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1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Log Number 2023-
2 0004935. This is the audio-recorded statement of
3 accused member, Detective Alexander Kim, Star
4 Number 20153, assigned to Area 3 Detective
5 Division, Unit 630. This is relative to an
6 allegation made by Sergeant Keshia Frierson.

7 This interview is being taken at the
8 Chicago Police Department headquarters located at
9 3510 South Michigan on the Fifth Floor of the
10 Bureau of Internal Affairs on February 1st, 2024,
11 at 1713 hours.

12 My name is Sergeant John Bartuch, Star
13 Number 1598. I am 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 the statement.
18 Also present in this interview is Sergeant
19 Tiffany Santiago, Star Number 1402, as the
20 secondary interviewer.

21 This statement will be in audio-
22 recorded format will concern itself with the
23 following allegation. Allegation number one, it
24 is alleged by Sergeant Frierson that members of
25 the Chicago Police Department are members of the

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

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

6 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Sure. Detective
7 Alexander Kim, K-I-M, Star Number 20153.

8 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you state your
9 rank, star number, and unit assignment?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Rank, detective,
11 Star Number 20153, currently assigned to the Area
12 3 Detective Division, Chicago Police Department.

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: How long have you
14 been assigned to your present unit?

15 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Since May of last
16 year, so eight months.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What is your
18 employee number and date of appointment to the
19 department?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: My employee number
21 is [REDACTED] and my date of employment is 26th April
22 of 2004.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Counsel, can you
24 please say and spell your name for the record?

25 TIM GRACE: I can. For the record, my

1 name is Tim, T-I-M; Grace, G-R-A-C-E. I am an
2 FOP attorney, and I'm here to represent Detective
3 Kim.

4 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Detective Kim,
5 prior to the start of the recording, audio
6 recording, were you given CPD form 44.140, the
7 audio-recorded statement instructions and
8 guidelines?

9 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, I was.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you read
11 understand and sign the instructions and
12 guidelines?

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, I did.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Do you have
15 any questions about the process of an audio-
16 recorded statement?

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I do not.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Counsel, you're
19 reminded that under no instance will you answer
20 questions on behalf of your client.

21 TIM GRACE: I know the rules.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Detective Kim, have
23 you been advised in writing of the allegations
24 made against you, the name of the complainant,
25 the date and time of the incident, and your

1 administrative rights?

2 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

3 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you read and
4 understand those allegations and your rights?

5 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you understand
7 that this is an official police department report
8 and that any deviation from the truth could
9 result in allegations being placed against you?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, I understand.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Rule 14 of the
12 Chicago Police Department Rules and Regulations
13 prohibits making false reports, whether written
14 or oral. You may be separated from the Chicago
15 Police Department if you make a false report. Do
16 you understand?

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, I do.

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

20 TIM GRACE: We're going to put a couple
21 of objections on the record. Then we're going to
22 read our compelled statement rights.

23 I want to place an objection on the
24 record. Detective Kim, who is not a member of
25 this group, as we will learn as this statement

1 moves along, but I want to state that this group,
2 the Oath Keepers, has never been labeled by any
3 law enforcement agency as an FBI, Homeland
4 Security, Border Control, the military, nobody
5 has ever claimed that they are a domestic
6 terrorist organization.

7 I have bigger concerns also that
8 there's no general order that prohibits police
9 officers from, on their off-duty hours, from
10 joining groups and clubs as long as those groups
11 and clubs are not criminal in nature.

12 There's also a concern about the First
13 Amendment portion of these allegations. There is
14 a freedom of speech and a right to assembly
15 that's guaranteed in the United States
16 Constitution under Amendment One. And I think
17 these allegations are impinging upon the Bill of
18 Rights.

19 I just want to also add that these
20 allegations appear to come from a news
21 organization and from the Anti-Defamation League.
22 That's the basis of where the IAD received this
23 information to have Detective Kim come down here
24 today. I understand that Detective Santiago --
25 Sergeant Santiago and Sergeant Bartuch are not

1 the ones that came up with these allegations nor
2 are they the ones that are spearheading this. I
3 don't actually it goes much larger than the fifth
4 floor. I think it goes somewhere else that are
5 spearheading this for illicit purposes. But I
6 don't believe that we should initiate CR numbers
7 based upon news organizations or what an Anti-
8 Defamation League alleges.

