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SUPPLEMENT TO VERIFIED COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE — FAX TRANSMISSION

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SUPPLEMENT — THE JUNE 17, 2026 HEARING

DEFENDANT APPEARED; RESPONDENT REFUSED TO HEAR HIM, DECLARED THE HEARING “A NULLITY”, AND KEPT THE WARRANT

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RESPONDENT:	Hon. Christopher R. Stride, Circuit Judge, 19th Judicial Circuit, Lake County — Courtroom T-611 18 N. County St., Waukegan, IL 60085
CASE:	People v. Allababidi, No. 23 CF 1146 (19th Jud. Cir.); related fed.: 1:26-cv-06738 (§ 1983), 1:26-cv-01077 (habeas)
DATE:	June 17, 2026
RE:	Supplement to the Amended Verified Complaint against Hon. Christopher R. Stride, documenting his conduct at the remote hearing of June 17, 2026 — held after a 48-minute waiting-room lockout — at which Respondent refused to permit Complainant to be heard, was discourteous and hostile, refused to recognize his pro se status, dismissed the pending federal proceedings, declared the hearing “a nullity”, terminated the session, and declined to recall the zero-bond warrant. Code of Judicial Conduct Rules 1.2, 2.2, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9.
ENCLOSURES:	Supplement + Exhibit A (Complainant's June 17 demand email) + Exhibit B (Zoom waiting-room screenshots, time-stamped) + Exhibit C (Emergency Motion to Stay: Notice, Motion, Proposed Order & Certificate of Service)
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WHAT THIS SUPPLEMENT ADDS:

The amended complaint documented that Respondent set the June 16 matter and kept the warrant. This Supplement documents what happened when Complainant finally reached the courtroom on June 17: after being held in the Zoom waiting room from 9:18 to 10:05 a.m. (Exhibit B), he was admitted and then given no hearing at all. Respondent cut him off at every turn, accused him of “harassing my staff” for a single sentence, told him to “hire a lawyer or public defender”, said “I don’t know what federal record you’re talking about”, declared the hearing “a nullity”, and ended the call — all while leaving an active, no-bond warrant in place on predicates the State’s own records refute. The court’s own audio recording will corroborate this account; Complainant asks the Board to obtain it.

SUPPLEMENT TO VERIFIED COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

The Conduct of Hon. Christopher R. Stride at the Remote Hearing of June 17, 2026

*Submitted to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board under Ill. Const. art. VI, § 15 — Code of Judicial Conduct
Rules 1.2, 2.2, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9*

I. PURPOSE OF THIS SUPPLEMENT

This Supplement is filed with, and incorporated into, Complainant’s pending Amended Verified Complaint against Hon. Christopher R. Stride. It documents Respondent’s conduct at the remote hearing held on June 17, 2026 — conduct that occurred after the Amended Complaint and that independently constitutes judicial misconduct. Complainant declares the factual account below under penalty of perjury to the best of his recollection; because the hearing was conducted and recorded by the court, the Board can verify every statement against the court’s own electronic recording, which Complainant asks the Board to obtain and preserve.

II. WHAT HAPPENED ON JUNE 17, 2026

1. A remote hearing was set for 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2026 in Courtroom T-611. Complainant joined the Zoom proceeding at approximately 9:17 a.m. and was held in the electronic waiting room for nearly two hours — from 9:17 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m. — before being admitted. A total of 14 time-stamped screenshots capture the first 48 minutes of the lockout, from 9:18 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. (Exhibit B), each displaying “The host has joined. We’ve let them know you’re here.” The screenshots stopped at 10:05 a.m. because Complainant could not continuously document the lockout while also telephoning the court and preparing written demands; the remainder of the wait is established by the hearing’s own timeline.

2. While locked out, Complainant telephoned Respondent’s judicial assistant at (847) 377-3814 to report that he was logged in, actively attempting to appear, and being denied admission, and that he had served an Emergency Notice and demand to recall the zero-bond warrant on Respondent, the Chief Judge, and the State (Exhibit A).

3. When Complainant was finally admitted, Respondent did not conduct a hearing in any meaningful sense. The events below are recounted in substance and to the best of Complainant’s recollection; the court’s audio recording is the objective record.

- At the outset, Respondent directed Complainant to activate his video camera. When Complainant declined, stating he was not required to appear on camera, Respondent responded with open hostility and doubled down.

- Respondent repeatedly cut Complainant off and did not permit him to be heard. Each time Complainant began to speak, Respondent interrupted him; Complainant was unable to state his position on the record.

- When Complainant stated a single sentence regarding the served Emergency Notice and the warrant, Respondent accused him, in substance, of “harassing my staff”.

- Complainant stated, in substance, that the warrant was procured through perjury — a sworn false allegation refuted by the State’s own written records — and that the warrant was therefore void *ab initio*. The State (ASA Nicholas Shepherd) responded, in substance, that Complainant had to “appear in person, not through Zoom” and had to “file something”, and that merely “appearing” was insufficient.

