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2	SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
	COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
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	CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE,
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	PLAINTIFF,
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	-against- Index No.:
6	54190/2016
7	FLAVIO LA ROCCA, MARIA LA ROCCA, FLAVIO LA
	ROCCA & SONS, INC., a/k/a F. LA ROCCA &
8	SONS, INC. And FMLR REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC,
9	DEFENDANTS.
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11	DATE: May 28, 2021
12	TIME: 1:00 P.M.
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15	EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of the
16	Defendant, FLAVIO LA ROCCA & SONS, INC., by
17	MARTIN SANCHEZ, taken by the Plaintiff,
18	pursuant to a Court Order, held via
19	Veritext Virtual Services, before Edith
20	Tirado-Plaza, a Notary Public of the State
21	of New York.
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Page 3 1 2 221. UNIFORM RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF DEPOSITIONS 221.1 Objections at Depositions 3 (a) Objections in general. No objections shall be made at a deposition except those 4 which, pursuant to subdivision (b), (c) or 5 (d) of Rule 3115 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, would be waived if not 6 interposed, and except in compliance with subdivision (e) of such rule. 7 objections made at a deposition shall be noted by the officer before whom the deposition is taken, and the answer shall 8 be given and the deposition shall proceed 9 subject to the objections and to the right of a person to apply for appropriate relief 10 pursuant to Article 31 of the CPLR. (b) Speaking objections restricted. Every 11 objection raised during a deposition shall be stated succinctly and framed so as not 12 to suggest an answer to the deponent and, at the request of the questioning attorney, 13 shall include a clear statement as to any defect in form or other basis of error or 14 irregularity. Except to the extent permitted by CPLR Rule 3115 or by this 15 rule, during the course of the examination persons in attendance shall not make 16 statements or comments that interfere with the questioning.

221.2 Refusal to answer when objection is made. A deponent shall answer all questions

at a deposition, except (i) to preserve a privilege or right of confidentiality, (ii)

to enforce a limitation set forth in an

answered, cause significant prejudice to

a deponent not to answer except as provided

answer shall be accompanied by a succinct and clear statement of the basis therefor.

complete the remainder of the deposition.

If the deponent does not answer a question, the examining party shall have the right to

order of the court, or (iii) when the question is plainly improper and would,

in CPLR Rule 3115 or this subdivision. Any refusal to answer or direction not to

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221.3 Communication with the deponent
An attorney shall not interrupt the deposition for the purpose of communicating with the deponent unless all parties consent or the communication is made for the purpose of determining whether the question should not be answered on the grounds set forth in section 221.2 of these rules and, in such event, the reason for the communication shall be stated for the record succinctly and clearly.

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that the transcript may be signed before any Notary Public with the same force and effect as if signed before a clerk or a Judge of the court.

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that the examination before trial may be utilized for all purposes as provided by the CPLR.

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that all rights provided to all parties by the CPLR cannot be deemed waived and the appropriate sections of the CPLR shall be controlling with respect hereto.

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the attorneys for the respective parties hereto that a copy of this examination shall be furnished, without charge, to the attorneys representing the witness testifying herein.

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3	COURT REPORTER: Due to the
4	need for this deposition to take
5	place remotely because of the
6	Government's Order for social
7	distancing the parties will stipulate
8	that the court reporter may swear in
9	the witness over the phone/Veritext
10	Virtual video conference and that the
11	witness has verified that he is in
12	fact Martin Sanchez Quiroz.
13	May I swear in the Spanish
14	interpreter and the witness?
15	MR. MEISELS: Yes.
16	MS. ZALANTIS: Yes.
17	KARA GALLAGHER, a Spanish
18	interpreter, solemnly swore to translate
19	the following questions from English to
20	Spanish and answers from Spanish to
21	English:
22	MARTIN SANCHEZ QUIROZ,
23	called as a witness, having been first duly
24	sworn, through an interpreter, by a Notary
25	Public of the State of New York, was

