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INVESTIGATION) NO. 25 GJ 994

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1 (The Grand Jury, having
2 reconvened on October 16,
3 2025, pursuant to adjournment,
4 met in closed session and
5 the following proceedings
6 were had herein. This transcription
7 does not contain the testimony given at
8 this proceeding.)

9 (Background discussion and laughing.)

10 MS. MECKLENBURG: So again, Sheri
11 Mecklenburg and Matthew Skiba. We're here again on
12 25 GJ 994. It's the same case we were here last
13 week on.

14 I am back because if you did not --
15 between the questions and not getting an indictment, 09:21:38
16 I did not do my job. I did not explain it to you
17 well enough. I didn't explain the law to you. I
18 know we were running out of time, and I knew it at
19 the time, but I realize it's on me. I did not do my
20 job last week well enough for you. 09:21:52

21 So I'm coming back today with two things.
22 We're going to learn about the law. I'm going to
23 explain to you the law again. Actually, Matt's
24 going to do that part. He's going to do -- we're

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1 going to do like a little mini class on the law.

2 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Let me make
3 sure the transcript recorders are on. Yeah. Let me
4 check.

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: This one here.
6 What's your last name?

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: Skiba. S-k-i-b-a.

8 MR. SKIBA: Yeah.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah. The orange light
10 is on which means that it's working, right? 09:22:21

11 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Does it say RAZ on
12 it?

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: It sure does. Okay.

14 And the second part -- I'm going to have
15 three parts. The first one is Matt is going to do a 09:22:28
16 little class. I won't promise that I won't jump in
17 a little because I can't help myself, but I will try
18 not to.

19 The second part will be I am bringing you
20 testimony today of Agent A. You're going to hear 09:22:40
21 right from the agent who was driving the car. Let's
22 see what you think.

23 And the reason that we're doing the law
24 before we bring you Agent A is so that you know,

1 one, what to listen for; and two, what are relevant
2 questions.

3 And we'll go over some of your questions
4 from last week that are not relevant so that you
5 don't spend your time on irrelevant questions. 09:23:09

6 And then third part will be that we will
7 discuss the indictment, and we'll talk it through
8 and see if you think we're missing anything, and
9 we'll fill it in. And then we'll present the
10 indictment to you again. 09:23:27

11 Okay. So we're going to start -- and
12 remember -- well, I'll do that at the end. Okay.
13 So let's start with Professor Skiba and our class.

14 MR. SKIBA: Good afternoon, everyone.
15 I'm going to try to make this as not boring as 09:23:45
16 possible. Will be like going back to school again.

17 So as Sheri alluded to, you know, the
18 question here is whether there is going to be
19 probable cause, so the facts that we presented to
20 you and will present to you match up to what the 09:24:00
21 elements are and what the law is.

22 So we're going to go through the two
23 statutes that we are presenting to you in this
24 indictment, and we're going to kind of walk through

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1 some of the language to kind of break it down piece
2 by piece to tell you what's relevant for probable
3 cause determination and what's not relevant.

4 So we're going to start with 372, and I
5 want to make sure this is -- okay. Auto focus. 09:24:33
6 This is -- can everybody see this okay?

7 GRAND JUROR: Yes.

8 MR. SKIBA: Okay. So this is 372, which
9 the title of the statute is Conspiracy to Impede or
10 Injure an Officer. 09:24:57

11 And so you have the statutory language
12 here. I won't read it to you verbatim unless you
13 want me to, but I've outlined some of the key
14 language that we're going to be talking about.

15 And so for purposes of this indictment, 09:25:10
16 here are the elements at the bottom:

17 So you need two or more people to conspire.
18 And then one of the following. And this is what I
19 outlined above. So one is to prevent by force,
20 intimidation, or threat, the discharging of the 09:25:27
21 duties, to injure an officer of the United States or
22 its property on account of his lawful discharge of
23 the duties of his office or while engaged in the
24 lawful discharge of his duties.

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1 I'm going to stop a minute on this one. So
2 that there was some question about last time, is it
3 relevant that he's on his way to work.

4 We're going to tell you later on that he
5 was engaged in his official duties while he was on 09:25:55
6 his way to work, but regardless, for this statute,
7 there is "or" here, he's either on account of or
8 because of the discharge of his duties, or while
9 engaged in those duties. And then finally, the
10 other alternative -- 09:26:18

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: Let me stop you.

12 MR. SKIBA: Yeah.

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: So that means that it
14 doesn't have to be while he's actually doing his
15 duties. It also means that they are taking their 09:26:25
16 action -- the conspirators are taking their actions
17 because of his lawful discharge of his duties.
18 Because of who he is or what he does.

19 MR. SKIBA: Yeah.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: So I just wanted to -- 09:26:41

21 MR. SKIBA: Absolutely right.

22 And then finally, and again the only -- for
23 this second requirement, the one of the following,
24 you only need to find one of these three are met.

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1 But the last one is to injure the property
2 of an officer of the United States so as to molest,
3 interrupt, hinder, or impede him.

4 Does anybody have any questions just about
5 the elements before I drill down into some of the 09:27:05
6 specific language?

7 GRAND JUROR: What's the count?

8 MR. SKIBA: This is Count 1 of the
9 indictment.

10 GRAND JUROR: I wasn't here last week. 09:27:18
11 What is the count?

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. So you know that
13 the indictment consists of a single count of 372,
14 Count 1 for all six people charged. And then we
15 have six counts of 111. Each person is charged in a 09:27:34
16 separate count for 111.

17 GRAND JUROR: Okay. Both --

18 MS. MECKLENBURG: 372 and 111. Does that
19 answer your question?

20 GRAND JUROR: Six people, one count? 09:27:48

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: No. Six people. One
22 count. First count is for all six.

23 GRAND JUROR: Got you.

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: 372, the conspiracy, and

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1 then a single count for each of them on 111.