- The State further referenced appointed counsel Bailey C. Russell of the Lake County Public Defender’s Office during the hearing — the very attorney who had constructively abandoned Complainant and whose continued listing on the docket was the stated basis for the Clerk’s refusal to accept pro se filings. The prosecutor’s discussion of the self-represented defendant’s counsel with the court, outside the defendant’s participation, constitutes an ex parte communication concerning a pending matter in violation of Rule 2.9 and underscores the joint-action coordination between the prosecutor’s office and the Public Defender’s Office to perpetuate the docket lockout.

- Complainant asked, in substance: “For the federal record, are you stating that you are not lifting the warrant?” Respondent answered, in substance: “I don’t know what federal record you’re talking about.”

- Respondent stated, in substance, that Complainant was “not on the calendar”, that “that’s not how things work”, and that Complainant “needs to hire a lawyer or a public defender” — refusing to recognize Complainant’s invoked right to self-representation.

- Respondent stated, in substance, that Complainant “cannot have hearings while [he has] a warrant”.

- When Complainant asked why he had been kept in the waiting room for nearly two hours while the hearing proceeded without him, Respondent admitted, in substance, that he “had cases” — acknowledging on the record that he was aware of Complainant’s presence in the waiting room and chose to prioritize other matters over the emergency filing and the perjured warrant that Complainant was seeking to quash. That admission — that Respondent knew Complainant was waiting and deliberately conducted the hearing without him — is independently dispositive of his awareness and his choice.

- Respondent declared the hearing “a nullity” and terminated the Zoom session, ending the proceeding without permitting Complainant to be heard.

- Respondent did not recall, quash, or stay the zero-bond warrant. It remains active and outstanding.

III. THE EX PARTE FACTOR — THE OFF-RECORD DISPOSITION RESPONDENT RELIED ON, AND REFUSED TO LET PETITIONER ANSWER

Rule 2.9(a) forbids a judge to initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications concerning a pending matter except as expressly authorized by law. Rule 2.9 does not stop at the prohibition: when such a communication does occur, the judge **must** promptly disclose it to the affected party and give that party an opportunity to respond. The gravamen here is not merely that an ex parte communication occurred — it is that Respondent relied on one to exclude the self-represented defendant from his own hearing, and then refused to let him answer it.

The communication is established by the Public Defender's own writing. As set out in the Amended Complaint and in appointed counsel's June 16, 2026 email of record, Complainant's representation status was, in counsel's words, “confirmed today in court by the Judge” — a communication between the court and the Public Defender's Office, about a pending matter, in the self-represented defendant's absence and without notice to him. Complainant learned how his own court had disposed of his own case secondhand, by email, from the very office that simultaneously disclaims representing him.

On June 17, Respondent then conducted the hearing as though that off-record disposition controlled. He treated the representation question as already settled against Complainant, directed him to “hire a lawyer or a public defender”, and — when Complainant tried to put the pending federal proceedings and the perjured warrant on the record — cut him off and answered, in substance, “I don't know what federal record you're talking about.” That is the precise inversion of Rule 2.9: instead of disclosing the prior off-record communication and affording Complainant a chance to respond to it, Respondent used it as the unspoken premise for silencing him. An ex parte disposition became the engine of the defendant's exclusion from his own case — the gravest, not the most technical, form of the violation.

IV. THE WEAPONIZED “HARASSMENT” MISCHARACTERIZATION

The single most revealing moment of the hearing was Respondent's accusation, in substance, that Complainant was “harassing my staff” — made immediately after Complainant stated a single, measured sentence about the Emergency Notice he had served and the warrant he was asking the

court to recall. That characterization is not a close call. It is **objectively false on the very record the court itself holds**.

What the record actually shows is the opposite of harassment: a self-represented defendant, with a no-bond warrant for his arrest active against him, **sitting silently in the electronic waiting room for nearly two hours** (Exhibit B); a single served Emergency Notice and demand to recall the warrant (Exhibit A); and lawful telephone calls — to the court's own judicial assistant and to this Board — for the sole purpose of reporting that he was logged in and being denied admission to his own hearing. A litigant who asks to be heard is not harassing the court; he is using it.

Branding that conduct “harassment” does three improper things at once. **First**, it is a direct failure of the patience, dignity, and courtesy Rule 2.8(b) commands. **Second**, it inverts victim and offender — recasting a defendant's lawful efforts to be heard, while he is the one being unlawfully held out, as misconduct, in order to justify silencing him and to manufacture a record against him. **Third**, it is retaliatory and chilling: labeling a pro se litigant a harasser for invoking his rights is calculated to deter him, and others like him, from seeking relief, and it converts the judge from neutral arbiter into adversary. The accusation is falsifiable against the court's own audio recording in a matter of minutes — which is precisely why Complainant asks the Board to listen to it.

V. THE ADDITIONAL MISCONDUCT (BY RULE)

Rule 2.8(b) — Decorum and courtesy. A judge shall be “patient, dignified, and courteous” to litigants and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity. Accusing a self-represented defendant of “harassing my staff” for stating a single sentence, responding to his lawful refusal to appear on camera with hostility, and repeatedly cutting him off are the antithesis of that duty.

