

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Number: 22-09348CFANO

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JUAN ARIEL MOLINA-SALLES,

Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF:

DEXTER CHRONIS

TAKEN BY:

Counsel for the Defendant

DATE:

November 18, 2024

TIME:

1:24 p.m. - 1:39 p.m.

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## EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 DEXTER CHRONIS

3 (was adduced as the deponent herein, and being first duly  
4 sworn on oath, was examined and testified as follows:)

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. DELIBERATO:

7 Q Good afternoon. Could you state and spell your  
8 name for the record.

9 A Deputy Chronis. Last name is spelled  
10 C-H-R-O-N-I-S.

11 Q And deputy, how are you employed?

12 A I work on the road with the Pinellas County  
13 Sheriff's Office.

14 Q Okay. My name is Maria DeLiberato. I'm an  
15 assistant public defender. Myself and Nichole Blaquiere  
16 represent Juan Molina-Salles. We're here for your  
17 deposition today. Present for the State is Nathan  
18 Vonderheide and Elizabeth Constantine.

19 It's PCSO case number 22-305232. I have that  
20 you authored just one supplement in this case, Supplement  
21 52. Is that right?

22 A It is, yes.

23 Q And have you had a chance to review that before  
24 your deposition today?

25 A I have, yes.

1 Q Okay. Anything that you need to make changes or  
2 add to after reviewing it before I ask you some questions?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q Do you have an independent recollection of your  
5 involvement in this case?

6 A I do not.

7 Q It sounds like, were you -- did you ever even go  
8 out to the scene? I know you did some vehicle paperwork  
9 later, but did you go out to the scene at all that night?

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q Okay. Were you working that night or were you  
12 off?

13 A I do not recall. I probably would remember if I  
14 was working that night; so I don't believe, but I can't  
15 recall.

16 Q Okay. I assume sort of everybody that was  
17 working that night sort of ended up at the scene. So  
18 since you were not at the scene, I'm guessing you probably  
19 weren't. That's fair.

20 A Most likely, correct.

21 Q What is it exactly that you were asked to do?  
22 It sounds like you gave somebody their car back.

23 A Correct. I was working the front desk at the  
24 Sheriff's office, the main building on Ulmerton Road.  
25 When a vehicle is impounded, they have to come get an

1 impound release from the Sheriff's office, and  
2 Francisco -- I don't know how to say his last name -- came  
3 in and retrieved his Honda CRV.

4 Q Did you have any conversation?

5 A I don't recall. You get a lot of foot traffic  
6 in and out of the Sheriff's office in the main lobby. I  
7 don't recall.

8 Q Is it normal that you would do this kind of  
9 report for an impound release, or did you have to do it  
10 because there was an ongoing investigation?

11 A It's normal. We call Teletype after the  
12 individual comes in, and we call our ARMS, which is who  
13 deals with ACISS. We tell them who came, how they  
14 identified themselves, and then they just type up the  
15 narrative for us.

16 Q Did you know anything at all about this vehicle  
17 or who it may have belonged to or anything like that?

18 A Francisco, he did show his Florida driver's  
19 license that day, and then I verified that he was the  
20 owner of the vehicle via DAVID. I provided him with the  
21 impound release so he could get his car.

22 Q Did -- go ahead, sorry.

23 A No, sorry. That was it.

24 Q Did a detective or anybody tell you ahead of  
25 time, hey, this guy is coming in to get his car or

1 anything about the car or why it was potentially connected  
2 to this investigation?

3 A Not that I can recall.

4 Q Okay. And do you have any kind of firsthand  
5 knowledge about the traffic accident, where Deputy  
6 Hartwick was killed at all?

7 A I do not, no.

8 Q Do you remember attending any meetings,  
9 briefings, anything like that about the case?

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q And I don't think we got your full law  
12 enforcement history. When did you start with PCSO?

13 A Just a little over six years ago.

14 Q Any prior law enforcement before that?

15 A No, ma'am.

16 Q And this is something I ask of everyone. Ever  
17 had any complaints sustained against you for any reason?

18 A No, ma'am.

19 Q Did you know Deputy Hartwick?

20 A I did not, no. I never worked with him before.

21 Q Did you know anything about the Archer Western  
22 Construction detail?

23 A I have worked that detail a few times.

24 Q Before the accident or after?

25 A Before.

1 Q Did you ever work it with Deputy Hartwick?

2 A I mean, there's a lot of us out there, so I  
3 don't know if I worked that detail with him before.

4 Q Okay. Before the accident when you were working  
5 with Archer, working this detail, how many times would you  
6 say you've worked it?

7 A Ten-plus times probably.

8 Q Okay. And are there any, like, safety protocols  
9 that you're supposed to follow, things like that when  
10 you're getting out of your vehicle?

11 A No. I just -- no. We just have to have our  
12 emergency lights on so people obviously know we're there.

13 Q Any -- have you worked the detail since the  
14 accident?

15 A It's been years since I worked Archer details.  
16 I don't believe I have, but I can't recall.

17 Q Okay. Anything that I haven't asked you about  
18 today that you remember, any of your involvement with this  
19 case at all?

20 A No, ma'am.

21 MS. DELIBERATO: I don't have any further  
22 questions. I don't know if my co-counsel or the  
23 State does.

24 MS. BLAQUIERE: (Shakes head.)

25 MS. DELIBERATO: Doesn't seem like it. Thank



1           you so much. I appreciate it.

2                   (Deposition concludes at 1:39 p.m.)

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1 COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

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3 CERTIFICATE OF OATH

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5 I, the undersigned authority, certify that  
6 DEXTER CHRONIS personally appeared before me and was duly  
7 sworn.

8 witness my hand and official seal this 18TH day  
9 of JANUARY, 2025.

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11 Tamara M. Pacheco

12 Tamara M. Pacheco, RPR  
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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA )

3 COUNTY OF PINELLAS )  
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5 I, Tamara M. Pacheco, certify that I was  
6 authorized to and did stenographically report the  
7 Deposition of DEXTER CHRONIS; that a review of the  
8 transcript was requested; and that the transcript is a  
9 true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

10 I further certify that I am not a relative,  
11 employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor  
12 am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'  
13 attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I  
14 financially interested in the action.

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# ERRATA SHEET

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