2 So each person is charged in two counts.

3 The first, and then their -- whatever their 111 is.

4 GRAND JUROR: Okay.

5 GRAND JUROR: She didn't watch the video. 09:28:08

6 The person that wasn't here last week, that was on a

7 video so maybe that will help you as well.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: We will play the video

9 again. Thank you. That's a great point. Somebody

10 here have a question? 09:28:21

11 GRAND JUROR: I wasn't here last week.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: We'll play the video

13 again for you. Thanks. That's a great point.

14 GRAND JUROR: Do you have unlimited tries?

15 MS. MECKLENBURG: Do we have -- what did 09:28:31

16 you ask?

17 GRAND JUROR: Unlimited tries. Like you

18 keep coming back as many times as you want?

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: Well, I don't think we

20 have to worry about that. I think we're going to be 09:28:41

21 just fine.

22 MR. SKIBA: I think the saying is the

23 second time is the charm.

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: I hope you don't have

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1 your mind made up already that I'm going to need
2 more tries.

3 MR. SKIBA: Yeah, I think that --

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: Wait, wait, wait. You
5 just responded like, well, maybe I do. Do you? 09:28:54

6 GRAND JUROR: I mean I'll listen.

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: Do you have an open mind
8 for deliberation and returning a verdict if the
9 facts meet the law?

10 GRAND JUROR: Yes. 09:29:06

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. Is there anybody
12 here who feels differently? Because if you do, then
13 you shouldn't deliberate with the -- so you -- you
14 took a -- you know, you have a duty to -- to have an
15 open mind and see if the facts fit the law and you 09:29:18
16 don't get to decide if you like the law or you
17 don't.

18 I certainly don't get to decide if I like
19 the law or I don't.

20 And then deliberate and then decide if 09:29:28
21 those facts fit the law. But if you're telling me
22 now -- and you have a right to say to me, this is
23 the case I just don't like and I just can't do it.
24 If that's true, then tell us now.

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1 MR. SKIBA: Yes, sir.

2 GRAND JUROR: Are you actually presenting
3 any new actual facts or just a different viewpoint
4 on your side?

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. I'm feeling the 09:29:52
6 skepticism already. Are you going to be able to
7 listen with an open mind? Tell me the truth.

8 GRAND JUROR: I -- no.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. Then you have to
10 go -- 09:30:04

11 GRAND JUROR: I heard this case like last
12 week and I thought it was a crock of shit then and I
13 still think it is.

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. Thank you for your
15 opinion for everybody. 09:30:12

16 GRAND JUROR: Uh-huh.

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: I kind of had that
18 impression from last week, but thank you.

19 GRAND JUROR: Do you have any evidence
20 other than the (inaudible) -- 09:30:17

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: Have a good evening.

22 Pardon me?

23 GRAND JUROR: I'm (inaudible) -- no new
24 evidence?

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: I didn't say there is no
2 new evidence.

3 (Inaudible.)

4 If you feel that you can't be -- then
5 excuse yourself. That's fine. There is still 16? 09:30:36

6 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Let's see what we
7 have now.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: One, two, three --

9 GRAND JUROR: 17.

10 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. That's fine. 09:30:44

11 MR. SKIBA: I'll just wait until --

12 GRAND JUROR: That's fine.

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: Now we'll all be doing

14 (Inaudible.)

15 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: We have to remember 09:31:11

16 we're recording as well, so that when the court
17 reporter does this transcript we're not talking over
18 each other.

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. Okay. I'm sorry.

20 I'll ask Matt to continue. 09:31:26

21 And thank you to those of you who are
22 staying with an open mind.

23 MR. SKIBA: So we're going to -- we're
24 going to just break down some of the more specific

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1 language in each of these statutes. So, we're going
2 to start with the felony count, and that's 372
3 again.

4 So I went through the elements. I'm going
5 to break it down a little bit more specifically. So 09:31:52
6 this is what one court said about what Section 372
7 means.

8 This court said: 327 is straightforward.
9 It prohibits individuals from conspiring to keep
10 government employees from doing their jobs. 09:32:07

11 And I think what you -- what we were going
12 to -- what the evidence will show and what you will
13 hear from Agent A is that there was a group of
14 individuals. They conspired to keep him from doing
15 his jobs. His job. Excuse me. 09:32:22

16 And so the question, one of the questions
17 last week is: What is a conspiracy? And so a
18 conspiracy is an express or implied agreement
19 between two or more persons to commit a crime.

20 So breaking that down further. An 09:32:42
21 implied agreement. So you don't need to have people
22 come together and say, I am -- let's form a
23 conspiracy to commit this crime. It could be
24 implied by their conduct.

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1 And is what this court -- this is a Third
2 Circuit case. Conspiracy can also be spontaneous,
3 so it doesn't need to be that folks meet ahead of
4 time and that they come to an express agreement.

5 And it could be spontaneous. Plus their overt 09:33:14
6 actions could be enough to establish a conspiracy.

7 And then once a conspiracy is formed, each
8 person in that conspiracy is accountable for the
9 foreseeable actions of his co-conspirators, his or
10 her co-conspirators. 09:33:33

11 Yes, ma'am.

12 GRAND JUROR: So, the act of mirroring
13 someone else doing, impeding without talking and
14 expressly agreeing, we're going to do this together,
15 at the moment, you're saying that constitutes 09:33:48
16 conspiracy?

17 So I see them pushing, I'm going to push
18 too. That's a conspiracy you're saying?

19 MR. SKIBA: Yes.

20 GRAND JUROR: Under the law? 09:34:00

21 MR. SKIBA: And that's -- yes. And that's
22 based on a couple of things. One, it's an overt
23 action. They -- it's not they are just thinking in
24 their head, I want to be part of this. They took

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1 some actions.

2 They were -- you know, there was a
3 concerted effort to block this, Agent A, from doing
4 his job.

5 Any other questions about what I have 09:34:22
6 up here? I'm going to go now into the force,
7 intimidation, and threat language as well as part of
8 the statute.

