UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK EDREWEENE RAYMOND, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-v-

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 15 Civ. 6885 (LTS) (SLC)

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants.

<u>ORDER</u>

SARAH L. CAVE, United States Magistrate Judge.

Before the Court are Plaintiffs' Letter-Motion for Sanctions ("Motion for Sanctions") (ECF Nos. 243–44, 246–49, 251) and Plaintiffs' Letter-Motion to Compel ("Motion to Compel") (ECF Nos. 255–56, 259, 262). Pursuant to the discovery conference held today, February 5, 2021, the Court orders as follows:

- Except as noted further at (4) below, Fact Discovery is REOPENED for the limited purpose of permitting Plaintiffs to: (i) re-depose Defendant Constantin Tsachas; and (ii) depose Chief Joseph Fox (ret.) (together, "Final Depositions").
 - a. The Final Depositions are limited in time to one-half day (3.5 hours) each, and limited in subject matter to the investigation for which audio recordings and additional documents were produced to Plaintiffs on November 16, 2020. (See ECF No. 244 at 1).
 - b. Prior to the Final Depositions, the parties shall meet and confer regarding permissible exhibits to be used at the Final Depositions.
- 2. The parties' Motions to Seal are GRANTED as follows:

- a. Plaintiffs' Letter-Motion to Seal (ECF No. 243) is GRANTED, and accordingly Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions (ECF No. 244) shall remain visible only to the case participants.
- b. Defendants' Letter-Motion to Seal (ECF No. 246) is GRANTED, and accordingly Defendants' Letter Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions (ECF No. 247) shall remain visible only to the case participants.
- c. Plaintiffs' Letter-Motion to Seal (ECF No. 248) is GRANTED, and accordingly Plaintiffs' Letter Reply in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions (ECF No. 249) shall remain visible only to the case participants.
- 3. By Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm, counsel for Defendants shall email to the Court (at Cave_NYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov) a password-protected folder containing the complaint concerning the disciplinary investigations referenced in Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel ("Defendants' <u>Ex Parte</u> Submission"). (See ECF No. 256).
- The Court defers ruling on Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel until after reviewing Defendants' <u>Ex Parte</u> Submission.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close ECF Nos. 243–44, 246, 248, and 251.

Dated: New York, New York February 5, 2021

SO ORDERED

SARAH L. CAVE United States Magistrate Judge