9 With that, Officer Kim will read his
10 compelled statement rights.

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I would like to
12 preface this statement by saying that I am not
13 giving the statement voluntarily but under
14 duress. I am only giving the statement at this
15 time because I have been advised by the Chicago
16 Police Department that if I do not give a
17 statement, I will face disciplinary proceedings
18 that will lead to my -- that will lead to
19 termination of my employment.

20 On advice of counsel, I want to object
21 to the delay in this investigation. This
22 incident occurred approximately 15 years ago.
23 This delay is prejudicial to my ability to
24 clearly recall the details of this incident so
25 that I may defend myself and provide a clear

1 recitation of facts.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Detective
3 Kim, prior to the start of the audio recording,
4 were you shown Exhibit 1?

5 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: On Page 3 of
7 Exhibit 1, there's information that the Anti-
8 Defamation League provides. Are you on that
9 list?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Is the information
12 on that list correct?

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Are those still
15 your current email address, current phone number,
16 current address?

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

18 TIM GRACE: Let me just note. I don't
19 think there's a phone number on there, but. Oh,
20 I'm sorry, my bad. Yes, there is.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Were you ever
22 notified by the Anti-Defamation League?

23 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I was not.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Are you currently a
25 member of the Oath Keepers?

1 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No, I am not.

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

4 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: In the past I was,
5 yes.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you tell me
7 more about that?

8 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Approximately 15
9 years ago, I signed up for the Oath Keeper
10 organization.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Can you tell me
12 more about that?

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I signed up
14 because the organization believed in upholding
15 the Bill of Rights in the Constitution, mostly
16 just Second Amendment. So, I wanted to make sure
17 that as someone who took the oath to defend the
18 Constitution, that I would do.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Could you tell me
20 how you signed up?

21 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: If I remember
22 correctly, I signed up online.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

24 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I filled out -- I
25 believe I filled out a form if I'm not mistaken.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And then
2 what did you sign up for?

3 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Just membership to
4 the Oath Keeper organization.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you know,
6 remember how much it cost?

7 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I do not remember,
8 no.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember how
10 you paid for it?

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't remember,
12 no.

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you receive --
14 once you signed up, did you receive any emails or
15 brochures or pamphlets?

16 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I did. Yes.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And what was in
18 those brochures and pamphlets?

19 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't remember
20 exactly what was in those brochures or pamphlets.

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

23 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: That it was an
24 organization comprised of current and former
25 military as well as current and former police

1 officers.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever think
3 that you were participating with a hate group or
4 an extreme group or --

5 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Absolutely not,
6 no.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember
8 approximately, you said 15 years. So that takes
9 us back to what, 2009?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Does that sound
12 right about?

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yeah, it sounds
14 about right.

15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Now, do you
16 remember if this was -- you signed up for the
17 Oath Keepers before or after Chicago's handgun
18 ban lifted? So, for reference, that was 2010.

19 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I signed up
20 before.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And how did
22 you hear about this group?

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Some people in the
24 unit that I worked in were talking about it, that
25 unit being the Mobile Strike Force.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And do you remember
2 who those people were?

3 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I want to say
4 Chris Hoffman. Officer Hoffman was one of the
5 main proponents for the organization.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Now, what was
7 Officer Hoffman's role at Mobile Strike Force at
8 this time?

9 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: He was a part of
10 the training staff.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. For the
12 Chicago Police Department?

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes. Yes. Yes.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And what did you
15 get with your membership?

16 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Besides the
17 pamphlets, the literature, the stickers, a pocket
18 Constitution, discounts to companies that sold
19 gear, and access to discounted training
20 opportunities.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And how long
22 were you a member of the Oath Keepers?

23 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't know how
24 long my membership was. Through the years, I
25 completely forgot about the organization. I was

1 never active in it. So, after signing up, I
2 never participated in anything. I can't give you
3 a numerical amount of years as to how long I was
4 a member of it, but I can definitely say it's
5 been a long time since I've received any emails
6 from them or, you know.

7 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you remember how
8 many times you paid for the membership?

9 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't know.

10 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Was it monthly?

