UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JENNY WONG, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 14-cv-13798 Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

DETROIT ENTERTAINMENT, LLC *et al.*

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION IN LIMINE REGARDING VIDEOTAPES (ECF #47) WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This action arises out of an investigation into, and arrest of, Plaintiff Jenny Wong ("Ms. Wong"). Ms. Wong has asserted claims for, among other things, arrest without probable cause and malicious prosecution. (*See* Sec. Am. Compl., ECF #55.) Ms. Wong (and Co-Plaintiff Michael Chung) have now filed a motion in limine to preclude certain Defendants from testifying as to their perceptions of what is depicted on a videotape (the "Motion"). (*See* ECF #47.) Plaintiffs argue that the Court should not permit the Defendants to present this testimony to the jury on the issue of whether there was probable cause to arrest Ms. Wong. (*See id.*)

The Court concludes that the Motion is premature. As the Court previously

ordered (see ECF #59), all parties submitted supplemental briefs on the issue of

whether the Court or the jury decides the question of whether there was probable

cause for Ms. Wong's arrest. (See ECF ## 60, 64, and 65.) All parties agree that if

the facts concerning probable cause are undisputed, the question of probable cause

is to be decided by the Court. (See id.) Defendants have further informed the Court

that they intend to file a motion for summary judgment in which they will argue

that the Court should decide the probable cause question as a matter of law. (See

ECF #64 at 5-8, Pg. ID 580-83; ECF #65 at 3-4, Pg. ID 587-88.) Because it is not

yet clear that the question of probable cause – or any factual disputes related to that

question – will be presented to the jury, it is too early to determine what testimony,

if any, the Defendants may present concerning their perceptions of the video tape.

Plaintiffs may ask the Court to re-visit this issue, if appropriate, following

the Court's ruling on the to-be-filed motions for summary judgment. At that time,

Plaintiffs may also renew their request for the additional relief sought in the

Motion.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that

the Motion (ECF #47) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

s/Matthew F. Leitman

MATTHEW F. LEITMAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 5, 2016

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on April 5, 2016, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

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