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	examined and testified as follows:
3	EXAMINATION BY
4	MR. MEISELS:
5	Q. Mr. Sanchez, my name is Peter
6	Meisels. I'm going to be asking you a few
7	questions. If they're not clear, please
8	tell me and I will rephrase them; okay?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. When did you find out that you
11	were going to have this deposition today?
12	A. Today.
13	Q. Who told you that you would
14	have the deposition today?
15	A. My boss.
16	Q. Who is your boss?
17	A. Flavio La Rocca.
18	Q. Did he tell you what this
19	deposition was about?
20	A. No.
21	Q. What do you understand this
22	deposition is about?
23	A. I don't know what it's about.
24	Q. How long have you worked for
25	Mr. La Rocca?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. I've been working 15 years for
3	La Rocca.
4	Q. And were you working for Mr. La
5	Rocca in May of 2015?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Did you ever have occasion to
8	speak with Miss Zalantis?
9	A. No.
10	Q. Did you ever have occasion to
11	speak to anybody about this deposition?
12	A. No.
13	MS. ZALANTIS: Can you just
14	explain who Miss Zalantis is? I'm
15	not sure if he knows.
16	Q. Mr. Sanchez, when I refer to
17	Miss Zalantis, I was referring to Kathy
18	Zalantis who is the lawyer for Mr. La
19	Rocca. So, with that explanation, did you
2 0	ever have occasion to speak with Miss
21	Zalantis before today?
22	A. No.
2 3	Q. When I ask the question did you
2 4	ever speak with her, I'm including all
2 5	communications such as a telephone call or

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	a meeting in person. Are you certain that
3	you've never spoken to her?
4	A. No.
5	Q. When you say no, do you mean
6	that you never spoke to her?
7	A. No, I have not spoken to her.
8	MS. ZALANTIS: Can you ask if
9	a Zoom conference would be included
10	in the list of ways that we spoke?
11	Q. Mr. Sanchez, did you ever have
12	a Zoom conference with Miss Zalantis which
13	something like what we're doing now where
1 4	people were speaking to each other through
15	the computers?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Do you recall when that was?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. I'm not asking you for what you
2 0	said to each other, but did you learn that
21	you would have this deposition today?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. What did you understand this
2 4	deposition was about?
25	A. Some garbage that they said my

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	boss threw out but he didn't throw out
3	anything.
4	Q. So, you understood that the
5	deposition would be about your boss having
6	thrown out garbage; is that right?
7	A. About some trees that were cut
8	down but we don't do that.
9	Q. So, you understood that the
10	deposition would be about trees that got
11	cut down; is that right?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Is there any reason that you
14	would have difficulty answering my
15	questions today?
16	A. I don't understand.
17	Q. I'm going to ask you questions.
18	Will you have a problem understanding my
19	questions?
2 0	A. No.
21	Q. Will you have a problem
22	answering the questions?
23	A. No.
2 4	Q. Are you taking any medication
25	today?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. No, not today.
3	Q. Did you take any medication
4	yesterday?
5	A. Yesterday afternoon I took two
6	pills, Aleve.
7	Q. Am I correct that you have
8	worked for Mr. La Rocca for 15 years?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. What kind of work have you done
11	for Mr. La Rocca over those 15 years?
12	A. I drive for him and I do some
13	carpentry work for him and I do joiners for
14	the blue stone. I make the joiners for the
15	blue stone. It's made out of sand and
16	cement.
17	Q. Mr. Sanchez, does that mean
18	that you actually make the joiners that are
19	used when blue stone is installed on the
20	job?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Do you install the blue stone?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Mr. Sanchez, did you go to
25	public school?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. In my country I went until
3	sixth grade of elementary school.
4	Q. What country do you come from?
5	A. I'm from Mexico.
6	Q. So, am I correct that you came
7	from Mexico and you attended up to the
8	sixth grade?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Did you complete the sixth
11	grade?
12	A. I started working in the fields
13	then.
14	Q. Did you start working in the
15	fields after the sixth grade or during the
16	sixth grade?
17	A. After I left sixth grade.
18	Q. In Mexico when you go to the
19	sixth grade, how old would you be?
20	A. About 15 years.
21	Q. Are you literate in Spanish?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. I'm calling your attention to
24	May of 2015. Do you recall what kind of
25	work you were doing for Mr. La Rocca in May

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	of 2015?
3	A. So we do all different kinds of
4	work. So, we do some pavements like I
5	mentioned, we do walkways, we fix
6	driveways.
7	Q. Do you ever have to cut down
8	trees to do your job?
9	A. No, when a tree has to be cut
10	down then the owner of the house gets in
11	contact with the company to cut down trees.
12	Q. In 2015 where were you living?
13	A. I live now at the same address
14	368 North Avenue, Apartment 1, New
15	Rochelle.
16	Q. Do you work at Mr. La Rocca's
17	yard on East Street?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. How do you get from your house
20	to your job?
21	A. I have a car.
22	Q. So, you drive?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Where do you park your car at
25	work?