9 Okay. So next I'm going to put up here the
10 next question: What is force, intimidation, or 09:34:40
11 threat?

12 So this, this case that I have referenced
13 here out of the Western District of Texas is for a
14 comparable statute. This is a criminal statute that
15 we are charging here, but there is a civil statute 09:34:57
16 that is more or less the identical language that
17 also has this force, intimidation, or threat
18 language.

19 Now, this was a case -- and you can see
20 it here -- surrounding a bus with about a hundred 09:35:14
21 cars in the interstate and attempting to control its
22 movements by physically blocking with their vehicles
23 and driving dangerously, could reasonably constitute
24 force.

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1 Now, we are not saying that you need to
2 find that it rose to this level of seriousness, but
3 the point is, in this case out of the Western
4 District of Texas, what the court says, the vehicles
5 surrounded another vehicle and physically blocked it 09:35:43
6 and stopped it from going forward.

7 That, in that case, constituted force,
8 intimidation, or threat.

9 What this case also says is, and this a
10 direct quote above: The most commonly understood 09:35:58
11 dictionary definition of intimidate is to place a
12 person in fear.

13 Now, as you're going to hear from
14 Agent A in a little bit, you're going to find out
15 that he was in fear for his own life and safety 09:36:12
16 because of the actions of the co-conspirators.

17 Does anybody have any questions about
18 this portion of the statute? Okay.

19 And this is just a preview of what's to
20 come and a recap from last week. 09:36:31

21 So here is what we expect Agent A to
22 further testify to, and here is what we think the
23 facts show:

24 That there was a conspiracy implied by the

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1 conduct of the co-conspirators. They surrounded the
2 car. They banged on his car windows. Some of them
3 were scratching the car. There was chants related
4 to his, Agent A's duties as an ICE Officer.

5 And as -- as the evidence shows as well, 09:37:07
6 each of these individuals named in the indictment
7 performed actions that constitute force,
8 intimidation, or threat. And I understand some of
9 this is going to be new for some folks, but this is
10 going to be reviewed for others. We're going to 09:37:28
11 show the --

12 GRAND JUROR: I have a question. I'm
13 sorry. Will you go over the names real quick?

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah. These are the six
15 people in the indictment. And, Matt, you can go 09:37:39
16 over that with them. And then what we are going to
17 do right after this is show the video again for
18 those who haven't seen it and to remind those who
19 have, and we'll point out each of the people and
20 what they were doing. 09:37:51

21 Go ahead, Matt.

22 MR. SKIBA: Okay. So does anybody, any
23 folks who are new, do they -- do we know the names
24 Michael Rabbitt, Kat Abagazala (phonetic spelling),

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1 Kat Sharp, Brian Straw, Andre Martin, or Joslyn
2 Walsh?

3 Does anybody know these individuals?

4 Okay. Seeing none.

5 So as I was referencing before, the 09:38:15
6 evidence of -- that we discussed last week, the
7 video, the testimony that from last week and today
8 is going to show that each of these individuals
9 conspired, formed a conspiracy and used force,
10 intimidation, or threats that directly hindered and 09:38:34
11 impeded Agent A from doing his job.

12 So as the video shows, Michael Rabbitt hung
13 on to the passenger side door -- excuse me -- the
14 passenger side of the car. He pushed and banged on
15 the side of the car. 09:38:54

16 Kat Abagazala placed herself in the front
17 of the vehicle. She pushed on the front of the
18 vehicle with her hands and body to prevent the car
19 from continuing. And Kat Sharp did the same.

20 And Brian Straw similarly moved through 09:39:11
21 the crowd to the front of the vehicle and, like Kat
22 Abagazala and Kat Sharp, he pushed up against it
23 with his hands and leveraged his body to prevent it
24 from continuing.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Just to remind you,
2 he was the big guy with the orange hat. And when
3 you see the video, I want you to notice he is not at
4 the front of the vehicle at the beginning. He
5 pushes his way through the crowd to get there so 09:39:34
6 that he can continue with the rest of the people to
7 impede him.

8 Go ahead.

9 MR. SKIBA: Okay. Yeah. And similarly
10 with Andre Martin, like Kat Abagazala and Kat Sharp, 09:39:48
11 he placed himself in the front of the vehicle. He
12 placed on -- he pushed on the front of the vehicle
13 with his hands and body to prevent the vehicle from
14 continuing.

15 And finally, Jocelyn Walsh. She was the 09:40:00
16 individual with the guitar. She wrapped her arm
17 around the driver's side mirror and again prevented
18 the vehicle from continuing.

19 And it's important to note, and as we
20 expect you to hear from Agent A, it's not that 09:40:19
21 these -- like these individuals had no choice but to
22 be in the front of vehicle as his car was going.

23 Now, each one of them had the
24 opportunity to move out of the way and to let

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1 Agent A move forward; but no, this was like a
2 concerted effort by these individuals to prevent
3 Agent A from doing his job which, again, we're
4 talking about what this statute is about.

5 Here is, again, what the court said. It's 09:41:00
6 a straightforward statute. It prohibits individuals
7 from conspiring to keep employees from doing their
8 jobs.

9 Does anybody have any questions?
10 And we'll talk about the statute more, but does 09:41:15
11 anybody have any initial questions about this
12 statute so far?

13 GRAND JUROR: That's very helpful. Yeah.

14 MR. SKIBA: Okay. Seeing no questions
15 about that, I'm going to next turn to the 09:41:30
16 misdemeanor count, which is 18 United States Code
17 at 111. And this statute is called Assaulting,
18 Resisting or Impeding Certain Officers or Employees.

19 And again, I won't read this statute
20 verbatim. We have it here. But here is the 09:41:49
21 elements for this charge:

22 Well, the first element is that it needs to
23 be forcible, and the actions, assault, resist,
24 opposes, impedes, intimidates or interferes.

