

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.

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DEPOSITION OF: NICHOLAS BOICE  
TAKEN BY: Counsel for the Defendant  
DATE: November 18, 2024  
TIME: 10:49 a.m. - 10:59 a.m.  
PLACE: ZOOM videoconference  
REPORTED BY: Tamara M. Pacheco, RPR  
Notary Public, State of FL

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EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 NICHOLAS BOICE

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. BLAQUIERE:

7 Q Hi, Mr. Boice. My name is Nichole Blaquiere,  
8 and with Ms. Maria DeLiberato, who is on the call as well,  
9 we have the privilege of representing Mr. Juan  
10 Molina-Salles in this case from September 22nd, 2022. The  
11 state attorneys, Ms. Constantine and Nathan Vonderheide  
12 are aware that we are getting started without them as we  
13 have about twenty more of these depositions to go today.  
14 okay?

15 A Sure.

16 Q Do you -- have you ever done a deposition  
17 before?

18 A Once.

19 Q Okay. So you're already batting a thousand  
20 because you're answering clearly and articulately. Just  
21 don't say uh-huh. Say yes and no, whatever is the  
22 appropriate answer. If you have a question about if I  
23 said something confusing, let me know. I will try and  
24 talk quickly to get this over with quickly for you. And  
25 if you didn't hear me, let me know, or if you need me to

1 rephrase the question. And don't make anything up. We  
2 just want to know what you remember. Okay?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Can you please state your full name and  
5 where you work for the record.

6 A Nicholas Alexander Boice, St. Pete Fire Rescue.

7 Q And what's your background and experience with  
8 St. Pete Fire Rescue?

9 A I am a firefighter-paramedic fourteen years.

10 Q Okay. Any experience before St. Pete Fire  
11 Rescue?

12 A No.

13 Q The -- I do have a report that I believe you  
14 might have authored. I'm not a hundred percent certain.  
15 Do you have a copy of that report in front of you?

16 A I do.

17 Q Okay. Do you also have an independent memory of  
18 what happened this evening?

19 A Let me make sure I have the right report. Do  
20 you have a run number?

21 Q Yes, 2157054.

22 A 21570? I'm sorry, can you repeat the number  
23 again.

24 Q Yes, 2157054.

25 A Okay. I do not have that report.

1 Q what report do you have?

2 A I have a report ending in 42.

3 Q Can you tell me the whole number, please.

4 A 2157042.

5 Q Okay. That's Nick Papaj's report, correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. Do you -- did you have anything to do  
8 with the 42 report?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. I'm going to screen -- I can start with  
11 some questions before sharing the report with you. Go  
12 ahead. Can you tell me what you do remember that night  
13 from September 22nd, 2022?

14 A I was the officer on Engine 13. I was  
15 dispatched to this call. I do remember there was some  
16 dialogue between myself and dispatch in regards to the  
17 accurate location of the incident, and because of that, we  
18 didn't have clear information. We're very close to the  
19 interstate, so we are committed to a direction based off  
20 of what we have.

21 I do believe, if my memory serves me correctly,  
22 I was dispatched with Truck 13. That's the crew that I  
23 work with, but we decided to split and go different  
24 directions because the dispatch wasn't sure exactly where  
25 they were. So the direction I went was incorrect, so we

1 had to go to the next exit down and turn around and come  
2 back. By the time we got to the scene, Truck 13 Engine 7  
3 were already there, and Sheriff and Highway Patrol had  
4 already closed the scene off, so we were not permitted on  
5 scene.

6 Q Okay. I'm going to share with you 2157054.  
7 Hopefully I'll get that. Are you on a computer or your  
8 phone?

9 A Computer.

10 Q Okay. Can you see -- did I share with you the  
11 right EMS run number report, 2157054?

12 A Okay. I see 54. This is for an incident right  
13 after the Engine-7 report that I have, I believe.

14 Q Okay.

15 A So I'm confused as to who -- all the information  
16 I have is for Juan Molina-Salles.

17 Q Yes. That's our client. That's why you're here  
18 today. So you had no involvement in the case with Juan  
19 Molina-Salles?