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2	A. I park it in the city lot.
3	Q. Is that the city lot that's
4	part of Flowers Park?
5	A. A lot of people park there.
6	Q. But my question was do you park
7	at the city lot in Flowers Park?
8	A. In the park by the skating.
9	Q. When you say in the park by the
10	skating, do you mean near the skate park?
11	A. Yes, next to it below.
12	Q. I'm going to show you a short
13	video and see what parts of it you're able
L 4	to describe for us. This video has been
15	marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 for
16	identification.
17	Mr. Sanchez, are you able to
18	see that picture?
19	A. Yes.
2 0	Q. I'm particularly referring to
21	the video at 11 seconds. Can you tell me
2 2	what is fairly and accurately depicted in
2 3	that photograph?
2 4	A. Yes.
2 5	Q. Please explain what's shown.

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2	A. I can see a machine and some
3	people. I can't see the rest very well.
4	Q. Do you remember having seen
5	this back in May of 2015?
6	A. No, I don't remember.
7	Q. Back in May of 2015, did you
8	work on a project to clear the gravel in
9	the area where you see the machine?
10	A. Some guys were sent to work on
11	that but I stayed in the yard to fix some
12	tools that had broken.
13	Q. Do you remember which guys were
14	sent to work on it?
15	A. I don't remember because the
16	guys who had worked here before have left.
17	Q. Do you remember Mr. Maya
18	working on it?
19	A. No, no, I don't know about him.
20	Q. Did you see any of the work
21	that those guys were doing?
22	A. I just know that they were
23	working and cleaning up the gravel because
24	when it rains a lot of gravel comes down
25	the road and a lot of potholes are there

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	and they were filling them in.
3	Q. And did you see them do that?
4	A. Yes, because the boss sent them
5	them to do that to rake the gravel so that
6	everything would be smoother.
7	Q. Did you see them do that?
8	A. Yes, because you can see the
9	whole street from there.
10	Q. When you say the whole street,
11	do you mean East Street?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Looking at that photograph
14	again, do you recall seeing this?
15	A. No.
16	Q. The yellow machine that you see
17	in the picture, do you know who owns that
18	machine?
19	A. No, I don't know because all of
20	Flavio La Rocca's vehicles and machinery
21	have his name on it and on this one I don't
22	see that.
23	Q. Do you recognize any of the
24	people in the photograph?
25	A. No, you can't see them very

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2	well. They're very far away in the photo.
3	Q. Mr. Sanchez, now are you able
4	to recognize any of the workers in the
5	photograph?
6	A. No, I see them even further
7	away.
8	Q. Mr. Sanchez, am I correct that
9	the yellow truck on the left belongs to Mr.
10	La Rocca?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Am I correct that the yellow
13	truck on the right belongs to Mr. La Rocca?
L 4	A. Yes.
15	Q. Mr. Sanchez, are you now able
16	to recognize any of the people shown in the
17	photograph?
18	A. All I can see is the tractor
19	but I can't see the people well.
2 0	MS. ZALANTIS: For the record,
21	you're asking about 29 seconds into
2 2	the video.
2 3	MR. MEISELS: Yes, that's
2 4	correct.
2 5	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you see the

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2	piles of wood chips in the middle of the
3	photograph?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Did you see who put them there?
6	A. No.
7	THE INTERPRETER: If one of the
8	attorneys can instruct the gentleman
9	I need to interpret the whole thing
10	for him because otherwise the whole
11	thing gets lost.
12	A. No, we didn't bring that there.
13	I don't know how that got there. I wasn't
14	there. That's at the other end of the
15	street. I'm at the other end of the
16	street. No, I don't know how that got
17	there.
18	Q. Do you know what happened to
19	those piles of wood chips?
2 0	A. No, I didn't notice that.
21	Q. Mr. Sanchez, how old are you?
22	A. 64 years old.
23	Q. Mr. Sanchez, now are you able
2 4	to recognize any of the men in the picture?
2 5	A. Those are some workers from

