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1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Log number 2023-
2 0004935. This is the audio-recorded statement of
3 accused member police officer Dennis Mack, star
4 number 4390, assigned to public transportation
5 unit 701. This is relative to an allegation made
6 by Sgt. Keisha Frierson. This interview is being
7 taken at the Chicago Police Department
8 Headquarters, located at 3510 South Michigan on
9 the Fifth Floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs, on 1
10 February 2024, in the conference room, sorry, at
11 1:10 hours, 13:10 hours.

12 My name is Sergeant John Bartuch, star
13 number 1598, and I'm the primary investigator
14 assigned to the Bureau of Internal Affairs. I'm
15 in charge of this investigation recorded under
16 log number 2023-0004935 and will be the primary
17 interviewer during the course of this statement.

18 Also present in this interview is
19 Sergeant Tiffany Santiago, star number 1402, the
20 secondary interviewer.

21 This statement will be in audio-
22 recorded format and will concern itself with the
23 following allegations. It was alleged by
24 Sergeant Frierson that members of the Chicago
25 Police Department are members of the far-right

1 terror group Oath Keepers, as documented in an
2 email to First Deputy Carter and numerous news
3 articles by WBEZ.

4 Officer Mack, can you please state and
5 spell your name for the record?

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Dennis Mack.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you spell it?

8 OFC. DENNIS MACK: D-E-N-N-I-S, M-A-C-
9 K.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you state your
11 rank, star number, unit of assignment?

12 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Patrol and mass
13 transit, unit 701.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And your star
15 number?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: 4390.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And how long have
18 you been assigned to your present unit?

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Roughly 10-11 years.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What is your
21 employee number and date of appointment to the
22 department?

23 Employee number --

24 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I'm sorry, employee
25 number?

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Um-hum.

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: [REDACTED]

3 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: [REDACTED]

4 OFC. DENNIS MACK: [REDACTED] sorry.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: [REDACTED] okay.

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And your date of
8 appointment to the department?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: 29 October '07.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, counsel, can
11 you please state and spell your name for the
12 record?

13 TIM GRACE: I can. My name is Tim
14 Grace. I'm an FOP attorney. I'm here to
15 represent Officer Mack.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Officer Mack, prior
17 to the start of your audio recording, were you
18 given CPD Form 44.140, the audio-recorded
19 statement instructions and guidelines?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I was.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you read and
22 understand -- did you read, understand, and sign
23 the instructions and guidelines for the audio-
24 recorded statement?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you have any
2 questions about the process of an audio-recorded
3 statement?

4 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Counsel, you're
6 reminded that in no instance will you answer
7 questions on behalf of your client.

8 TIM GRACE: Correct.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Officer Mack, have
10 you been advised in writing of the allegations
11 made against you, the name of the complainant,
12 the date and time of the incident, and your
13 administrative rights?

14 OFC. DENNIS MACK: From the first page?

15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Correct, but you
16 would have gotten also when you got notified to
17 come here. Did you see it in the CMS system?

18 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I believe so. I
19 can't recall the name off the top of my head.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Okay, did
21 you read and understand the allegations and your
22 rights?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you understand
25 that this is an official police department report

1 and that any deviation from the truth could
2 result in allegations being placed against you?

3 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

4 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Rule 14 in the
5 Chicago Police Department Rules and Regulations
6 prohibits making false reports, whether written
7 or oral. You may be separated from the Chicago
8 Police Department if you make a false report. Do
9 you understand?

10 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes, I do.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Are you ready to
12 give your statement at this time?

13 TIM GRACE: So we're going to give our
14 compelled -- this is FOP Attorney Tim Grace.
15 We're going to give our compelled statement
16 rights, but before we do so, I'm going to put in
17 some objections.

18 My first objection is the Oath Keepers,
19 whatever they may be, which my client is not a
20 member of, but besides that, no law enforcement
21 agency has claimed, either the FBI, Homeland
22 Security, ATF, Border Control, anybody has ever
23 claimed that the Oath Keepers are a domestic
24 terrorist organization.