20 A I'm still trying to understand. I'm looking at  
21 a request for me to be here based off of Juan Molina who  
22 was to my knowledge, correct me if I'm wrong, the person  
23 operating a piece of machinery that injured a sheriff. Is  
24 that correct?

25 Q That's the case today. That's what the

1 allegations are. So did you have any other -- once you  
2 went to the Roosevelt and 275 scene, is that what this  
3 case number is referencing, the EMS run number 2157054?

4 A No. The patient care report you have on my  
5 screen is a separate call from Juan Molina-Salles. This  
6 is a different call.

7 Q Okay. Are you seeing on the screen, 2157054?

8 A Correct.

9 Q This case report has nothing to do with Mr. Juan  
10 Molina-Salles' case?

11 A I don't believe, as far as I remember that  
12 night. It was a busy night. We had two calls in the same  
13 area within just a few minutes, both of which there was  
14 confusion as to the location, and I arrived late to the  
15 scene and didn't provide patient care for either one of  
16 them.

17 Q Okay. So your unit did not help with the  
18 secondary crash at Roosevelt and 275?

19 A Very, very minimal. And it would have been a  
20 different incident, different patient, different  
21 circumstance.

22 Q Do you have any independent memory of that?

23 A Do I have any patient name on this or did Truck  
24 33 handle everything? It looks like Truck 33 handled  
25 everything. Our assistance with them is just, as I said



1 in my narrative, with packaging. So assessment and  
2 patient care was done by Truck 33 on this one. And I  
3 believe this might have been -- it was a long time ago.  
4 The circumstances regarding this accident, I don't know if  
5 I remember that.

6 Q Okay. You've done great already. What's the  
7 letter in front of Truck 33? Like I see E13, E7. Would  
8 it be E33? Not on my -- not on my reports but the one  
9 where you were referencing assisted the secondary accident  
10 at Roosevelt and 275.

11 A Well --

12 Q Because that -- I don't want you to worry about  
13 that. I'm just trying to see if you remember what  
14 vehicle.

15 A So far I've looked at two run reports for two  
16 different accidents, and you've asked me a question about  
17 one of them. I don't know which one.

18 Q Okay. Well, you said Truck 33 was the one that  
19 went to the Roosevelt and 275 secondary crash?

20 A That's what it looked like on my narrative on my  
21 report you just showed me there, but that's -- I don't  
22 remember. I'm just answering that based off of what I saw  
23 with that report.

24 Q Did you talk to any lay witnesses or get close  
25 to the scene where Deputy Hartwick was laying?

1 A I don't remember.

2 Q Other than what you've already described, do you  
3 have any other memory of what your involvement was that  
4 evening regarding Deputy Hartwick's --

5 A No. All my involvement with the deputy's call  
6 I've already stated.

7 Q Have you done any research about the case for  
8 Juan Molina-Salles or --

9 A No.

10 MS. BLAQUIERE: Okay. I don't have anymore  
11 questions. I don't know if my co-counsel,  
12 Ms. DeLiberato has any. It doesn't sound like it.

13 MS. DELIBERATO: No questions.

14 MS. BLAQUIERE: Sorry, you said no?

15 MS. DELIBERATO: No questions.

16 MS. BLAQUIERE: All right. Thank you,  
17 Mr. Boice, and have a good day. That's the end of  
18 the depo. Do you want to read or waive your right to  
19 read for the accuracy of your depo transcript by  
20 Ms. Tammy Pacheco, JTP Reporting?

21 THE DEPONENT: I'm not understanding what you're  
22 saying. The volume is a little low there.

23 MS. BLAQUIERE: Do you want to read or waive  
24 your right to read for the accuracy of your  
25 deposition transcript?

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THE DEPONENT: I will waive that.

MS. BLAQUIERE: Okay. Have a great day. Thank  
you so much.

(Deposition concludes at 10:59 a.m.)

1 COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

2 STATE OF FLORIDA )

3 CERTIFICATE OF OATH

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5 I, the undersigned authority, certify that  
6 NICHOLAS BOICE 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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Tamara M. Pacheco

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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I, Tamara M. Pacheco, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the Deposition of NICHOLAS BOICE; that a review of the transcript was NOT requested; and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

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

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