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	there but, as I said, they've gone.
3	Q. Were they workers for Mr. La
4	Rocca?
5	A. Yes, because he had sent them
6	there to rake the gravel that had fallen
7	from the rain.
8	Q. Do you recall what they were
9	doing?
10	A. They were raking the gravel
11	because a lot had come down there.
12	Q. Mr. Sanchez, when you say a lot
13	had come down there, where did it come
14	from?
15	A. From up there where the garbage
16	is thrown out.
17	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you recognize
18	the gentleman in the photograph? I'm
19	referring to 43 seconds on the video.
2 0	A. No, no, I don't remember him.
21	Q. Do you recognize the gentleman
22	with the beige shirt?
23	A. No, I don't remember him.
2 4	Q. Were they working for Mr. La
2 5	Rocca at that time?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Have they left the job since
4	then?
5	A. Some people go to work and
6	they're there for a month or two months and
7	then they leave.
8	Q. Did these two people leave?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you recognize
11	what's shown in this photograph?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Tell us what it is.
1 4	A. You can see some piles of
15	garbage that was thrown there.
16	MS. ZALANTIS: For the record,
17	can we reflect that you're asking
18	about the video at a minutes and two
19	seconds?
2 0	MR. MEISELS: Yes.
21	Q. Mr. Sanchez, as I understand
22	your testimony these workers are cleaning
23	up garbage?
2 4	A. No, they're raking the dirt.
25	Q. Do you know who told them to

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	rake the dirt?
3	A. Flavio has two yards and one of
4	them has gravel inside.
5	Q. Did the gravel that's shown in
6	this photograph come from Mr. La Rocca's
7	yard?
8	A. No, it came from the area where
9	the garbage is thrown out and when it rains
10	it gets carried down there.
11	Q. Is it your testimony that all
12	the gravel that we see in this photograph
13	was carried there by the rain?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Mr. Sanchez, I'm referring to
16	the same video but at 128 seconds. It's
17	actually 1.28 minutes. Is the yellow truck
18	shown in the picture Mr. La Rocca's truck?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Do you see that there's a metal
21	gate that is shown in the photograph?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Does that gate lead to Mr. La
24	Rocca's yard?
25	A. Yes.

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	Q. Is that the yard where he keeps
3	his gravel?
4	A. There we have gravel dirt.
5	Q. Does Mr. La Rocca ever use wood
6	chips on his jobs?
7	A. No.
8	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you see the
9	truck that's shown in this photograph which
10	in the same video and it's actually at two
11	minutes and 15 seconds? Do you see the
12	truck?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. I'm not talking about the
15	yellow truck, I'm talking about the black
16	truck. Do you see the black truck?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Does that black truck belong to
19	one of the contractors who has a yard on
20	East Street?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Do you remember the name of
23	that contractor?
24	A. His name is Bernie.
25	Q. Mr. Sanchez, did you mean

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	Bernie or Benny?
3	A. Benny.
4	Q. Does Benny still have a yard on
5	East Street?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Do you know what the name of
8	Benny's business is?
9	A. I just heard that they call him
10	Benny.
11	Q. Is Benny in the landscaping
12	business?
13	A. I don't know exactly what they
1 4	do. I think they're gardeners. I'm not
15	sure.
16	Q. Did you ever see Benny's trucks
17	loaded with wood chips?
18	A. No, I never seen them.
19	Q. When Mr. La Rocca's workers
2 0	were cleaning up that gravel area, did
21	anyone who worked for Benny help out?
2 2	A. No.
2 3	Q. Referring to the black truck in
2 4	the photograph, do you know if that truck
2 5	belonged to Benny?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. That's his vehicle but he sold
3	it and bought another one.
4	Q. Mr. Sanchez, I'm showing you
5	the same video but now we're at two minutes
6	and 42 seconds. Do you recognize what's
7	shown in the video?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Can you explain to us what you
10	recognize from the video?
11	A. A roller that is rolling over
12	the gravel that's being raked.
13	Q. Can you identify the person
14	whose driving the roller?
15	A. The roller is only driven by a
16	guy named Felipe.
17	Q. Is that Felipe Maya?
18	A. Yes, he's the only one who
19	drives the machines.
2 0	Q. Am I correct that Mr. Maya was
21	employed by Mr. La Rocca?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Do you recognize the other
2 4	workers in that photograph?
25	A. No, I can't see them well.