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1 There needs to be a federal officer, and
2 the actions that were -- the forcible assault,
3 resist, oppose, etcetera, those actions were while
4 the officer was engaged in or was on account of the
5 performance of his official duties.

09:42:25

6 So, one question from last week is, well,
7 this individual was on the way to, on the way to
8 work. Does that matter?

9 And the answer is no. The first
10 reason that it doesn't matter is the statute
11 required that he be engaged in his official duties,
12 or the incident must be on account of his official
13 duties or because of his official duties.

09:42:43

14 And as the evidence shows, at a
15 minimum, these conspirators targeted Agent A
16 on account of or because of his official duties
17 related to ICE.

09:43:02

18 But regardless, as the law shows or the
19 case law shows, if an individual is commuting to
20 work in a government issued automobile, and that
21 automobile is for work-related purposes only, and
22 that individual is duty bound to ensure that nothing
23 bad happens to that automobile, that can qualify as
24 being engaged in his official duties.

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1 And as you're going to hear in a little
2 bit from Agent A, this is precisely what was the
3 case here.

4 This was a government issued SUV. He
5 was not allowed to use it for personal use. And it 09:43:52
6 was his duty to ensure that nothing bad happened to
7 his car.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: And that, is it fair to
9 say that was the definition that would include that
10 he was engaged in duties -- 09:44:09

11 MR. SKIBA: Correct.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: -- and on account of
13 duties if they were attacking him because he was a
14 ICE agent, that would be because of his duties.

15 MR. SKIBA: That's right. 09:44:18

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: So there is two different
17 ways that you can go.

18 MR. SKIBA: The next question, I believe
19 this was also a question raised last week:

20 Did Agent A need to be assaulted? And the 09:44:30
21 answer to that is also no.

22 Section 111 applies to those who act
23 forcibly and resist, oppose, impede, and intimidate
24 an officer, again while engaged in or on account of

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1 his official duties.

2 And then finally, on this particular
3 statute, what does forcible mean?

4 Well, here is what the Seventh Circuit --

5 we are in the Seventh Circuit. Here is what the 09:45:02
6 pattern jury instructions define "forcibly" to mean.

7 And this is a quote: Forcibly means by
8 use of force. Physical force is sufficient, but
9 actual physical contact is not required.

10 A person also acts forcibly if he 09:45:20
11 threatens, attempts to inflict bodily harm upon
12 another with a present ability to inflict bodily
13 harm, but also here, direct contact is not required
14 so long as the conduct places the officer in fear
15 for his life or safety. 09:45:37

16 And again, as you're going to hear in a
17 little bit, Agent A, we expect him to testify that
18 he was in fear for his life and safety.

19 If nobody has any questions about
20 Section 111, we just identified a few handful of 09:45:52
21 additional questions that came up last week, and
22 we are -- we had some answers for you here.

23 So the first is: What is the -- what
24 should Agent A have done? Shouldn't he have stopped

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1 his car?

2 And the answer to that is -- there is a
3 couple of different questions to that of no.

4 So neither statute we are presenting today,
5 that's Section 372 or 111, requires that he had 09:46:25
6 stopped his vehicle, so that's irrelevant.

7 It's not a personal injury case where the
8 question is who is at fault. The question is are --
9 is there probable cause to believe that the elements
10 of 111 and 372 are met. 09:46:42

11 But here is the more fundamental point.
12 Even if he had stopped his, his car, if he had
13 stopped it completely before reaching the gate,
14 there was still hindering, impeding him from getting
15 to the gate and further doing his job. 09:47:00

16 And he did not have a duty to retreat. And
17 as you're going to hear, again, you're going to hear
18 from Agent A that what he was concerned about, he
19 had a concern that if he had stopped his car, he
20 would have been a sitting duck. If he had feared 09:47:18
21 that these individuals that were surrounding his car
22 and stopping him from moving forward were going
23 to pull him -- were going to break his window and
24 were going to pull him out of the car.

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1 The next question is: What about some of
2 the other witnesses?

3 There was a truck driver in the area.
4 There was police.

5 We believe that the video and the testimony 09:47:41
6 is plain as day. We only need to establish probable
7 cause, which does not require us and the Grand Jury
8 to present every conceivable witness to this event.

9 Next question: What about the other
10 individuals who were surrounding the car? 09:48:01

11 At this stage it's irrelevant. We have
12 named six individuals responsible in the indictment
13 and that's all -- the only question is, is there
14 probable cause to believe that they committed these
15 offenses. 09:48:19

16 And the final question that came up is,
17 well, this is a -- the 111 charge is a misdemeanor.
18 Can the government charge the misdemeanor to another
19 Grand Jury?

20 Well, the important point is we are in 09:48:37
21 this case charging both a felony and a misdemeanor,
22 and because we are seeking a felony, cannot -- it's
23 called bifurcate. We can't pick and choose what we
24 are presenting to the Grand Jury today.

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1 And so we're going to ask you to return a
2 true bill on each count including Section 111,
3 misdemeanors.

4 Again, the question on that is probable
5 cause, that the facts that we presented and will 09:49:02
6 present marry up to the law that we presented.

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: Show them the video now.

8 MR. SKIBA: Certainly.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: -- (Inaudible)

10 MR. SKIBA: Certainly. Yes. Thank you. 09:49:22

11 Folks, just bear with me as I'm working
12 through the technology here.

13 The video that we're going to present,
14 they are going to be reviewed for the folks who were
15 here last week. But for others it's going to be 09:49:41
16 brand new. So --

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: And we'll stop it so
18 you can see each defendant. And if you need us to
19 go through the identification at the end again of
20 how we identified each defendant, if we have to do 09:49:58
21 that we will. I don't know that we'll have time,
22 but we'll do whatever we can, but I definitely want
23 to get Agent A in today.