25 There's no general order that I'm aware

1 of that prohibits police officers from joining
2 any groups, as long as those groups are not
3 engaged in criminal activity. And there are
4 concerns about the First Amendment free speech
5 aspects of these types of allegations. There is
6 a right to free speech and a right to freedom of
7 assembly in the First Amendment of the US
8 Constitution.

9 And the other concern we have, I want
10 to put on the record, is that the allegations
11 come from, and I understand that these two
12 sergeants that are here are not the ones that are
13 bringing these allegations and are just following
14 orders and have been assigned this investigation,
15 but there's no -- the allegations come from a
16 news organization.

17 We don't know where the news
18 organization received this information, if it's
19 accurate or not, and Anti-Defamation League sent
20 a letter with similarly not having any background
21 information or proof of participation by police
22 officers. Most of this stuff does not, 99
23 percent of this stuff does not involve Officer
24 Mack, but I just want to put that on the record.
25 And we will now read our Garrity rights.

1 Read these two paragraphs out loud.

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I would like to
3 preface this statement by stating I am not giving
4 this statement voluntarily but under duress. I'm
5 only giving this statement at this time because I
6 have been advised by the Chicago Police
7 Department that if I do not give a statement, I
8 will face disciplinary proceedings that will lead
9 to termination of my employment.

10 My advice of counsel, I want to object
11 to delay in this investigation. This incident
12 occurred approximately 12 years ago. This delay
13 is prejudicial to my ability to recall details of
14 this incident so that I may defend myself and
15 provide clear recitation of the facts.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, Officer Mack.
17 Officer Mack, prior to the start of the audio
18 recording, were you given Exhibit 1, the letter
19 from the Anti-Defamation League?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes, yes, I was.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, you read and
22 initialed it?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I briefly looked
24 over it.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, I'm going to

1 direct your attention to Page 3. Is your
2 information listed in this list of Chicago
3 policemen?

4 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Name is correct.
5 Other information's incorrect, address, email,
6 and phone number not current.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, but at one
8 point, those are your correct information?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Could you tell me
11 about what timeframe that information would have
12 been correct on there?

13 OFC. DENNIS MACK: For the last one is
14 the email. I don't use that email. It's a joint
15 account with my wife. She has it with other
16 Amazon and stuff, but Austin address has been
17 changed since 2016.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: And --

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And what about that
21 phone number?

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Phone number's
23 changed for the last month.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: For the last month?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Were you
2 ever notified by the Anti-Defamation League that
3 your name appeared on a leaked Oath Keepers
4 roster?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall if I
6 was or not.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Are you currently a
8 member of the Oath Keepers?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I am not.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Have you ever been
11 a member of the Oath Keepers?

12 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I believe I paid
13 one-time due, and I was never a member, never a
14 due-paying member or an active member.

15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. So at one
16 point, what did you pay to the Oath Keepers?

17 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I cannot recall.
18 It's been so long.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: You don't know the
20 amount?

21 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know when
23 that was?

24 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Roughly 10-12 years
25 ago. I can't -- over 11, so I can't put an exact

1 date, yeah.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, can you put
3 it -- okay, so the current year is 2024. So if
4 you're saying 11 or --

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Eleven or 12 years
6 ago.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so that's
8 2012, maybe around and about and around --

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Probably a little
10 bit -- a little longer than that.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

12 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Probably around 11
13 to 12, between 11 --

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: All right, to put
15 it in context, in 2010, Chicago got rid of their
16 handgun ban. Was it before or after 2010, do you
17 think?

18 OFC. DENNIS MACK: It's probably after.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so sometime
20 between 2010 and 2012?

21 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah, roughly.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, can you tell
23 me how you got involved in the Oath Keepers?

24 OFC. DENNIS MACK: To the best of my
25 recollection, I was just solicited online. I

1 can't recall the -- exactly where from. I made a
2 one-time donation, and that's it.

3 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so you
4 learned about the Oath Keepers online?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Someone approached
6 me online when I had a social media account, and
7 I don't have social media accounts.

8 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember who
9 it was?