Rule 2.6 — Right to be heard. A judge shall accord every person with a legal interest in a proceeding the right to be heard according to law. Admitting Complainant only to interrupt him at every turn, and then declaring the hearing “a nullity” and ending it, denied that right entirely.

Rule 2.2 + Faretta. Directing Complainant that he “needs to hire a lawyer or a public defender” and that he “cannot have hearings” pro se disregards the constitutional right to self-representation, *Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975), and the duty to apply the law fairly.

Rule 2.2 / 1.2 — Impartiality and public confidence. Dismissing Complainant’s reference to his pending federal proceedings with “I don’t know what federal record you’re talking about”, and continuing a no-bond warrant after the defendant appeared and identified its void predicate, undermines public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

Rule 2.9 — Ex parte communication referencing Bailey C. Russell. The State’s discussion of appointed counsel — a non-party to the hearing, and an attorney who had constructively abandoned the self-represented defendant — with the court during the remote proceeding, outside the defendant’s meaningful participation, is a separate and independently serious ex parte communication on a pending matter. That the prosecutor referenced the very attorney whose continued docket listing was being used to justify the Clerk’s refusal to accept filings (see Amended Complaint, Counts Six and Seven) confirms the coordination between the prosecutor’s office and the Public Defender’s Office to perpetuate the docket lockout.

Rule 2.2 / 2.5 — Prioritizing regular motions over emergencies; deliberate refusal to admit. Respondent admitted on the record that he was aware Complainant was in the waiting room and chose not to admit him because he “had cases”. That admission establishes that Respondent knowingly conducted a hearing without the self-represented defendant while that defendant sat in the virtual lobby, unable to be heard. A judge shall perform duties competently and diligently (Rule 2.5) and shall uphold and apply the law fairly (Rule 2.2). Deliberately excluding a party from a proceeding that concerns an active custodial warrant against that party, then declaring the proceeding “a nullity”, violates both duties and demonstrates a conscious choice, not inadvertence.

Willful continuation of a void warrant. With Complainant present, the appearance made, and the warrant’s false predicate squarely raised, Respondent chose to keep the warrant and end the hearing. That is the deliberate, knowing continuation of an unconstitutional custodial restraint — *willful misconduct* under Ill. Const. art. VI, § 15(e), not mere error.

VI. ANTICIPATED DISMISSALS — AND WHY NONE SURVIVES THE RECORD

Complainant anticipates the grounds on which a reviewer might be tempted to set this Supplement aside, and meets each, because each collapses against the one objective record that exists — the court's own recording of the June 17 proceeding.

“This is mere disagreement with a ruling; the Board is not an appellate court.” It is not. This Supplement does not ask the Board to review the correctness of any decision. It challenges conduct — discourtesy (Rule 2.8), the denial of the right to be heard (Rule 2.6), reliance on an ex parte disposition (Rule 2.9), and the false mischaracterization of a litigant. That conduct is cognizable under Ill. Const. art. VI, § 15(e) whether or not any order is ever reversed.

“A judge controls his courtroom; he may require a camera and decide what is properly before him.” Courtroom-management discretion does not license discourtesy, refusing to hear a party who is present, relying on an off-record disposition to exclude him, or branding him a harasser. The camera request is not the misconduct; the hostility in response to a lawful refusal, and everything that

followed, is.

“The ‘harassing’ remark was trivial, or the judge was managing a difficult litigant.” The remark is the opposite of trivial — it is the moment a neutral arbiter became an accuser. And whether Complainant was in any way disruptive is settled by the recording: he sat silent in the waiting room for nearly two hours and spoke in single sentences. If there were genuine disruption, the recording would show it. Complainant asks the Board to listen.

“This account is self-serving; there is no transcript.” Every disputed statement is verifiable against the court's own electronic recording, which the Board can and should obtain. The waiting-room screenshots (Exhibit B) were generated by the device's clock, and the June 16 ex parte admission is the Public Defender's own writing — neither is Complainant's characterization of anything.

“The underlying case is pending; the Board should defer.” A misconduct inquiry under Art. VI, § 15(e) is independent of the merits of the criminal case and does not interfere with it. The Board routinely examines judicial conduct arising in pending matters; that is its function.

There is, in the end, only one way to make this Supplement disappear: to decline to obtain the recording that would prove it. Complainant respectfully submits that the Board cannot both decline to listen and conclude there is nothing to hear.

VII. RELIEF REQUESTED

- 1. Incorporate** this Supplement into the pending Amended Verified Complaint against Hon. Christopher R. Stride and treat the June 17, 2026 conduct as additional grounds for inquiry;
- 2. Obtain and preserve** the court's electronic recording (ECR/audio) and any log of the June 17, 2026 remote proceeding in Courtroom T-611, which will corroborate this account;
- 3. Investigate** the conduct under Code of Judicial Conduct Rules 1.2, 2.2, 2.6, 2.8, and 2.9, and Ill. Const. art. VI, § 15(e); and
- 4. Take such further action** as the Board deems appropriate, including referral to the Illinois Courts Commission if a reasonable basis exists.

