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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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3 JEFFREY BARHAM, et al., :
: Civil Action No.
4 Plaintiffs, : 02-02283(EGS)(AK)

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6 v. :

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8 CHARLES RAMSEY, et al., :

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10 Defendant. :

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13 Wednesday, April 21, 2004

14 Washington, D.C. 20001

15 The deposition of SAMANTHA YOUNG, called
16 for examination by counsel for the Defendant, in
17 the above entitled matter, pursuant to notice, at
18 the Offices of the Corporation Counsel, 441 Fourth
19 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., convened at
20 a.m., before Jennifer M. O'Connor, a notary public
21 in and for the District of Columbia, when were
22 present on behalf of the parties:

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1 A We returned all the paperwork. They
2 filled in the arresting officer part, because that
3 would have been useful information, but they were
4 like, well, we don't know which one of us -- so
5 just leave it blank for now, and we're like all
6 right.

7 And we asked him what we would be charged
8 with and he said he didn't know, probably failure
9 to obey, and we were like, "Obey what?" He was
10 like, "Well, I don't know." Like, "All right. Not
11 trying to make you mad," you know.

12 So we sat in the grass and talked and
13 tried to decide whether we wanted to post and
14 forfeit or go in front of a judge and like the main
15 reason I decided to post and forfeit is because I
16 couldn't afford to be out of work til Wednesday.

17 Even if it was only Tuesday, I couldn't
18 afford to be out of work til Tuesday. I mean, it's
19 Friday. So as we got closer to the door, when we
20 got on the sidewalk, one by one, the officers that
21 were on our bus that were accompanying us left.

22 First, it was Officer Savage. She just

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1 bounced. I don't know where she went. Then
2 Officer Julie was like, "I'm going to the
3 bathroom," and we never saw her again. Then the
4 gentleman passed us off to an African-American cop
5 who was walking out of the building.

6 He was like, "Hey, can you watch these
7 guys for a little while," and then he never came
8 back. So he became our arresting officer, because
9 he had to fill out all the paperwork.

10 Q The African-American gentleman.

11 A Yes. Who had never seen us before. And
12 we just started talking to him. We were like, you
13 know, "What are we going to jail for" and he's
14 like, "I don't know." And were like, "Well, you're
15 our arresting officer now," and he was like, "But I
16 didn't see you do anything, so I really can't go to
17 court and testify against you. You guys should all
18 plead" -- and we're like, "Oh, great. This is
19 great information."

20 You know, like nobody knew, we did not
21 know like what to make of the situation. So we're
22 sitting there on the steps, like so close to the

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1 door, yet so far, you know, and we're trying to
2 like try to hear what is going on when you get past
3 the door, but you just can't hear what is going on
4 in there.

5 So eventually a gentleman comes out and he
6 says, "I'm going to call out your names," and he
7 has our paperwork that we filled out on the bus and
8 he assigns us a person to escort us through.

9 They're all young guys who are dressed in
10 dark pants and dark shirts and have rubber gloves
11 on no identification.

12 Q Any badges?

13 A Nothing. Later on, in the basement,
14 someone refers to them as cadets. I don't know if
15 that's what they were or not. So I started asking
16 my guy like, "What's up? What's going on?" And
17 he's like, "When you get to that desk," will I turn
18 in my book bag, my shoelaces and my earrings and
19 stuff.

20 I need to tell them whether I'm going to
21 post and forfeit or see a judge. And I was like,
22 "I don't know." He was like, "Well, if you don't

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1 know now, you know, you got to decide now because
2 if you don't know now, you're just going to go --
3 you're automatically going to go down in the gym
4 and have to wait til Wednesday. You tell them you
5 post and forfeit or you automatically choose to go
6 to jail til Wednesday."

7 And I'm like, "Whoa. All right." So they
8 asked me when I got there, "Is this your stuff?"
9 "Yes." "Does this accurately" -- like you fill out
10 that personal effects thing. Okay. "Are you sure
11 this is accurate? Do you have any rings," and fill
12 out all that paperwork.

13 Okay. "Are you going to post and forfeit
14 or are you going to choose to contest?" I'm like,
15 "I'll post and forfeit." She's like, "All right.
16 Cool. Go in there." All right. That was great.

17 I go into this room where there's four
18 laptops and there's two people manning them at that
19 time, and there's a table and they take us in one
20 at a time, and I stand there and I give them all
21 the information. Oh, no, I took a picture first.

22 I took a picture first. I'm sorry.