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't remember
12 what the fee breakdown was.

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And you
14 don't remember exactly how long you were a
15 remember.

16 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't. I'm
17 sorry, I do not remember, no.

18 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And do you
19 remember how you paid for the membership?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No, I don't.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
22 participate in any Oath Keeper events?

23 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever attend
25 any of their training?

1 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
3 respond to their calls of action?

4 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever meet
6 with any of the Oath Keepers at any point?

7 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Can I have a
8 moment? I'm sorry.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Yeah. I'm going to
10 pause the record at 5:20 -- 1725.

11 (Off the record)

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. We're going
13 to resume the recording at 1726.

14 Detective Kim, you were talking about -
15 - I had asked you if you were -- ever met up with
16 a group of Oath Keepers.

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I've never met up
18 with any Oath Keepers outside of the city of
19 Chicago, outside the Chicago Police Department.
20 I have met with other officers that are Oath
21 Keepers but never for the purposes of talking
22 about Oath Keepers' you know, business. Some of
23 the people on this list are friends of mine and
24 I've worked with in the past and I've known for
25 many years.

1 And so, to your question, I wanted
2 clarification to whether if I met with other Oath
3 Keepers for the purposes of talking about Oath
4 Keeper business or if I met with other police
5 officers that were Oath Keepers in general. So
6 that's why I kind of needed that clarification.

7 But going back, no, I've never met with
8 any Oath Keepers outside of the Chicago Police
9 Department, discussed Oath Keeper business, or
10 politics, or whatever. And I've met with other
11 officers that are Oath Keepers on this list, but
12 not for the purposes of talking about any Oath
13 Keeper stuff.

14 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. You
15 mentioned Officer Hoffman. What did he tell you?
16 Do you remember what he told you about the Oath
17 Keepers?

18 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't remember
19 what he said exactly. I don't recall the words
20 he used exactly about the organization.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And then
22 what did the membership, the Oath Keepers
23 membership consist of?

24 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Just from my
25 recollection, just the training and the

1 discounted items, and just, I guess -- to me it
2 was a symbolic group of officers and military
3 that would uphold the Constitution.

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

7 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Not that I
8 remember.

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

13 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yeah. Maybe I did
14 pay for the initial membership fee using a credit
15 card.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And then did
17 you receive monthly emails from the Oath Keepers?

18 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I did, yes.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. So, what
20 about pamphlets? Did you receive monthly
21 pamphlets?

22 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't recall
23 receiving any literature in the mail.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. So, all
25 information you received from the Oath Keepers

1 was electronic?

2 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: From what I
3 recall, yes.

4 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And did it go to
5 the email address, [REDACTED]

6 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I believe so.
7 Yes.

8 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And how long have
9 you had that email address?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: For a long time.
11 I couldn't give you a numerical value, but I've
12 had it for a long time.

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Over 20 years?

14 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Right around that.
15 I would say that's fair, around maybe 20 years.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Okay. Could be a
18 little more; it could be a little less.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: But do you still
20 have that email address?

21 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, I do.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Do you still
23 receive emails from the Oath Keepers?

24 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No, I do not.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. When you

1 signed up to be on the Oath Keepers, what
2 information did you have to provide to them?

3 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: My demographical
4 information, name, address, email, phone number.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Now, do you
6 remember if they asked you if you were law
7 enforcement?

8 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: They did?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I'm sorry.

11 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: They did?

12 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, they did.

13 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever
14 participate in any Oath Keepers private chat
15 rooms?

16 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Do you have social
18 media?

19 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: What social media
21 platforms do you use?

22 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Facebook,
23 Instagram, X, formerly Twitter, LinkedIn. And
24 that's all I can think of off the top of my head
25 right now.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Do you --
2 may -- ever -- have you ever made any reference
3 to the Oath Keepers or Oath Keepers events on any
4 of your social media platforms?

5 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: You had mentioned
7 that you don't remember exactly how long were you
8 involved. How long would you say your
9 involvement with the Oath Keepers was?

10 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Maybe no more than
11 a few years.

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And your
13 involvement with it for those years that you were
14 a member, what did it consist of?

15 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Nothing.