VERIFICATION. I, Ehab Allababidi, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States (28 U.S.C. § 1746) and the State of Illinois (735 ILCS 5/1-109) that the factual statements in this Supplement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection; that the statements attributed to Respondent and the State are recounted in substance to the best of my recollection of a hearing for which the court holds the official recording; and that Exhibits A, B, and C are true and accurate copies of the documents and screenshots they purport to be.

/s/ Ehab Allababidi

EHAB ALLABABIDI, Complainant, *Pro Se*

EXHIBIT A

COMPLAINANT'S JUNE 17 DEMAND EMAIL — APPEARANCE & DEMAND TO RECALL THE ZERO-BOND WARRANT

Sent at 10:25 a.m. on June 17, 2026 — written while the hearing was in progress and Complainant was locked in the Zoom waiting room, addressed to the Court, the Clerk, the prosecutor, and the Public Defender's Office

WHY THIS EXHIBIT MATTERS:

This email is the contemporaneous written record of Complainant's appearance at the June 17 remote hearing. It was drafted and transmitted at 10:25 a.m. while Complainant was still locked in the Zoom waiting room — meaning the hearing was already underway and Respondent was conducting it while Complainant sat in the virtual lobby. The email documents three independently verifiable facts: (1) Complainant joined the platform at 9:17 a.m. using the credentials provided by the court; (2) the platform confirmed throughout that "The host has joined" — meaning Respondent was present and aware of Complainant's presence; and (3) Complainant formally demanded to be admitted and to have the warrant recalled, placing the court on notice of the constitutional violation occurring in real time. This email is addressed to the court's official channels, the prosecutor, the Public Defender's Office, and the Judicial Inquiry Board. It is the documentary record that forecloses any claim that Complainant failed to appear.

KEY FACTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS EXHIBIT:

- Sent June 17, 2026 at 10:25 a.m. — during the hearing, while still locked in the Zoom waiting room
- Addressed to CT611@lakecountyl.gov, CT612@lakecountyl.gov, courts@lakecountyl.gov, Clerk, Shepherd, Ticsay, Russell, and JIB
- Records the exact time Complainant joined (9:17 a.m.), the credentials used, and the platform's confirmation that the host had joined
- Formally demands: (1) recall of the zero-bond warrant, (2) stay of execution, and (3) immediate admission from the waiting room
- Attached the EMERGENCY_APPEARANCE_DENIAL.pdf (7.8 MB) — the contemporaneous record of the lockout
- Verified under penalty of perjury (735 ILCS 5/1-109 and 28 U.S.C. § 1746)



Ehab Hilfiger <defcon5ready@gmail.com>

EMERGENCY — 23 CF 1146 — I APPEARED at the 9:00 a.m. remote call and was left in the Zoom waiting room; DEMAND to RECALL the zero-bond warrant (appearance made)

1 message

Ehab Hilfiger <defcon5ready@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 3:29 PM

To: CT611@lakecountyil.gov, CT612@lakecountyil.gov, courts@lakecountyil.gov, cccriminalfiling@lakecountyil.gov
Cc: nshepherd@lakecountyil.gov, Lake County State's Attorney <statesattorney@lakecountyil.gov>, Bailey Russell <BRussell@lakecountyil.gov>, "Gregory C. Ticsay" <GTicsay@lakecountyil.gov>, information@iardc.org
Bcc: Ehab Hilfiger <defcon5ready@gmail.com>

To the Office of the Chief Judge (Hon. Daniel B. Shanes), Judge Stride's courtroom, the Clerk, and the State:

EMERGENCY NOTICE: DEFENDANT PRESENT IN VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM

Case No: 23 CF 1146

Date: June 17, 2026

Current Time: 10:25 a.m.

This is an emergency notification sent while proceedings are in progress. I am the defendant in the above-referenced matter, appearing pro se.

I. RECORD OF APPEARANCE

A remote hearing was scheduled for today at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom T-611. I joined the platform at 9:17 a.m. using the only available credentials (Dial-in: (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 835 2271 3472, Passcode: 206126).

As of 10:25 a.m., I remain in the virtual waiting room. The platform continues to display: "The host has joined. We've let them know you're here.". Despite being present and on time by the provided means, I have not been admitted or heard. Screenshots confirming my presence are attached.

II. URGENT LEGAL CONCERNS

- No Failure to Appear: I have appeared; the court has been notified of my presence through the digital platform.
- Outstanding Warrant: A zero-bond warrant for my arrest remains outstanding based on predicates refuted by the State's own records.
- Unauthorized Proceedings: Appointed counsel confirmed in writing on June 16, 2026, that my case was addressed with the Court in my absence.

III. FORMAL DEMANDS

I respectfully and urgently demand that the Court:

1. RECALL the zero-bond warrant immediately, as my appearance has been made; or
2. STAY its execution instanter; and
3. ADMIT me from the waiting room immediately so that I may be heard.