24 And I know this is your last week because

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1 of the shutdown so --

2 GRAND JUROR: We're not sure yet.

3 MS. MECKLENBURG: You have a question?

4 GRAND JUROR: No. I don't think I can

5 vote. 09:50:17

6 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay.

7 Do we still have 16?

8 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Yes. We have 16.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay.

10 MR. SKIBA: I'm just working on -- on the 09:50:30

11 videos.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: I'm sorry. Pardon me?

13 What's that?

14 GRAND JUROR: We do have new evidence? We

15 do have new evidence -- 09:50:44

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes, we do. We have new

17 evidence.

18 And when you took your --

19 GRAND JUROR: Oath.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: -- oath, that oath didn't 09:50:54

21 say, do you like the law, do you like the facts?

22 It's can you be fair? And that's all we're asking.

23 MR. SKIBA: Sheri, a question.

24 GRAND JUROR: I noticed -- it is the

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1 individuals -- (inaudible) if we decide what five of
2 the six you're like a hundred percent, but not the
3 sixth, can we --

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: If that's what you
5 decide, yes, you can.

09:51:24

6 GRAND JUROR: Okay. So it's not all of
7 them together?

8 GRAND JUROR: We can do each count
9 individually.

10 MS. MECKLENBURG: We can do each count
11 individually.

09:51:27

12 (Inaudible.)

13 You were not here last week. Okay.

14 MR. SKIBA: Sheri, of course I'm having
15 technical difficulties.

09:51:40

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: Are you plugged in?

17 MR. SKIBA: I assume I'm plugged in to
18 the -- the mike --

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: The drive. Whatever you
20 have -- (inaudible)

09:52:06

21 MR. SKIBA: I just had it on.

22 Folks, just bear with me one moment while I
23 get the technology down.

24 GRAND JUROR: Don't worry.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: I will say I'm a little
2 disappointed that there are people who didn't want
3 to hear the agent. Disappointed.

4 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: You know, I would
5 say one thing. When the USA (inaudible) -- was here 09:52:50
6 last week, the one thing he said that made so much
7 sense -- can I say it?

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

9 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: This is the
10 accusatory phase, not the guilt-finding phase. 09:52:58

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: Right.

12 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: So those are very
13 different things, and our burden of proof is much
14 lower than if we have a trial we have to prove that
15 these people did something.

16 GRAND JUROR: To be fair, we only hear one
17 half of the story. We don't hear the other half.

18 MS. MECKLENBURG: That's true. We can't --
19 say like when you only hear one half, of course
20 whatever you say is going to sound good because 09:53:19
21 we're only hearing from you. But -- I mean,
22 absolutely. Yes. But I think that's a great point,
23 and I'm glad that you told me, and I'll remember to
24 say --

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1 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Yes.

2 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay.

3 MR. SKIBA: All right. So this is the
4 first video.

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: Driver's side. 09:53:40

6 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. This is the driver's
7 side.

8 GRAND JUROR: Okay.

9 MR. SKIBA: And so I'll play this video.
10 I'm happy to stop or go back at any point. Just let 09:53:46
11 me know.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: Stop at each of the
13 defendants.

14 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. Uh-huh. And I may be --
15 some of these are quick, so I may be rewinding a 09:53:56
16 little bit.

17 Okay. So, right up off the bat we have
18 three of our defendants right here. So, this
19 individual right here is Andre Martin. This
20 individual here is Kat Abagazala. And this 09:54:13
21 individual here is Kat Sharp, the redhead. And I'm
22 going to play this now.

23 (Footage played.)

24 MR. SKIBA: And we have a fourth. I'm just

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1 going to rewind a little bit. The girl who's about
2 to get hit with a stuffed animal which is thrown by
3 not the ICE agent, by one of the other individuals,
4 that is Jocelyn Walsh.

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: And you can see her 09:54:52
6 guitar in the window. Joslyn Walsh is the guitar
7 lady.

8 MR. SKIBA: Yeah.

9 (Footage played.)

10 MR. SKIBA: Okay. I think -- 09:55:09
11 (Footage played.)

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: You can see there
13 is a truck behind that they are not bothering at all
14 because he's not a ICE agent. That would be --

15 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. And as you can hear, 09:55:51
16 what they are saying is, quit your job. So they --
17 they know that this is an individual associated with
18 the Broadview facility.

19 (Footage played.)

20 So I'm going to go to the next video here. 09:56:10

21 (Footage played.)

22 That's a different angle. And here again,
23 you have Kat Abagazala. You have Andre Martin right
24 here.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Right behind Kat is --

2 MR. SKIBA: Yes. Yes. Sticking out right
3 here is Kat Sharp.

4 (Footage played.)

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: You can see Brian Sharp 09:56:52
6 just moved in. Sorry, Matthew.

7 MR. SKIBA: Brian Rabbit.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: Right.

9 MR. SKIBA: This individual here, if you
10 follow his arm he is placing -- 09:56:59

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: Michael Rabbit.

12 MR. SKIBA: I'm sorry?

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: Michael Rabbit.

14 MR. SKIBA: Yes. Michael Rabbit.

15 MS. MECKLENBURG: Mr. Rabbit. 09:57:07

16 MR. SKIBA: Yes. We'll call him
17 Mr. Rabbit. Thank you.

18 So he is right here. He's on the side of
19 the vehicle. He has his hand placed -- I believe
20 what the agent said last week is the A-frame. I'm 09:57:19
21 not a car guy. I'm just going to call that the car.
22 The side of the car.

23 (Footage played.)

24 MR. SKIBA: And -- I'm going to go back.

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1 This individual right here is Mr. Straw.

2 MS. MECKLENBURG: Watch his --

3 (Footage played.)

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: (Inaudible) If they

5 wanted to -- 09:58:10

6 MR. SKIBA: And here he is right here

7 again.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: Watch.

9 MR. SKIBA: And here is actually Mr. Rabbit

10 as well. 09:58:16

11 (Footage played.)

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: Ran up to the car.