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	Q. Do you know whether or not they
3	were working for Mr. La Rocca?
4	A. As I said, some of the people
5	only work for a month or two and then they
6	leave the work.
7	Q. But do you know whether those
8	other men were working for Mr. La Rocca
9	when they were raking this gravel?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Do you know what these workers
12	were told to do?
13	A. No, I don't but they were just
14	raking the dirt.
15	Q. Mr. Sanchez, I'm going to show
16	you a photograph that was marked as Exhibit
17	GG and this is the first photograph in a
18	group that's been marked as GG. Can you
19	see the photograph?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you see the
22	white car in the middle of the photograph?
23	A. Yes.
2 4	Q. Do you recognize what's shown
25	in the photograph?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Can you explain to us what's
4	fairly and accurately depicted in that
5	photograph?
6	A. There's a fence around one part
7	of the white car.
8	Q. Mr. Sanchez, when you refer to
9	the fence, do you mean the black metal
10	fence that is located on the right-hand
11	side of the car?
12	A. Yes, it's a black fence.
13	Q. Are we talking about the black
L 4	fence that would be on the front passenger
15	side of the white car?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Do you remember when that fence
18	was installed?
19	A. No, I didn't notice that.
2 0	Q. Do you know who installed it?
21	A. No, I don't know.
22	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you remember in
2 3	the video we saw pictures of workers raking
2 4	gravel?
2 5	A. Yes.

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	Q. Was the gravel that they were
3	raking inside this fence?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Am I correct that the fence was
6	erected after they raked the gravel?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Mr. Sanchez, do you remember a
9	time when there were trees in the place
10	where the men were raking the gravel?
11	A. Yes, I had noticed that there
12	had been trees there.
13	Q. Do you remember when those
14	trees were removed?
15	A. No, I didn't notice that.
16	Q. Do you remember who removed the
17	trees?
18	A. No, I don't know who.
19	MR. MEISELS: I have no
20	further questions of this.
21	MS. ZALANTIS: I have a few
22	questions.
23	EXAMINATION BY
2 4	MS. ZALANTIS:
25	Q. The picture that's on the

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2	screen now that you're looking at, the area
3	that's now enclosed by the black fence, do
4	you see that?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. You referred a few times to
7	basura in that area. Can you explain why?
8	A. There had been a lot of garbage
9	there.
10	Q. Is it fair to say that people
11	would dump garbage in the area that's now
12	enclosed by the black fence?
13	A. Yes, because a lot of children
14	go there because there are fields for
15	playing.
16	Q. And people would use that area
17	as a garbage dump?
18	A. They would walk there where the
19	white car is.
20	Q. I'm asking the area that's
21	enclosed by the black fence. There would
22	be garbage dumped in the area that's now
23	enclosed by the black fence; is that what
2 4	you're saying?
25	MR. MEISELS: Objection as to

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	form.
3	MS. ZALANTIS: You can answer.
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. What kind of garbage?
6	A. People threw just about
7	everything there.
8	Q. Would you see mattresses there?
9	A. No, not mattresses, but smaller
10	garbage. I never saw mattresses there.
11	Q. Do you remember you just saw a
12	video that Mr. Meisels showed you?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. There's an area where the
15	workers were raking. Do you remember that
16	area?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Were there ever living trees in
19	that area?
20	A. Yes, there had been trees
21	there.
22	Q. How many years ago?
23	A. I don't remember.
24	Q. Were there trees in that area
25	in 2015?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	MR. MEISELS: Objection as to
3	form.
4	A. Around that date is when they
5	were taken down but I didn't see who did
6	that.
7	Q. Did Flavio La Rocca's company
8	take down any trees?
9	MR. MEISELS: Objection to
10	form.
11	A. No.
12	Q. Did you see anyone from Mr. La
13	Rocca's company, any employee or Mr. La
1 4	Rocca himself take down any trees from that
15	area where the people were working in the
16	video?
17	A. No, I didn't see any coworkers
18	there.
19	Q. Did you see anyone from Flavio
2 0	La Rocca's company cut down or remove trees
21	in the area that the people work raking?
22	A. No.
23	Q. In the area that's enclosed by
2 4	the black fence in the picture that you're
2 5	looking at on the screen right now,