The attached EMERGENCY NOTICE (verified under 735 ILCS 5/1-109 and 28 U.S.C. 1746) and its exhibits further detail the record of these events. I am currently available on the line and awaiting admission.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Ehab Allababidi, Defendant, Pro Se

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**Ehab Allababidi**

Personal Signature

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EXHIBIT B

ZOOM WAITING-ROOM SCREENSHOTS — JUNE 17, 2026

14 time-stamped images, 9:18 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. (48 min) — Complainant present in the virtual lobby the entire time Respondent conducted the hearing without him

WHY THIS EXHIBIT MATTERS:

This exhibit is the objective digital record of Complainant’s presence during the June 17 remote hearing. Each screenshot is independently time-stamped by the capturing device, creating an unbroken chain of documentary evidence that Complainant was logged into Courtroom T-611’s Zoom proceeding from 9:17 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. — the entire duration of the hearing. Every single screenshot displays the platform’s confirmation: “The host has joined. We’ve let them know you’re here.” The host was Respondent. He knew Complainant was present. He did not admit him. He conducted the hearing without him, declared it “a nullity,” and kept the warrant. These screenshots foreclose any claim that Complainant failed to appear or that Respondent was unaware of his presence. Together with Exhibit A (the email Complainant sent from the waiting room) and Exhibit C (the Emergency Motion to Stay that had been served the day before), they establish that Respondent had both actual and constructive notice of Complainant’s presence and chose to proceed without him.

KEY FACTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS EXHIBIT:

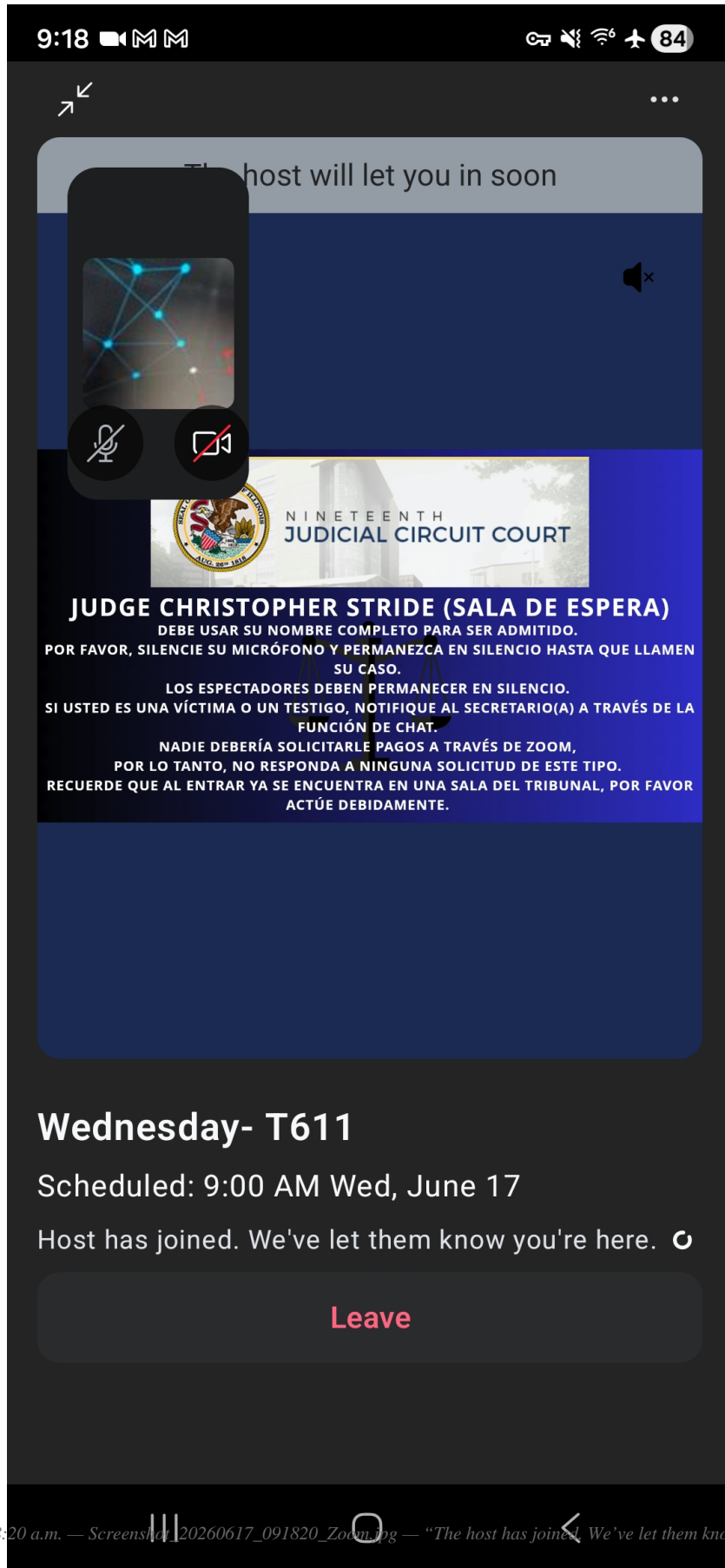
- 14 time-stamped screenshots running from 9:18 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. (48 continuous minutes)
- Every screenshot displays: “The host has joined. We’ve let them know you’re here.”
- Proves Complainant was logged in and waiting the entire time the hearing was conducted
- Proves Respondent (the host) was present in the Zoom session and aware of Complainant’s presence
- No screenshot shows Complainant ever being admitted to the proceeding
- Creates an unbroken, independently time-stamped digital record of the 48-minute lockout