13 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. And you could see,

14 I mean look at how much room there is for

15 Mr. Straw to maneuver if he wanted to. But he 09:58:48

16 intentionally went to the front of the vehicle.

17 (Footage played.)

18 MR. SKIBA: So I think -- does anybody need

19 to see any parts of the video again?

20 GRAND JUROR: Do you bring up later for the 09:59:33

21 testimony exactly what they're saying? I can't

22 always understand what they are shouting

23 (inaudible).

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: I think that we can tell

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1 you because -- the agent, they are hearing lots of
2 things, so we can tell you because if you hear it,
3 you decide if you can hear what we hear. So you
4 listen to it.

5 They are screaming -- excuse my language. 09:59:56
6 I'm just repeating what they are saying. And I'm
7 not supposed to swear in the Grand Jury. Fuck this
8 pig. Over and over. Fuck this pig. Fuck this pig.
9 They are screaming --

10 MR. SKIBA: Get a real job. 10:00:08

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

12 MR. SKIBA: Shame.

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: Shame. And they are
14 screaming something like, down with deportation.

15 MR. SKIBA: Up with liberation. 10:00:17

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: Up with liberation.

17 MR. SKIBA: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRAND JUROR: They were also clearly
19 saying, I believe that we will win.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. That's right. 10:00:26

21 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. And through the agent --
22 I'm sorry.

23 MS. MECKLENBURG: There is another
24 question.

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1 GRAND JUROR: Is there a part of the video
2 where someone hanging on to the passenger side
3 mirror?

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

5 GRAND JUROR: Is that the same guy you 10:00:36
6 already identified or is that --

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. That was
8 Mr. Rabbit. Michael Rabbit.

9 GRAND JUROR: No, different --

10 MR. SKIBA: It might be a different 10:00:45
11 individual.

12 GRAND JUROR: I don't know if it was one of
13 the eight or not.

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: It --

15 GRAND JUROR: It was on the list. It said 10:00:55
16 she wrapped her arm --

17 GRAND JUROR: Driver's side.

18 MR. SKIBA: Do you want me to rewind?

19 GRAND JUROR: Yes.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: I want to make sure 10:01:06
21 everybody -- (inaudible)

22 Last time and today we showed you pictures
23 of the damage to the car and the mirror was broken
24 off. Yes. I just want to make sure --

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1 MR. SKIBA: Yes.

2 MS. MECKLENBURG: I know it's hard.

3 MR. SKIBA: I'll play it from here, and if
4 you want me to pause it at any point let me know.

5 (Footage played.) 10:01:30

6 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. So this is from -- my
7 cursor is on Mr. Rabbit right here.

8 (Footage played.)

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: There. The guy with the
10 hood up. 10:02:16

11 MR. SKIBA: Okay. So --

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: That's the one who was
13 grabbing the mirror where the other guy was just
14 holding the car. When you just say just holding --

15 MR. SKIBA: Yes. 10:02:25

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: The difference, grabbing
17 the mirror --

18 MR. SKIBA: Yes.

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: It doesn't mean we don't
20 come back if we can identify someone, but we're 10:02:32
21 being very careful that we have people identified
22 clearly.

23 And since you weren't here last time, I
24 just want to tell the people who weren't. We went

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1 through the identities. We went through that the
2 agent took still shots from the video and they found
3 pictures of people, and many of these people posted
4 this on their own social media. So it wasn't -- it
5 was clear that they put it up. And they compared 10:02:55
6 the known photos of these six with the stills from
7 the video.

8 MR. SKIBA: Any other questions either
9 about the videos or the law?

10 GRAND JUROR: Who took the videos? What's 10:03:12
11 the source of these videos?

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: This video is from
13 Ms. Abagazala's social media.

14 MR. SKIBA: Yeah. So some were like a
15 Twitter, an Instagram. Some were, I believe, You 10:03:25
16 Tube. This was all civilians taking photos.

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah. No law enforcement
18 was out there, so they didn't take any video.

19 Any questions before I go get who we now
20 know as Agent A and in a minute you're going to know 10:03:49
21 him as who he is.

22 GRAND JUROR: Would you be able to show,
23 you know, after Agent A or before, the damage to the
24 car?

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: We're going to go
2 through it with Agent A, and then if you need it
3 again, we will. We'll pull up the pictures. That's
4 what I'll need for that. (Inaudible). Okay.

5 (Inaudible.)

6 I'll tell you [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is
7 the first name. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED].

8 GRAND JUROR: Okay.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: That's his name.

10 GRAND JUROR: Okay.

10:04:25

11 (Whereupon the witness came in the jury
12 room, and the testimony is not included in
13 this transcript.)

14 (End of excerpt of

15 25 GJ 994 [REDACTED].)

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RE: GRAND JURY) GRAND JURY

INVESTIGATION) NO. 25GJ994

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(SPECIAL JUNE, 2024 - GRAND JURY)

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3 WITNESS: DENNIS [REDACTED] PAGES

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5 Direct Examination by Ms. Mecklenburg 3 - 17

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11 EXHIBITS:

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13 (No exhibits identified.)

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1 (The Grand Jury, having
2 reconvened at 2:43 p.m.
3 on the 16th day of October,
4 2025, pursuant to adjournment,
5 met in closed session and
6 the following proceedings
7 were had herein.)

8 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Good afternoon.
9 You could just stand over there by the chair. And
10 please raise your right hand.

11 State and spell your name for the record.

12 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED],
13 [REDACTED].

14 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Do you solemnly
15 swear or affirm that in the testimony you are about
16 to give before this Grand Jury, to tell the truth,
17 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help
18 you God?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: Thank you.

21 (The witness was duly sworn.)

22 WHEREUPON:

23 [REDACTED]
24 having been first duly sworn, was examined and

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1 testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. MECKLENBURG:

4 Q. Good afternoon, Agent [REDACTED].

5 You already said your name and spelled it 15:10:44

6 for us, correct?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. Okay. Tell us, what is your current job?