16 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Were you
17 ever given an order by a CPD supervisor that you
18 didn't comply with because it went against the
19 rules of an Oath Keeper?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Were you ever
22 disciplined by a CPD supervisor for not complying
23 with an order given because it violated the Oath
24 Keepers?

25 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

1 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Did you ever
2 receive text messages or phone calls from anyone
3 from the Oath Keepers?

4 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Again, outside of
5 the Chicago Police Department?

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Outside of the
7 people that you -- yeah.

8 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Okay. No.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And then what do
10 you know about the Oath Keepers today?

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I mean from what
12 I've seen in the news, I guess they've become
13 some kind of right-wing militia, so to speak. I
14 know they had a role in the January 6th incident.
15 And I also know that in the past they've also had
16 calls actions to go down to protest, to kind of
17 keep the peace. But that's pretty much it, just
18 what I've seen in the news.

19 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And have you
20 attended any of these calls to action?

21 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No.

22 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. I'm going to
23 direct your attention to this NPR article. Did
24 anyone from NPR attempt to call you -- or from
25 the news media attempt to call you for a comment?

1 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And what number did
3 they call?

4 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: My [REDACTED]
5 number.

6 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you -- did they
7 leave a message?

8 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, they did.

9 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you call them
10 back?

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Absolutely not.

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And did you make
13 any statements to them?

14 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Absolutely not.

15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Did you ever notify
16 any supervisor that NPR reached out to you?

17 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I did verbally
18 tell my supervisor that the news media was trying
19 to talk to me.

20 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: And who is your
21 supervisor?

22 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Currently, Tom
23 Coleman.

24 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Is that who you
25 told?

1 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't remember
2 who I told exactly, but I remember telling one of
3 my sergeants. In the office, there are three
4 sergeants.

5 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And Tom is
6 one of them?

7 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Correct.

8 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. And then did
9 he tell you to generate any reports or anything
10 in regards to them contacting you?

11 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I don't recall.

12 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay. Did you ever
13 notify the FOP about being contacted by the NPR?

14 TIM GRACE: No, I did not.

15 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Okay.

16 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, did you
17 tell Sergeant Coleman that the media had
18 contacted you?

19 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

20 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Can you tell me
21 what a call to action is pertaining to the Oath
22 Keepers?

23 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I think it's when
24 they ask the membership to come together for
25 whatever event to provide security or, you know,

1 something along those lines. That's, I think,
2 what the call to action is.

3 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: All right.
4 Help me understand. You said that you were
5 involved with Oath Keepers for three years and
6 consisted of nothing. Can you explain that?

7 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Well, I never
8 attended any of the meetings. I never went to
9 any of the call to actions. You know, I mean
10 membership to me would mean -- since I'm a member
11 of the Asian-American Law Enforcement
12 Association, I go to the events, you know, I help
13 out with, you know, plan the events or this,
14 this, and that. I'm a member. I was active in
15 it, right, in the past. Now, I'm not as active
16 anymore since I'm no longer holding office. So,
17 I'm still technically a member, but I don't do
18 anything for the organization. You know, I don't
19 -- aside from talk to the members and give
20 advice. You know if the president asked me how I
21 would conduct this or do that, then I would tell
22 him like, hey, this is what you should do. But I
23 don't plan any events. I don't go to any of the
24 meetings. I don't, you know -- I'm very inactive
25 as a member.

1 So, you could, I guess, say in those
2 three years as a member, I was kind of inactive
3 in that I didn't do anything actively.

4 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, you became
5 a member approximately what year?

6 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: 2009.

7 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, for those
8 first three years, you were actively inactive?

9 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yeah.

10 TIM GRACE: Actively inactive?

11 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, he was --
12 you were an active member, but you weren't doing
13 anything with the organization?

14 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Well, I was -- I
15 mean active in the sense that I was in the
16 organization, but I wasn't doing anything. I
17 wasn't going to the call to actions. I wasn't,
18 you know, attending the meetings, you know, kind
19 of like as I illustrated in -- with my Asian-
20 American Law Enforcement Association, I'm still
21 an active member. I pay the membership, but I
22 don't do anything actively for the organization.

23 TIM GRACE: Let's take a time out. We
24 should clarify this.

25 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: 1736.