EXHIBIT B — INDEX OF SCREENSHOTS (ZOOM WAITING ROOM)

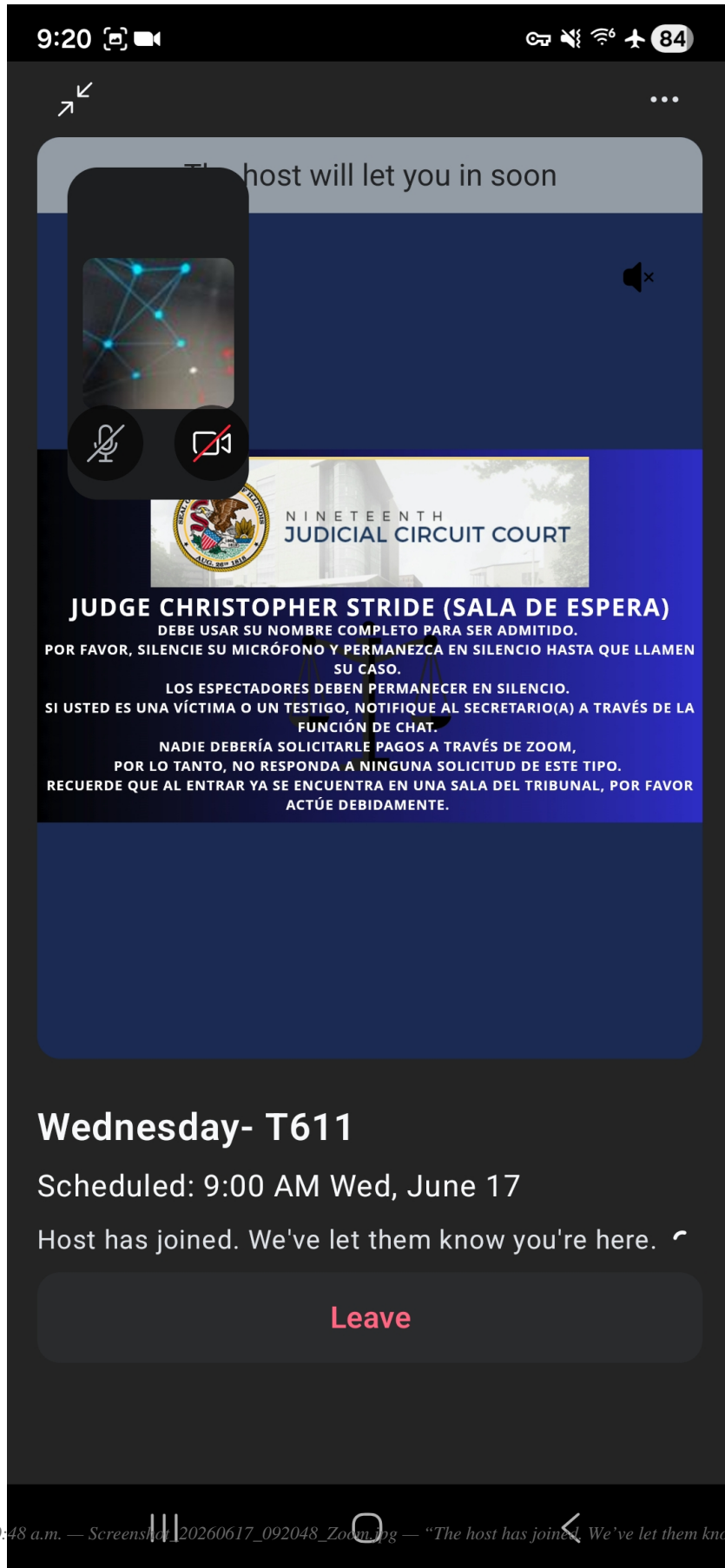
Courtroom T-611, June 17, 2026 — each image is time-stamped by the capturing device

