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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JANNIE LIGONS, SHANDAYREON HILL,)
TABATHA BARNES, TERRI MORRIS,)
SYRITA BOWEN, CARLA JOHNSON,)
KALA LYLES,)

Plaintiffs,)

-vs-)

CASE NO. CIV-16-184-HE

CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY, a)
municipal corporation,)
DANIEL HOLTZCLAW, BILL CITT,)
BRIAN BENNETT, ROCKY GREGORY,)
JOHN AND JANE DOES, all in)
their individual capacity,)

Defendants.)

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
DENISE DONNA WENZEL
TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFFS
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
ON APRIL 29, 2019

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1 are to find the evidence to convict them.

2 Q Did you have -- did you and Kim ever work
3 together in the unit?

4 A No.

5 Q What about Detective Rocky Gregory, he also --
6 you also were in his line of command; correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Have you ever directly supervised Det. Gregory?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you ever speak to Det. Gregory -- strike
11 that.

12 Did you ever communicate, written or verbally,
13 with Det. Gregory regarding the Holtzclaw investigation?

14 A I did.

15 Q Do you recall when?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay.

18 A On May 27th I remember going to the unit. And
19 I was aware that Terri Morris had been -- that there was
20 an interaction with her, she had made an allegation.
21 And on the 27th the case was assigned to Rocky. And I
22 specifically told Rocky that I wanted him to go out into
23 the field, find her, she needed to be interviewed, and I
24 wanted him to make that happen.

25 Q Was it -- why did you go personally to tell

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1 regarding Terri Morris?

2 A He would just give me updates on where they
3 were at through their investigation, whether or not they
4 had located her yet, and then when they did.

5 Q Was May 27th, 2014, was that the first time you
6 talked to Capt. Bacy about Terri Morris?

7 A The incident occurred on the 4th. It was on
8 Monday. It was a holiday weekend. It was on the Monday
9 of the last day of the holiday weekend.

10 Q If I represent to you that Ms. Morris made her
11 allegations on May 24, 2014, does that sound correct to
12 you?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And that was a Friday.

15 A Okay.

16 MR. SMITH: Object to the form. It
17 wasn't.

18 THE WITNESS: It was a Saturday, I
19 believe.

20 Q (By Mr. Solomon-Simmons) Well, yeah, Saturday
21 morning, like 2:00 in the morning, that's correct.

22 A Correct.

23 Q And so the first time you spoke to Capt. Bacy
24 about the incident that occurred with Terri Morris, when
25 she made her allegations, was that next Monday?

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1 A It was on Monday, correct.

2 Q And how did you -- was this an in-person
3 meeting with Capt. Baczy?

4 A It was a phone call.

5 Q And did he call Capt. Baczy or did he call you?

6 A He called me.

7 Q And when he called you what did he say?

8 A He said that he called Miguel, I believe it was
9 on Saturday, on an unrelated matter. And Miguel had
10 told him that they had received a call in regards to
11 Ms. Morris, that he did not respond. The next day Ron
12 did try to call me, I missed the call, and that he
13 called me again on Monday.

14 Q So on Sunday -- on that Sunday, which would
15 have been the -- let's just say on this Sunday Capt.
16 Baczy tried to call you?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Did he leave a message?

19 A No, not that I recall.

20 Q Is there a protocol in place or a procedure in
21 this type of situation where Capt. Baczy tried to contact
22 you and you were unable?

23 A No.

24 Q Capt. Baczy, he had the authority himself to
25 order an investigation to start into Ms. Morris's

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1 allegations; correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q You agree that Capt. Bacy should have ordered
4 the investigation into Ms. Morris's allegations to start
5 once he received the information from Miguel?

6 A He could have.

7 MR. SMITH: Object to --

8 MS. GOOCH: Same objection.

9 MR. SMITH: Object to the form. Go
10 ahead.

11 A He could have.

12 Q (By Mr. Solomon-Simmons) You agree he should
13 have; correct?

14 A No, I don't agree he should have.

15 Q Why not?

16 A My understanding at the time, Ms. Morris was
17 under the influence. It would have been nice had he
18 done that, but not necessarily. I don't know everything
19 that was told at the time. So Miguel definitely should
20 have gone, but at that point Terri was already gone.
21 And it would have been nice had they gone ahead and done
22 that, but at some point you start -- there's no reason
23 to call detectives out at that point. It wasn't
24 something that couldn't keep until Tuesday.

25 Q Besides the phone call that you have with