



1 However, I had no role in the homicide investigation in which  
2 defendant was initially a suspect. As such, I was not present for,  
3 and did not participate in, defendant's arrest in December 2021. I  
4 was also not present for, and did not participate in, any discussions  
5 between Detective Vinton and defendant in December 2021.

6 5. On December 14, 2021, Detective Vinton sent me a text  
7 message, asking whether I would "file federal gun charges on  
8 [defendant] if need be." In light of my prior conversations with  
9 homicide detectives described in paragraph 2 above, I understood  
10 Detective Vinton's message to mean that he was asking whether the FBI  
11 would pursue federal firearm charges against defendant if the  
12 district attorney did not pursue murder charges against her.

13 6. By text message, I advised Detective Vinton that a federal  
14 firearm case would need to satisfy several criteria before federal  
15 charges could be pursued, including that the state prosecutor would  
16 have to agree to drop any state firearm charges; any state case could  
17 not have proceeded past a preliminary hearing; and that the FBI could  
18 not bring a federal firearm case against defendant unless she had  
19 previously been sentenced to more than 12 months in prison.

20 7. Detective Vinton and I never discussed whether Ford invoked  
21 her Fifth Amendment rights in December 2021. Detective Vinton never  
22 said or otherwise indicated to me that she did, and Detective Vinton  
23 never said or otherwise indicated to me that federal charges might be  
24 linked in any way to such an invocation.

25 8. Based on my review of police reports and video footage, I  
26 understand that defendant's firearm case stemmed from a traffic stop  
27 on November 23, 2021. Beginning in December 2021, I presented that  
28 case to the United States Attorney's Office, and provided that office

1 with relevant police reports and video footage. I also told the  
2 federal prosecutor that Ford was a suspect in a murder investigation.  
3 However, because the murder investigation was not relevant to the  
4 firearm case, I did not otherwise discuss with the federal prosecutor  
5 Detective Vinton, the December 14 interview, or his investigative  
6 steps.

7 9. During that time, I also kept Detective Vinton generally  
8 apprised of the status of the federal case. I knew that his murder  
9 investigation was still open, and I therefore advised him when Ford  
10 was going to be federally arrested on April 21, 2022, so that he  
11 could attempt to interview her. However, Ford declined to be  
12 interviewed by Detective Vinton and his partner, so no interview took  
13 place at that time.

14 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of  
15 text messages exchanged between me and Los Angeles Police Department  
16 Detective David Vinton, which I understand was produced to defense  
17 counsel in Bates No. USAO\_000434-USAO\_000473.

18 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of  
19 an FD-302 describing defendant's arrest and initial appearance, which  
20 I understand was produced to defense counsel in Bates No.  
21 USAO\_000429-USAO\_000433.

22 12. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of  
23 an FD-302 describing the individuals present for defendant's arrest  
24 and initial appearance, which I understand was produced to defense  
25 counsel in Bates No. USAO\_000433.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 29, 2022.



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