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4	9:31:37 a.m.	Screenshot_20260617_093137_Zoom.jpg
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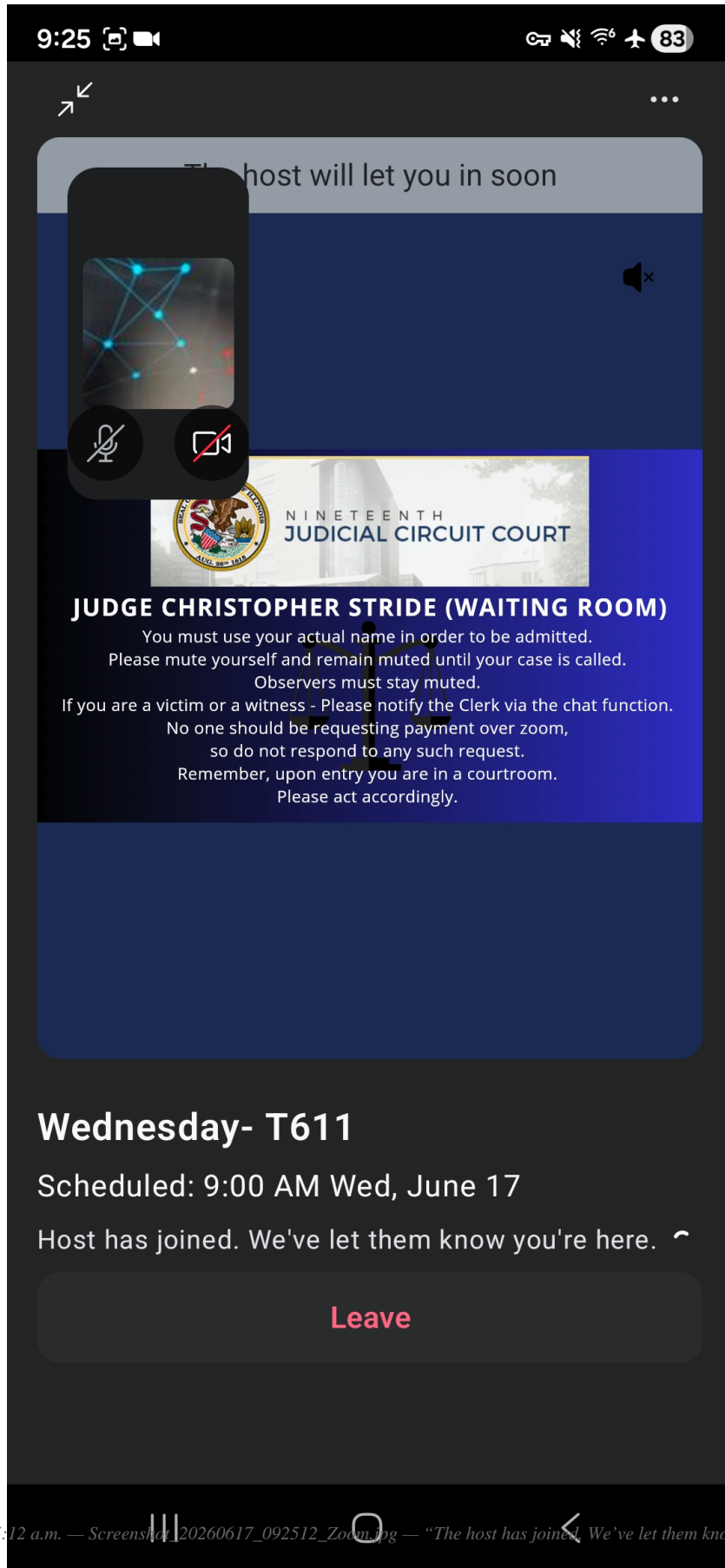
