

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:

WILLIAM BOTTORF

TAKEN BY:

Counsel for the Defendant

DATE:

November 21, 2024

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EXHIBITS

(No exhibits were marked for identification.)

1 WHEREUPON,

2 WILLIAM BOTTORF

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

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. BLAQUIERE:

7 Q Hi, Mr. Bottorf. Can you state your full name
8 and where you work for the record.

9 A Sure. William Sanford Bottorf. I work for a
10 company called Quiet Professionals.

11 Q Called what?

12 A Quiet Professionals.

13 Q Quiet Professionals. And where did you work
14 back in September of 2022?

15 A The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

16 Q And when did you leave the Sheriff's office?

17 A July of this year.

18 Q What for?

19 A Better opportunity.

20 Q Okay. Good for you. What do you do for Quiet
21 Professionals?

22 A Same thing. I do digital forensics.

23 Q And have you been able to review any of the
24 reports that you authored in preparation for this case?

25 A No.

1 Q Have you given a deposition before?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Great. Just make sure I finish my full
4 question before you answer for Tammy, okay, for clarity of
5 the record. Have you had any sustained complaints against
6 you ever during your law enforcement time?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. What was your full law enforcement
9 experience before we keep going?

10 A So I started in 2015 in Juneau, Alaska. I was a
11 cop in Alaska. And then in 2017, towards the end of the
12 year, we moved back down to Florida, and that's when I
13 started at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office from 2017
14 until July of 2024.

15 Q Okay. If you need, I can share your reports
16 with you if at any point in time you think there is
17 information that you might know -- that you might have
18 documented but don't recall independently. Okay?

19 A Okay.

20 Q And I have that you did author a couple of
21 reports. One is Supplement 65 to secure video footage
22 from a semi-truck and then Supplement 126 regarding
23 uploading the digital forensics report.

24 A That sounds about right.

25 Q Okay. Would there have been any other reports

1 can you think of that you would have wrote for this case?

2 A No, just the digital forensics one and then the
3 on-scene report from when I was asked to respond after the
4 deputy was killed.

5 Q Okay. Do you have an independent memory of this
6 case?

7 A I mean, I can remember -- it's not often a
8 deputy dies, so I can remember it probably better than
9 other cases that I've worked.

10 Q Can you go ahead and tell me what your
11 involvement was from the beginning when you got called
12 out.

13 A Sure. So it was my on-call week. So we have a
14 rotation in the Digital Forensics Unit. I responded out.
15 My sergeant called me. He asked me to respond out to I
16 believe it was 275, the interstate where it occurred.

17 So I responded out there. I asked what was
18 needed of me at the time, and they asked me to -- I
19 believe it was Archer Construction was the company. So
20 they asked me to get with one of the supervisors there and
21 see about looking at the video that they have stored on
22 the cloud. So I guess that they're able -- that Archer is
23 able to remotely view from if they have a valid log-in.

24 So what I did is I assisted by working with -- I
25 don't remember his name, but he was foreman, supervisor,

1 whatever his title was with Archer. I sat in his truck
2 with him, and we logged in -- he logged in, and we grabbed
3 some video and also the portable player as well for that
4 video. So I downloaded that, put it onto a portable
5 media, and I gave it to our -- at the Sheriff's office,
6 there is another unit that does multimedia. So mainly
7 they do DVRs and stuff. So I gave it to him to go
8 through. That was my involvement with the -- with the
9 semi-truck part that you had mentioned.

10 Q Okay. Do you remember which semi-truck? There
11 were a couple out there.

12 A I don't.

13 Q Okay. And did you do anything else in this case
14 besides download the video from one of the semi-trucks?

15 A Yes. So after they apprehended -- however you
16 want to say it -- the suspect, then it was my job to,
17 after they got -- I believe they would have gotten a
18 warrant. So after they got the warrant, it would be my
19 job to go through that phone or to extract that phone.
20 But I do remember that -- I'm pretty sure the phone was in
21 Spanish, so I wouldn't have done any real analysis. They
22 probably would have just created a Cellebrite report and
23 given it to one of the detectives in Robbery-Homicide who
24 spoke Spanish, and they would have gone through it at
25 their leisure and would have requested -- if they needed

1 more information, they would have asked, but I don't
2 remember they ever asked me to clarify anything on that
3 report. So that would have been my extent.

4 Q Okay. Anything else after that?

5 A I can't think of anything.

6 Q Okay. So you would have only extracted the
7 phone data, and that's all you would have done with the
8 cell phone?

9 A Yes, unless they asked for more, but I don't
10 believe they did in this case.

11 Q Okay. Have you done any research into this case
12 after your involvement that day?

13 A I don't believe so.

14 Q Okay. Have you done any research into my
15 client, Mr. Molina-Salles?

16 A No.

17 Q And I forgot to ask earlier. Did you know
18 Deputy Hartwick by chance?

19 A I had worked with him when I first moved to --
20 moved down, but it -- I worked with him on the same shift,
21 but I never worked with him personally. So I would see
22 him maybe once a week for a couple of minutes at a time
23 during, like, our weekly briefing when I worked the road
24 in Dunedin and he worked in Safety Harbor. So we never
25 would have worked together just on the same shift.

1 Q Did he ever mention anything about his time
2 working the Archer western traffic detail?

3 A No. That was -- I'm talking about I worked with
4 him, like, 2018 for a brief period. So it would have been
5 years before this incident ever took place.

6 Q Okay. So that would have been the last time
7 that you would have talked to him was years prior to his
8 death?

9 A Yeah. I can't think of any time I talked to him
10 after that. Sheriff's office is a big place.

11 Q I agree. Is there any other involvement you've
12 had in this case that we haven't discussed?

13 A Not that I can think of.

14 Q Okay. Have you understood all of my questions?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Have you been able to answer accurately and
17 completely?

18 A Yes.

19 MS. BLAQUIERE: Okay. I don't know if
20 Ms. DeLiberato has any follow-up questions.

21 MS. DELIBERATO: (Shakes head.)

22 MS. BLAQUIERE: She does not. Or
23 Ms. Constantine with the State, we'll give her a
24 second.

25 MS. CONSTANTINE: I have no questions. Thank

1 you.

2 MS. BLAQUIERE: Thank you for your time,
3 Mr. Bottorf. Have a good day.

4 (Deposition concludes at 11:24 p.m.)
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1 COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

2 STATE OF FLORIDA)

3 CERTIFICATE OF OATH

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5 I, the undersigned authority, certify that
6 WILLIAM BOTTORF personally appeared before me and was duly
7 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)

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 WILLIAM BOTTORF; 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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