1 (Off the record)

2 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: We are going to
3 resume the interview at 1742. Detective Kim, you
4 were going to clarify your point about
5 membership.

6 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes. Yes. So,
7 from the standpoint of the Oath Keepers, I was an
8 active member, but from my own personal
9 standpoint, I was inactive. I wasn't doing
10 anything. So that's what I meant by actively
11 inactive that, you know, I'm on their membership
12 roster, you know, and I'm, I guess a member in
13 good standing if you will. But personally, to
14 me, you know, I had nothing to do with it in that
15 time frame.

16 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: So, to be
17 clear, you paid the membership, or you paid for a
18 membership and then you received emails and that
19 is the extent of your membership?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes, yes.

21 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: You've never
22 gone to any calls to actions. You've never gone
23 to any Oath Keeper meetings?

24 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No, no.

25 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: All right.

1 What about when -- is it Officer Hoffman from the
2 range?

3 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Yes.

4 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: What do you
5 recall him telling you about the Oath Keepers?

6 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: That is -- it was
7 just this kind of organization comprised of
8 former and current military and former and
9 current law enforcement that wanted to uphold the
10 Constitution and made sure that no one violated
11 anyone's Second Amendment rights more
12 specifically.

13 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Did he say
14 there were any other benefits to becoming an Oath
15 Keeper?

16 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: Discounted
17 training and discounted items, you know, gear.

18 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: Did you ever
19 utilize any of those discounts?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: I did not, no.

21 SGT. TIFFANY SANTIAGO: I think that's
22 all here.

23 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: All right.
24 Detective Kim, at this point, I'm going to read
25 you Addendum A.

1 You're hereby ordered, both verbally
2 and in writing, in written form by me, Sergeant
3 John Bartuch, Star Number 1598, on Thursday, 01
4 February 2024, at 1744 hours at 3510 South
5 Michigan, Fifth Floor, Bureau of Internal
6 Affairs, the following administrative order.

7 Detective Alex Kim, you are ordered to
8 deliver to the Bureau of Internal Affairs a
9 package addressed to me, Sergeant John Bartuch,
10 Star Number 1598, on before Wednesday, 07
11 February 2024 by 10:00 p.m. This package will
12 contain the following documents, any membership
13 info regarding the Oath Keepers, all dates for
14 Oath Keepers meetings you did or did not attend,
15 any material gathered at Oath Keeper meetings,
16 brochures, pamphlets, news articles, any payment
17 information regarding Oath Keeper events and
18 membership, any material you received from
19 attending Oath Keepers events, brochures,
20 pamphlets or news articles, any emails, mail,
21 text messages you received involving the Oath
22 Keepers.

23 This order is hereby acknowledged at
24 1745 hours on 01 February 2024, by Detective
25 Alexander Kim at 3510 South Michigan Avenue,

1 Fifth Floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs.

2 Detective Kim, by affixing your
3 signature, you're acknowledging the request that
4 I've made to you.

5 TIM GRACE: So, we are going to object
6 to this direct order. This is, in our minds, an
7 illegal order. Again, I don't want to impugn the
8 IAD sergeants here today because I know it's not
9 coming from them, but this is an illegal order.

10 With that, we will acknowledge the
11 order and we will say on the record we have no
12 pamphlets and no information, nothing at all from
13 the Oath Keepers, no stickers or anything.

14 Is that correct, Detective Kim?

15 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: That is correct.

16 TIM GRACE: Okay.

17 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: Detective Kim, is
18 there anything relative to this incident that you
19 wish to add to the statement?

20 DET. ALEXANDER KIM: No, that is all.

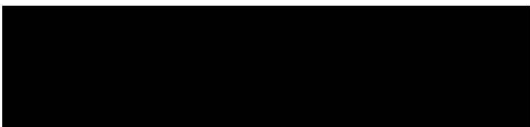
21 SGT. JOHN BARTUCH: This now concludes
22 the audio-recorded statement of Detective
23 Alexander Kim, Star Number 21153, conducted by
24 the Bureau of Internal Affairs Investigator
25 Sergeant John Bartuch, Star Number 1598, on 01

1 February 2024, regarding Log Number 2023-0004935.
2 Statement concluded at 1747 hours.
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I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the
foregoing transcript is a true and accurate
record of the proceedings.



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