

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:

CRYSTAL SCHOFIELD

TAKEN BY:

Counsel for the Defendant

DATE:

November 21, 2024

TIME:

11:10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

PLACE:

ZOOM Videoconference

REPORTED BY:

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## EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 CRYSTAL SCHOFIELD

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

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. BLAQUIERE:

7 Q Can you please state your full name for the  
8 record.

9 A Crystal Schofield.

10 Q Where do you work, Ms. Schofield?

11 A I work at Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

12 Q Can you give me your general law enforcement  
13 background and experience with timeframes, please.

14 A Sure. I started with Pinellas County Sheriff's  
15 office in July of 2012 as a child protection investigator.  
16 I did two years as a child protection investigator, and  
17 then I was sponsored through the Academy at St. Pete  
18 College by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. I  
19 started in patrol in July of 2014. I was moved to the  
20 Crimes Against Children Unit in January of 2017, and I was  
21 there as a detective and then a corporal and then as a  
22 sergeant until March of 2024, and now I'm in Threat  
23 Management as a sergeant.

24 Q Okay. And I have here that you authored one  
25 report, Supplement 57. Is that correct?

1           A     Yes, that's correct.

2           Q     Did you know Deputy Hartwick either  
3 professionally or off-duty?

4           A     I knew of him, but I have not, like, worked with  
5 him on anything in particular.

6           Q     Okay. Do you have any -- have you had the time  
7 to review your supplement in preparation of your  
8 deposition today?

9           A     Yes.

10          Q     Have you reviewed any other reports or  
11 supplements?

12          A     No, just my own.

13          Q     Go ahead. And tell me what you did on this case  
14 and when you were -- start with when you were called out  
15 to the scene, please.

16          A     So I never responded to the scene. I was  
17 actually eight-months pregnant at this time, so I was on  
18 light-duty. So I was contacted in the middle of the  
19 night -- it was a little bit before 4 a.m. -- by Sergeant  
20 Sarah Robinson. She requested that I attempt to locate  
21 identification. She provided me with an individual's name  
22 as Victor Vazquez Real and date of birth of 12-6-1987, and  
23 she advised that he was likely from Puerto Rico. That's  
24 what was being relayed to her.

25                 So I initially reached out to HSI. We have a

1 law enforcement support center. So I called them first  
2 and asked if they could run that name with that date of  
3 birth and see if they located anything, and they said that  
4 they couldn't find anything.

5 Next, I attempted contact with the Puerto Rico  
6 Police Department, but I think it was just so early that  
7 they weren't answering or anything. So I had our Teletype  
8 send one over so then they would be able to get it as soon  
9 as their officers or detectives were coming in. So as a  
10 response to the Teletype, I received an e-mail from the  
11 Puerto Rican Police Department Extradition Unit agent.  
12 His name was Oscar -- I'm sorry if I'm saying his name  
13 wrong -- Nieves Masonet (phonetic). He provided a  
14 photograph, basically like a demographic information from  
15 their -- from what I would assume is their driver's  
16 license identification system, and I sent that to Sergeant  
17 Robinson.

18 Q Did you hear back from Sergeant Robinson about  
19 the results, whether they matched or anything like that?

20 A Yeah. She had called me back. She said that  
21 the information that I sent her did not match the  
22 identification card that they had received from the  
23 employer, but I didn't ask any additional questions  
24 because I wasn't on scene or didn't have any involvement  
25 really with the intricacies of the case.

1 Q Did you do anything else for this case after  
2 what you've just identified?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q And have you looked into this case or my client  
5 after what was already asked from you in your official  
6 capacity?

7 A No, ma'am.

8 Q Have you been a part of any briefings with the  
9 Sheriff's office or the State Attorney's office after that  
10 day?

11 A No.

12 Q Have you understood all my questions so far?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q Have you been able to answer them completely and  
15 accurately?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And there's nothing else about your involvement  
18 in this case other than what you've just stated and what's  
19 in your supplement?

20 A That is correct.

21 MS. BLAQUIERE: I don't know if Ms. DeLiberato,  
22 my co-counsel has any questions.

23 MS. DELIBERATO: No questions.

24 MS. BLAQUIERE: No questions from her. I don't  
25 know if Ms. Constantine has any questions. Sounds

1 like a no, so we'll go ahead and finish your  
2 deposition. Thank you so much, Ms. Schofield. Have  
3 a great day.

4 (Deposition concludes at 11:15 a.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 CRYSTAL SCHOFIELD personally appeared before me and was  
7 duly sworn.

8 witness my hand and official seal this 4th day  
9 of February, 2025.

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11 Tamara M. Pacheco

12 Tamara M. Pacheco, RPR  
13 COMMISSION # 474485  
14 EXPIRES: March 30, 2028  
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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA )

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5 I, Tamara M. Pacheco, certify that I was  
6 authorized to and did stenographically report the  
7 Deposition of CRYSTAL SCHOFIELD; 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.

15 *Tamara M. Pacheco*16 Tamara M. Pacheco, RPR  
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# ERRATA SHEET

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