightly to Section



- 1 6.1(2)(d). The directive requires random
- 2 evaluations of user compliance from a local
- 3 agency security officer, is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 5 Q. Do you know how often those random evaluations
- 6 occur?
- 7 A. I don't.
- 8 Q. Do you have a sense if it's monthly or yearly,
- 9 somewhere in-between?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Are the results of those evaluations stored
- 12 anywhere?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. And do you know if anyone reviews those results?
- 15 A. I don't know. I would assume so, but I do not
- 16 know.
- 17 Q. And then turning to 6.1(3)(c), the directive
- 18 requires the Crime Intel commanding officer to
- 19 perform random audits, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What do those audits consist of?
- 22 A. That would be answered by the commanding officer
- of the Crime Intel Unit; I do not know.
- 24 Q. And are those results stored anywhere or is that
- 25 also a better question?



- 1 A. That's a question for him.
- 2 Q. Now, turning to training on FRT, does MSP provide
- 3 training to DPD on facial recognition technology
- 4 or its use?
- 5 A. I don't know. That would be a better question
- for the commanding officer of Crime Intel.
- 7 Q. In his deposition last week Deputy Chief Hayes
- 8 mentioned that DPD personnel provide training on
- 9 DataWorks.
- 10 Do you know who administers that
- 11 training?
- 12 A. I do not.
- 13 Q. And has the FBI provided FRT training related to
- 14 -- or has the FBI provided FRT-related training
- 15 to DPD?
- 16 A. I don't.
- 17 Q. Another follow-up on training -- to take a step
- back, so you mentioned the 40-hour training
- 19 program and the 24-hour training program.
- 20 Could you walk through the timeline of
- when it was 40 hours, when it was 24 hours and
- 22 what those changes looked like?
- 23 A. We went from 40 to 24 after COVID, so COVID put a
- 24 big crimp in any training. So that would have
- been from March of 2020 until probably the summer



- of 2021 if my memory serves me right.
- 2 The question about 40 as opposed to 24,
- I don't know what was cut out, but that would
- 4 have to be at the academy.
- 5 I just know what's still in the 24-hour
- one. I don't know what they took out.
- 7 Q. And another clarifying question. Going back to
- 8 our conversation about warrant requests and the
- 9 investigator's report, does it violate DPD policy
- to not include in that that a witness who
- 11 participated in a photo lineup knew that the
- suspect had been ID'd or the investigative lead
- had been ID'd through FRT?
- 14 A. No, it does not violate DPD policy.
- 15 MR ELLIS: I think let's take a little
- break. I think we're near the end here.
- 17 (A recess was taken).
- 18 BY MR ELLIS:
- 19 O. One follow-up question back to discipline and
- 20 demotion. So you explained that there's a
- 21 discipline purview and then demotions and
- de-appointments are kind of a separate category.
- Do you know are there written records
- 24 for that process?
- 25 A. There's not much of a process on that because the



1		way that if you're appointed to command level you
2		serve at the chief's discretion. So actually
3		this has actually been a point of contention in
4		the DPCOA, the command officers union. They
5		wanted it to be for cause and no chief is willing
6		to agree to that, and so essentially it's a piece
7		of paper, you're de-appointed; that's it.
8		There's not because it's not an
9		appealable-type of situation, so that's why we
10		have disciplinary files, we have IA files because
11		those can be appealed and there is a due process.
12		There's no due process for appointments
13		to command level. If the chief came in and
14		looked and said, "I don't like your eye color
15		today," guess what, you're de-appointed to
16		lieutenant. You've earned that.
17		You serve at his pleasure otherwise.
18	Q.	Understood.
19		MR ELLIS: So that's it for me for
20		questions.
21		MR. CUNNINGHAM: I don't have any
22		questions.
23		THE REPORTER: Same order as usual for
24		you guys?
25		MR. CUNNINGHAM: Yes.



1	MR ELLIS: Yes.
2	(The deposition was concluded at 2:42 p.m.,
3	signature of the witness was not requested by
4	counsel for the respective parties hereto)
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