10 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall. I
11 can't recall. It's -- the guy that's in
12 question, I don't recall. I can't say for
13 certain, because it's been so long.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, and were you
15 in the military?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes. Been out over
17 12 years -- 13 years ago, so it's -- I don't
18 think that I was around.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so you --

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Or not 13 years ago,
21 excuse me, 20 years ago.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so you've
23 been out of the military for 20 years?

24 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah, 20-plus years.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. What kind of

1 membership did you sign up for?

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall what
3 I signed up for. It was just a one-time
4 donation.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember how
6 much you paid?

7 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I don't.

8 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you receive
9 anything for that one-time donation?

10 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I received a --
11 something in the mail, a sticker, I think. That
12 was about it. I threw it all out and never
13 displayed it.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And how long did
15 you maintain this membership?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I never maintained
17 it.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, so you only
19 paid once?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Once.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. What did you
22 know about the Oath Keepers when you joined?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: They were just a
24 pro-Second Amendment group, and they had no
25 political radicalization. That's all I knew of

1 it.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you think at
3 that point you were participating with a hate
4 group or extreme group?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And so you said it
7 wasn't a membership. What would you consider it,
8 that one-time fee or donation?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: It was kind of like,
10 say, a donation like you donate to Planned
11 Parenthood or another group.

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, did you
13 attempt to write it off on your taxes as
14 charitable?

15 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never have.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, do you pay --
17 have you ever paid anything else to the Oath
18 Keepers?

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And did they ever
21 tell you what kind of participation or membership
22 you bought into?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember how
25 you paid for this membership?

1 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever pay
3 anything related to the Oath Keepers with your
4 credit card?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall if it
6 was credit or PayPal. I can't recall that.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Is there any reason
8 that your credit card information would have been
9 associated with the Oath Keepers' leaked
10 information?

11 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Any reason it was
12 leaked, credit card information?

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Yeah, would your
14 credit card information be in these leaked
15 documents as reported by that news source?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall if it
17 would be.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember
19 paying cash for this online membership?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I don't.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall
23 paying cash.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: When you signed up
25 for the Oath Keepers, what did you have to

1 provide to them?

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Just a name,
3 address, email, phone number.

4 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And you provided
5 all this information online?

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I believe so.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever attend
8 any Oath Keepers events?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I never have.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
11 participate in any Oath Keepers private chat
12 rooms?

13 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: You mentioned you
15 had social media. What kind of social media do
16 you have?

17 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I had -- I don't
18 have anything now. My wife has --

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What do you have?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I don't have
21 anything.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What did you have?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I had Facebook,
24 Twitter, and LinkedIn.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, and did you

1 ever reference anything from the Oath Keepers or
2 Oath Keepers events on any of your social media
3 platforms back then?

4 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never have. Never
5 have.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Do you --
7 did you -- after you signed up, did you receive
8 emails?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I probably did, but
10 I flagged them like, years ago, and I don't -- I
11 think they always went to junk, so I forgot about
12 it over the years, and I did not approach it in
13 any way.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, how many
15 emails do you think you might have received?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall,
17 because I don't go through my junk mail too much.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, but when you
19 were -- after you joined, do you remember how
20 many emails you might have received then?

21 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, because I never
22 really opened them.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever send
24 any emails to the Oath Keepers?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I don't.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I did not.

3 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
4 receive any material brochures, pamphlets, or
5 news articles from the Oath Keepers?

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
8 receive text messages or phone calls, anything
9 involving the Oath Keepers?

10 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What do you know
12 about the Oath Keepers now?

13 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Other than what the
14 media states, I don't really watch local news too
15 much.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you follow --
17 you mentioned you don't have any social media at
18 this point?

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I don't.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you still have
21 LinkedIn?

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I don't.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Officer
24 Mack, prior to the start of the audio recording,
25 you were presented with Exhibit 2. Do you agree

1 that you were presented with Exhibit 2 prior to
2 the start of the audio recording?

3 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

4 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And then you
5 initialed each page of Exhibit 2?

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did anybody from
8 the news attempt to call you for any comments?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: [REDACTED] I think,
10 left a message.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: [REDACTED] called
12 you and left a message?

