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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE, :
ET AL., :
Plaintiffs, : Case No.
V. : 1:01CV00811
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, :
ET AL., :
Defendants.:

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DEPOSITION OF CHIEF CHARLES RAMSEY

Washington, DC
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1 Q Is the attachment of restraints,
2 specifically the use of flex cuffs linking wrists to
3 ankle, an approved method of restraint, approved
4 within MPD policy, to be used in cases of mass
5 arrests?

6 A Yes.

7 Q When did it become approved?

8 A I don't know specifically.

9 Q Did you ever approve it?

10 A I am aware of it. I became aware of it.
11 It was already being used. We have made some
12 adjustments now to make sure that there is adequate
13 loops there to make people comfortable based on
14 height, weight, so forth, and we check regularly to
15 make sure there is no problems with circulation or
16 anything like that, making it as comfortable as
17 possible.

18 Q Why have you made no inquiries about the
19 implementation of this manner of restraint in
20 connection with the April 2000 demonstrations?

21 A I didn't realize it was an issue in April
22 of 2000. I am aware it was an issue in 2002.

1 Q Do you believe that the MPD has been wrong
2 in the manner in which it has used these restraints
3 against persons arrested in the context of mass
4 demonstrations?

5 A No.

6 Q What are the changes -- strike that.

7 Do you know at this time precisely what
8 configuration of flex cuff attachment, wrist to
9 ankle, was used in connection with April of 2000?

10 A No, I don't.

11 Q Do you know what type of configuration was
12 used in connection with the September 2002 mass
13 arrests?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you understand changes to have been
16 made from the September 2002 method of restraint; is
17 that correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What are the changes that you have
20 implemented deviating from the way that they were
21 done in September 2002?

22 A Additional loops, if you will, that would

1 be used to make people more comfortable in terms of
2 their time while they are awaiting processing.

3 Q Did -- when did the manner of restraint,
4 wrist to ankle, come to your attention in connection
5 with the September 2002 arrests? Did it come to your
6 attention at -- in anticipation of the arrests that
7 this would be the manner that would be used?

8 A No.

9 Q Did it come to your attention subsequently
10 as a consequence of District of Columbia Council
11 inquiry?

12 A I don't know if it was that or litigation.
13 It was subsequent to the event, sometime after.

14 Q Were you made aware at any point prior to
15 September 2002 that there were any complaints about
16 the manner of restraints used in connection with the
17 April 2000 demonstrations?

18 A I'm aware of complaints about the length of
19 time it took to processing is the complaints that I
20 am aware of that -- with April of 2002 in terms of
21 people in custody.

22 Q Prior to when you became aware of the issue