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	Defendant's GG, do you see that picture?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. I'm talking about the first
5	page of Defendant's GG in the area that is
6	enclosed by the black fence. Have you ever
7	seen anyone from Flavio La Rocca's company
8	remove any trees from that area?
9	A. No, none of us took down any
10	trees.
11	Q. As part of your work at Flavio
12	La Rocca's company, have you ever seen
13	anybody take down trees for any project?
14	A. No, we don't do that.
15	Q. You previously testified before
16	that the gravel was in the area that the
17	people were working because of the rain.
18	Can you explain your statement?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Can you explain that?
21	A. At the end where the fence ends
22	it goes down and the gravel is washed down
23	that way.
2 4	Q. So, is it fair to say that the
25	gravel washes onto East Street?

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Page 31 1 M. SANCHEZ 2 Α. Yes, because a lot of the rain water washes down there to the end of the 3 street. 4 5 So, is it fair to say that the 6 area that's now enclosed by the black fence 7 had gravel in it so that when it would rain would wash into the street? 8 9 Α. Yes. 10 Then is it fair to say what you 11 were doing was taking the gravel that had washed into the street and pushing it back 12 13 into the area that is now enclosed by the black fence? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 MS. ZALANTIS: I have nothing 17 further. 18 MR. MEISELS: I just have one 19 or two follow-up questions. 20 EXAMINATION BY 21 MR. MEISELS: 22 Q. Mr. Sanchez, does the gravel 23 still wash onto East Street after the fence 24 was installed?

Α.

Yes.

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Page 32 1 M. SANCHEZ 2 Q. Since the fence was installed, 3 what is done with the gravel that washes onto the street? 4 5 We no longer go down to that 6 yard anymore. It's just where Flavio keeps 7 some machines. 8 0. After that fence was installed 9 did gravel continue to wash onto East 10 Street? 11 Yes, the gravel still goes down Α. 12 the street. 13 Q. Since the fence was installed, does anybody try to clean up the gravel 14 15 that washes onto the street? 16 No, not anymore. We used to 17 but Flavio doesn't use that yard anymore. 18 Do I understand correctly that Ο. 19 as of today there is gravel that washed 20 onto East Street that nobody has cleaned 21 up? 22 Α. No, nobody cleans it up. 23 Mr. Sanchez, does Mr. La Rocca 0. 24 ever hire tree removal services as part of 25 his projects?

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1	M. SANCHEZ
2	A. No, he never contracts extra
3	people.
4	MR. MEISELS: We have no
5	further questions.
6	For the record, can we agree
7	that on both depositions standard
8	stips would apply?
9	MS. ZALANTIS: Yes.
10	(Whereupon, at 2:10 P.M., the
11	Examination of this witness was
12	concluded.)
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2	DECLARATION
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4	I hereby certify that having been
5	first duly sworn to testify to the truth, I
6	gave the above testimony.
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8	I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing
9	transcript is a true and correct transcript
10	of the testimony given by me at the time
11	and place specified hereinbefore.
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15	MARTIN SANCHEZ
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18	Subscribed and sworn to before me
19	this day of 20
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5	COUNTY OF NEW YORK)
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7	I, EDITH TIRADO-PLAZA, a Notary
8	Public for and within the State of New
9	York, do hereby certify:
10	That the witness whose examination is
11	hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and
12	that such examination is a true record of
13	the testimony given by that witness.
14	I further certify that I am not
15	related to any of the parties to this
16	action by blood or by marriage and that I
17	am in no way interested in the outcome of
18	this matter.
19	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
2 0	set my hand this 10th day of June, 2021.
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