13 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Voice mail.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And what -- the --
15 okay, and what phone number did he call?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: 312 number.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Is that the number
18 that's listed on --

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yes.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, did you give
21 a statement that you called back [REDACTED]

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I didn't make any
23 contact with the media.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Because I wanted to

1 clarify it with the department first.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, did you ever
3 notify any supervisor that the news contacted
4 you?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I did not.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: So when you said
7 that you were going to clear it through the
8 department, what did you mean by that?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I went to the FOP.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

11 OFC. DENNIS MACK: First.

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And who did
13 you talk to at the FOP?

14 OFC. DENNIS MACK: [REDACTED] I forget
15 his name. I got a business card.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, and then did
17 you ever generate any reports or any information
18 report about being contacted?

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I did not.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

21 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Because I don't
22 recall being contacted by Oath Keepers ever.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: No, but [REDACTED]
24 called you, right?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Right.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever notify
2 anybody that -- or did you ever do any
3 documentation about being reached out to the
4 news, the news notifying you?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I did not.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

7 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: How did you
8 hear about the Oath Keepers?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Online through one
10 of the social media accounts I had but I don't
11 have anymore.

12 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Can you tell me
13 more?

14 OFC. DENNIS MACK: That's all I can
15 recall. It's been over 11-12 years.

16 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So you're on
17 social media, and somebody just said something
18 about --

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Approached -- yeah,
20 approached me.

21 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And what did
22 they say?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Well, just talking
24 about something in regards to Second Amendment
25 rights.

1 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Is that it?

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: That's it.

3 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Do you recall
4 what they said about the Second Amendment rights?

5 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall
6 exactly.

7 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And you paid
8 money to the Oath Keepers?

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: A one-time donation.

10 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay, why?

11 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall.

12 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: You don't know
13 why you gave them money?

14 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No. It's been over
15 12 years.

16 TIM GRACE: Let's take a time-out here.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: All right, the time
18 is 1:29, 13:29 hours.

19 (Off the record).

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: We are resuming the
21 interview at 1 -- 13:31 hours.

22 Sergeant Santiago?

23 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Do you need me
24 to repeat the question?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Sure, go ahead.

1 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: It says you
2 paid money to the Oath Keepers. Why?

3 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Because they're a
4 pro-Second Amendment group that protected Second
5 Amendment rights of all people.

6 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And what did
7 you expect to get with your membership? With
8 your payment, not membership.

9 OFC. DENNIS MACK: It was just a one-
10 time contribution. I expected them to ensure the
11 protection of all people's rights, Second
12 Amendment, and it was just to support.

13 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay, what
14 social media did you have?

15 Oh, you asked that already.

16 So the Hotmail account that is on
17 Exhibit 1, who has access to that?

18 OFC. DENNIS MACK: My wife. I had
19 prior, but I don't have it anymore.

20 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So both of you
21 have access to that?

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Yeah.

23 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Does your wife
24 belong to the Oath Keepers?

25 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, she does not.

1 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Are you -- how
2 are you so sure?

3 OFC. DENNIS MACK: She's apolitical
4 like I am. She's Asian. She's Thai.

5 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: And that would
6 be that she wouldn't be an Oath Keeper?

7 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Well, she wouldn't
8 be able to carry a gun, anyway. She's not an
9 activist type.

10 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Can you
11 elaborate?

12 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I mean, she's not --
13 doesn't go into politics.

14 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Okay. Why did
15 you never donate again?

16 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Because I decided to
17 be -- stay neutral towards donating.

18 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: You were -- can
19 you say that again?

20 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I wanted to be
21 neutral from donating to political causes.

22 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: What does that
23 mean?

24 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Like -- you know,
25 like any political causes that would reference me

1 or interfere with my employment in a different
2 way, like -- or any groups that would be a
3 distraction, because I didn't really know that
4 they were real active. That's about it.

5 I thought it was just a donation for
6 Second Amendment rights. I had no idea that they
7 were -- had plans to overthrow a government, do
8 an insurrection, because I'm totally against
9 that, just like I am against any type of riots,
10 any illegal conduct.

11 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Have you ever
12 disobeyed an order given by a CPD supervisor
13 because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers?

14 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never.