9 A. Currently I'm the [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] with Immigration 15:10:53

11 and Customs Enforcement.

12 Q. And that's traditionally known as ICE,

13 right?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. And you said you were -- tell me your 15:11:39

16 position again so that I can have it right.

17 A. [REDACTED]

18 Q. Okay. How long have you been with ICE?

19 A. I've been with ICE since 2001. So 24

20 years. 15:12:04

21 Q. And how long have you been the Assistant

22 Field Office Director?

23 A. I have been [REDACTED]

24 for eight years, but just six months in [REDACTED]

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1 Q. So you're based in [REDACTED]?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. Can you describe in general your duties?

4 A. So, as the [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] I serve as a second-line supervisor for 15:12:44

6 office. I oversee two offices, in [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 So I have supervisors that work under me,

9 and then agents that work under, under them. So, I

10 oversee really all the levels of the operation 15:13:15

11 there.

12 Q. Okay. Do you oversee intake processing,

13 processing, event space, and transportation

14 coordination to those who are temporarily detained

15 in Broadview? 15:13:57

16 A. Yes. Currently I'm detailed up here for

17 that role. Yes.

18 Q. And I'll ask you about that in a minute.

19 Do you also communicate with upper

20 management and federal partners to manage operations 15:14:12

21 and ensure that you have the necessary supplies and

22 manpower and proper staffing levels for what's

23 needed?

24 A. Yes, ma'am.

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1 Q. And do you also respond to requests for
2 information both internally and from the public?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. Now, you said you're based in [REDACTED].

5 What was your assignment there on September 26, 15:14:51
6 2025?

7 A. I was assigned to assist the permanent
8 AFOD. They are at Broadview. And to report to work
9 there and help him oversee operations there.

10 Q. Where was the location that you were 15:15:20
11 directed to report for carrying out the duties that
12 day?

13 A. The address is 1930 Beach Street in
14 Broadview, Illinois.

15 Q. That's the Broadview facility that we've 15:15:43
16 been talking about, right?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. What was your first day reporting, well --
19 so let's turn to September 26 at approximately 7:45
20 in the morning. 15:16:10

21 Why were you going to the -- were you going
22 to the Broadview facility at that time?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And why?

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1 A. That's the -- my duty assignment, at least
2 for this detail, and I was reporting to work as part
3 as my normal course of duties.

4 Q. Did you go -- what were you wearing that
5 day?

15:16:54

6 A. I -- I was wearing a polo shirt, similar to
7 this. Slacks. And I was wearing a jacket over --
8 over top of everything.

9 Q. Were you wearing any kind of mask, helmet,
10 anything?

15:17:25

11 A. No, ma'am.

12 Q. Did you go directly from where you were
13 staying? Did they put you up in a hotel or
14 something for you to be in Chicago?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

15:17:44

16 Q. Okay. Did you go directly from -- were you
17 going from the hotel to the Broadview facility?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. And can you describe the car that you were
20 driving?

15:18:04

21 A. So I was driving a black Ford Expedition.

22 Q. Was it -- oh. I'm sorry.

23 A. It's a 2022 Ford Expedition.

24 Q. Was it government-owned vehicle?

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1 A. Yes, ma'am. It's a government-owned
2 vehicle.

3 Q. Was it marked as a law enforcement vehicle
4 in any way?

5 A. No. It -- it's -- it's designed to be -- 15:18:39
6 to blend in, I suppose.

7 Q. When were you first assigned that car?

8 A. In April of 2025.

9 Q. Are you permitted to use that car for
10 non-work purposes? 15:19:13

11 A. No.

12 Q. So if you want to go out to dinner with
13 your family on a Sunday night, are you allowed to
14 use that car?

15 A. No. 15:19:27

16 Q. What are your duties with regard to that
17 car?

18 A. Well, any time that I need to carry out
19 a -- any duties I will -- I will be in my -- my
20 government-furnished vehicle, and including home to 15:19:51
21 work. You know, trans --

22 Q. I'm sorry. Let me stop you for a minute.

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The battery is died.

24 THE WITNESS: Sorry, the --

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: That was just the
2 computer. We'll get it back up when I want to show
3 pictures.

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. We're have a
5 battery --

15:20:26

6 BY MS. MECKLENBURG:

7 Q. Thank you for keeping me honest.

8 But I think you misunderstood my question.

9 Do you have any duties with regard to keeping the
10 safety and condition of that car?

15:20:43

11 A. Yes. I mean that's part of being assigned
12 a government vehicle is to care and maintain that
13 vehicle.

14 Q. What was the condition of the car prior to
15 September 26, 2025?

15:21:11

16 A. It was -- I mean it was in great condition.

17 Q. Did it have any broken parts?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did it have any scratches?

20 A. No.

15:21:37

21 Q. How did you -- how do you know that it
22 didn't?

23 A. Well, because, like I said, part of my job
24 is to care for and maintain that vehicle, and also

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1 to report any time there is damage, you know, to the
2 vehicle.

3 So, pretty much daily I walk around it and
4 make sure that it's as it's supposed to be so that I
5 don't have -- so I know if I have anything to 15:22:15
6 report.

7 Q. Does the car have tinted windows?

8 A. I mean it has factory-tinted windows, so
9 the -- the front is slightly tinted and the sides
10 are tinted darker. 15:22:38

11 Q. And does it have any law enforcement
12 lights?

13 A. It has -- it has law enforcement lights,
14 but they are subdued. There is a few that maybe are
15 visible on the front grille. 15:23:02

16 Q. And does it have a siren?

17 A. It does.

18 Q. Did you approach the intersection of 25th
19 and Harvard in Broadview going southbound on 25th
20 Street at about 7:45 that morning? 15:23:32

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. And when you reached that intersection did
23 you encounter a checkpoint at that intersection?

24 A. I did.

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1 Q. What did you do at that checkpoint?