15 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Have you ever
16 been disciplined for not complying with an order
17 given by a CPD supervisor because it was in
18 contrast with what the Oath Keepers believe?

19 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Never.

20 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: When was the
21 last time you received an email from Oath
22 Keepers?

23 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall,
24 because I had it in junk for the longest...

25 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: When was the

1 last time you recall getting one that you saw?

2 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall,
3 because I don't go through my junk email.

4 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Prior to going
5 into your junk email?

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: I can't recall.

7 TIM GRACE: Years.

8 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Years.

9 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: All right,
10 that's all I have.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Since being
12 notified of this allegation, have you checked
13 your junk email to see if there was anything
14 received from the Oath Keepers?

15 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No, I haven't.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay, all right, at
17 this point, I'm going to read Addendum A. This
18 is going to be a verbal and written direct order
19 that I am hereby ordering you both verbally and
20 in written form, by me, Sergeant John Bartuch,
21 star number 1598, on Thursday 1 February 2024 at
22 13:35 hours, at 3510 South Michigan, Fifth Floor,
23 Bureau of Internal Affairs, the following
24 administrative order.

25 Police Officer Dennis Mack, you are

1 ordered to deliver to the Bureau of Internal
2 Affairs a package addressed to me, Sergeant John
3 Bartuch, star number 1598, on or before Wednesday
4 7 February 2024 by 10:00 hours a package that
5 will contain the following list of documents.

6 The following documents being requested
7 from you are any membership information regarding
8 the Oath Keepers; all dates for Oath Keepers
9 meetings you may or may not have attended; any
10 material gathered at Oath Keeping (sic) meetings,
11 brochures, pamphlets, news articles; any payment
12 information regarding Oath Keeper events and
13 membership; any material you received from
14 attending Oath Keeper events, brochures,
15 pamphlets, and newsletters, and any emails, mail,
16 and/or text message you received involving the
17 Oath Keepers.

18 So order was hereby acknowledged at
19 13:36 hours by Officer Mack, 3510 South Michigan,
20 Fifth Floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs.

21 Officer Mack, I'm going to ask you to
22 fix your signature here, acknowledging that
23 you've read and fully understood the above order
24 given to you by me, Sergeant John Bartuch,
25 regarding the requested documents, and

1 acknowledged the date and delivery of said
2 documents to be on Wednesday 7 February 2024 by
3 ten o'clock.

4 Mr. Grace?

5 TIM GRACE: We acknowledge this direct
6 order. We believe this is an illegal order, and
7 it should not be given, but we understand that
8 the sergeants here are not the individuals that
9 are giving this order. In fact, they're probably
10 just following orders themselves. However, we
11 will say clearly we do not have any documents,
12 any pamphlets, any information from the Oath
13 Keepers.

14 Is that correct, Officer Mack?

15 OFC. DENNIS MACK: That is correct.

16 TIM GRACE: And Officer Mack will
17 peruse his junk email to ensure that he does not
18 have any emails. And if we do not respond to
19 IAD, that's because he was -- did not come up
20 with any emails.

21 Correct, Officer Mack?

22 OFC. DENNIS MACK: That is correct. If
23 I don't have any discovery, I would not initiate
24 future contact.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Officer Mack,

1 you'll be given my email address. Please just --
2 you can copy your attorney on it and just say
3 that if it's negative, it's negative?

4 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Okay.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Thank you, sir.

6 OFC. DENNIS MACK: Fair enough.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Officer Mack, is
8 there anything relative to this incident that you
9 wish to add to this statement?

10 OFC. DENNIS MACK: No.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: This now concludes
12 the audio-recorded statement of Police Officer
13 Dennis Mack, star number 4390, conducted by the
14 Bureau of Internal Affairs Investigator John
15 Bartuch, star number 1598, on 1 February 2024,
16 regarding log number 2023-0004935. Statement
17 concluded at 13:38 hours.

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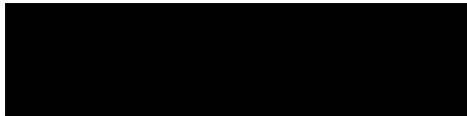
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