2 A. So, I pulled out my credentials, and then I
3 rolled down my window, and I showed the officer that
4 was standing in the middle of 25th that -- my
5 credentials and said I was with ICE and then I was 15:24:16
6 headed into Broadview.

7 Q. And what did he do?

8 A. He -- he stepped out of the way and kind of
9 motioned for me to go ahead.

10 At that point I saw another officer 15:24:34
11 standing in the intersection or in the center of
12 what would be Harvard Street.

13 Q. And after you passed through the checkpoint
14 did you go westbound on Harvard then?

15 A. I took a right turn, yes. 15:25:01

16 Q. Okay. Once you took the right turn, could
17 you see the Broadway (sic) facility?

18 A. Off -- off if in the distance. I know it's
19 there but I wouldn't say that I see it.

20 Q. Okay. About how far away was it at that 15:25:21
21 point?

22 A. It's about 200 yards.

23 Q. And at that point -- well, let's go piece
24 by piece.

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1 Tell us what happened next. And I might
2 interrupt you to ask you some questions, but tell us
3 what happened after you started to proceed down
4 Harvard Street.

5 A. Well, while I was turning onto Harper, I 15:26:05
6 was still in -- in 25th Street. Like I said, there
7 was another officer at -- right at the entrance of
8 Harvard.

9 He, you know, slowly stepped out of the way
10 as if to motion for me to go in. But, of course, 15:26:32
11 there was a -- a crowd of angry protesters, you
12 know, there in the vicinity and blocking the street.

13 Q. And then what happened next?

14 A. Well, I slowly proceeded, you know, into
15 Harvard and I -- I expected, you know, the crowd to 15:27:10
16 move out of the way. Especially with the presence
17 of, you know Broadview Police Department there. But
18 unfortunately, you know, they -- they didn't.
19 Several of them stepped in front of my car. And
20 pounding on the hood, you know, called me, you know, 15:27:43
21 all kinds of names and -- and, you know, were
22 ultimately preventing me from moving forward. So I
23 started --

24 Q. Let me back you up.

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1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Could you feel them pushing against your
3 car? What were you -- what did you feel?

4 A. Yeah. I could -- I could feel the car
5 rocking back and forth slightly, maybe a little bit 15:28:22
6 less right at the beginning, but definitely as they
7 -- more and more people began to surround my car and
8 bang on it.

9 I could hear the impacts of their fists. I
10 could hear, you know, like deep tones of, you know, 15:28:48
11 fists hitting the window, hitting the sides of
12 the -- of the car. And then I could hear higher
13 pitched tones that felt like, you know, something
14 was in their hand or possibly a large ring or
15 something, you know, banging on the windows of the 15:29:23
16 car.

17 Q. And at some point did the crowd in front of
18 your car grow?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did it get bigger? 15:29:40

21 A. Oh, yes. Definitely.

22 Q. So more people moved to the front of your
23 car and that point?

24 A. Yeah. Coming -- they -- they were -- they

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1 were calling for more people to come and pile in
2 front of the car to keep pushing on it to try and
3 stop me.

4 Q. You could hear that?

5 A. Yes. 15:30:14

6 Q. Thanks. Did you hear them chanting?

7 A. Yes. I -- I heard them chanting.

8 Q. And I won't ask you specifically what you
9 heard.

10 Were you concerned that the windows would 15:30:35
11 break?

12 A. Yes. Definitely. I -- I was concerned
13 and -- and surprised that they didn't as hard as
14 they were being struck, and I was concerned that if,
15 you know, one of the windows was breaking I was 15:31:02
16 probably going to be in a real -- a real dangerous
17 situation.

18 Q. And why did you think that? What did you
19 think could happen?

20 A. Well, I mean I -- I thought I was going to 15:31:21
21 get drug out of the vehicle and, you know, assaulted
22 or beat down.

23 I mean, you know, just from my experience
24 that I've seen that in the past, you know. In large

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1 crowds when people stop, they've got taken out of
2 their vehicle and assaulted.

3 Q. So is it fair to say that you were in fear
4 for your safety during this incident?

5 A. Yes. Definitely. 15:32:10

6 Q. What were you looking at this whole time?
7 What was your focus?

8 A. So, as soon as, you know, I saw that they
9 weren't moving out of the way, that they were --
10 they were trying to stop me, the first thing I 15:32:33
11 thought was, well, I can't stop or I'm going to
12 be -- you know, this is going to go from bad to
13 worse.

14 So I -- I focused on the people that were
15 right in front of the car. Just, you know, to try 15:32:54
16 and see if any of them were stumbling or anything.
17 And then I was focusing on -- I was glancing back
18 and forth it at my speedometer, which is a digital
19 speedometer, to, you know, to see how fast I was
20 going. 15:33:18

21 Q. And how fast did you go during that time?

22 A. It was going back and forth between zero
23 miles per hour and one mile per hour. And then, you
24 know, as I progressed down the street, eventually I

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1 was able to get up to two miles per hour.

2 Q. And why were you going so slowly?

3 A. Well, because I wanted to continue forward
4 motion, but I was concerned that, you know if
5 someone were to fall in front of my car, that I
6 would be in danger of harming them.

7 Q. Did you use your flashing law enforcement
8 lights?

9 A. I did not, although I -- I thought that I
10 could.

10:11:18

11 Q. Let me stop you.

12 A. Okay.

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: I need the batteries on
14 the recorder.

15 (Discussion held
16 off the record.)

17 (Whereupon the testimony
18 was abruptly stopped.)

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3 JEANINE WATKINS, being first duly sworn, on
4 oath says that she is a Certified Shorthand Reporter
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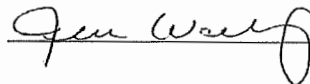
7 That she reported in shorthand the
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11 That all speakers have been identified
12 within the transcription based on the content of the
13 said audio recording;

14 And that the foregoing is a true and
15 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken
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