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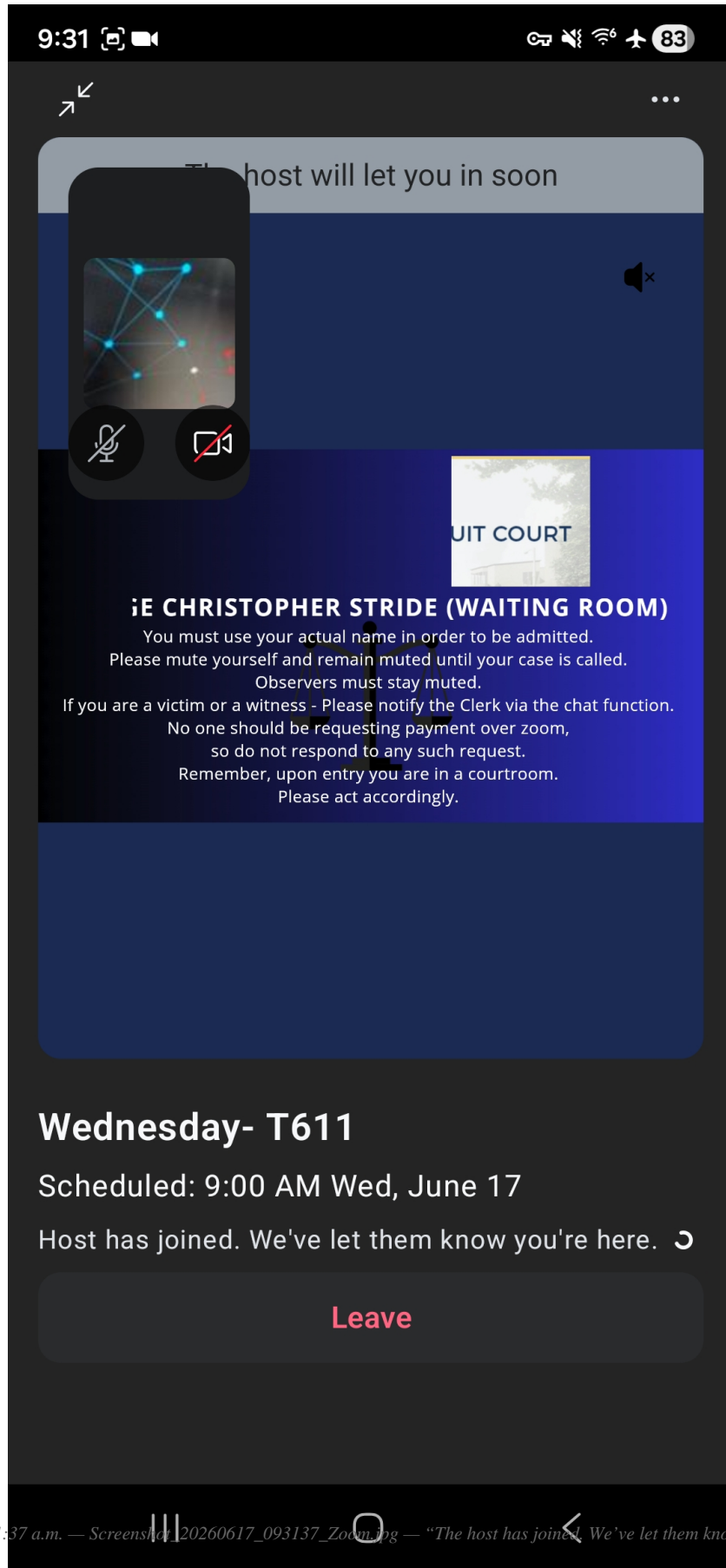
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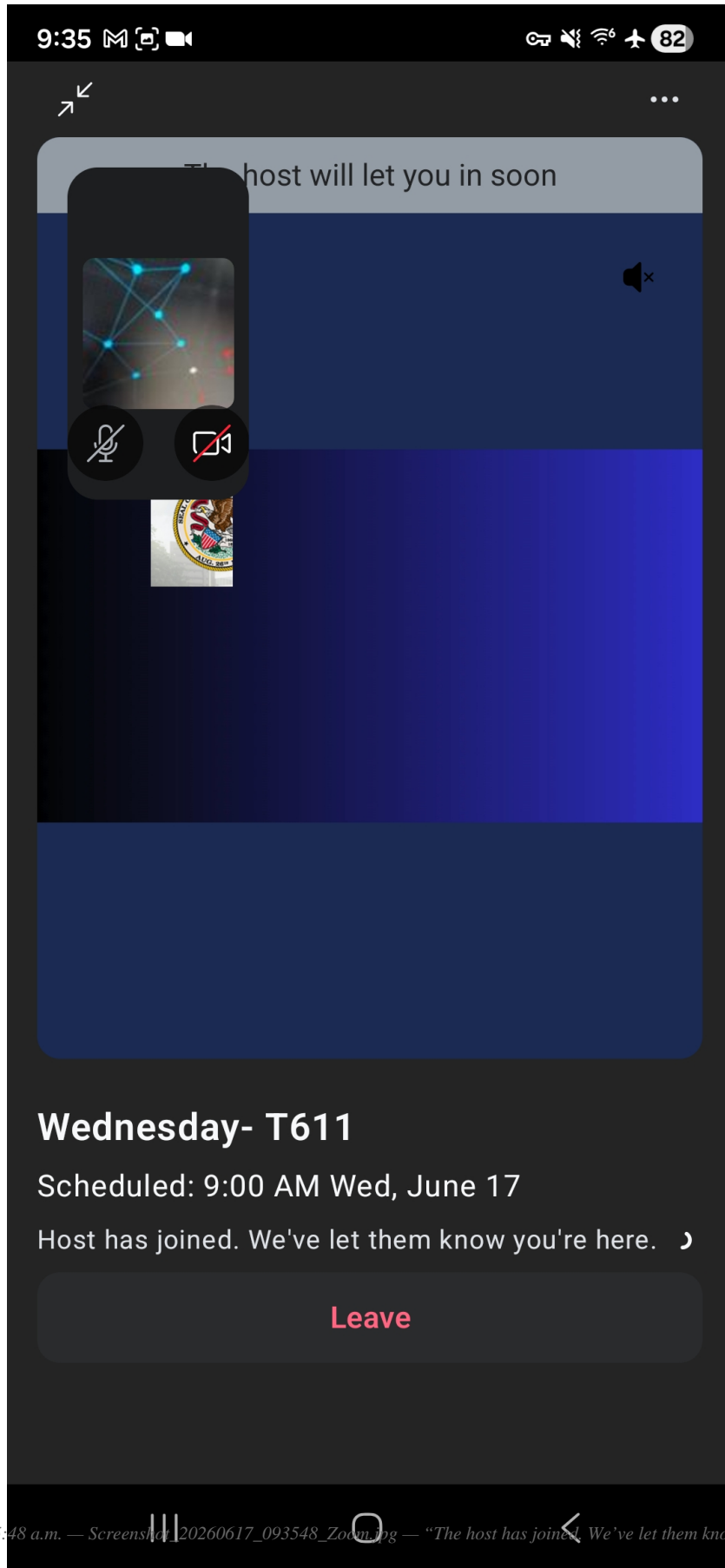
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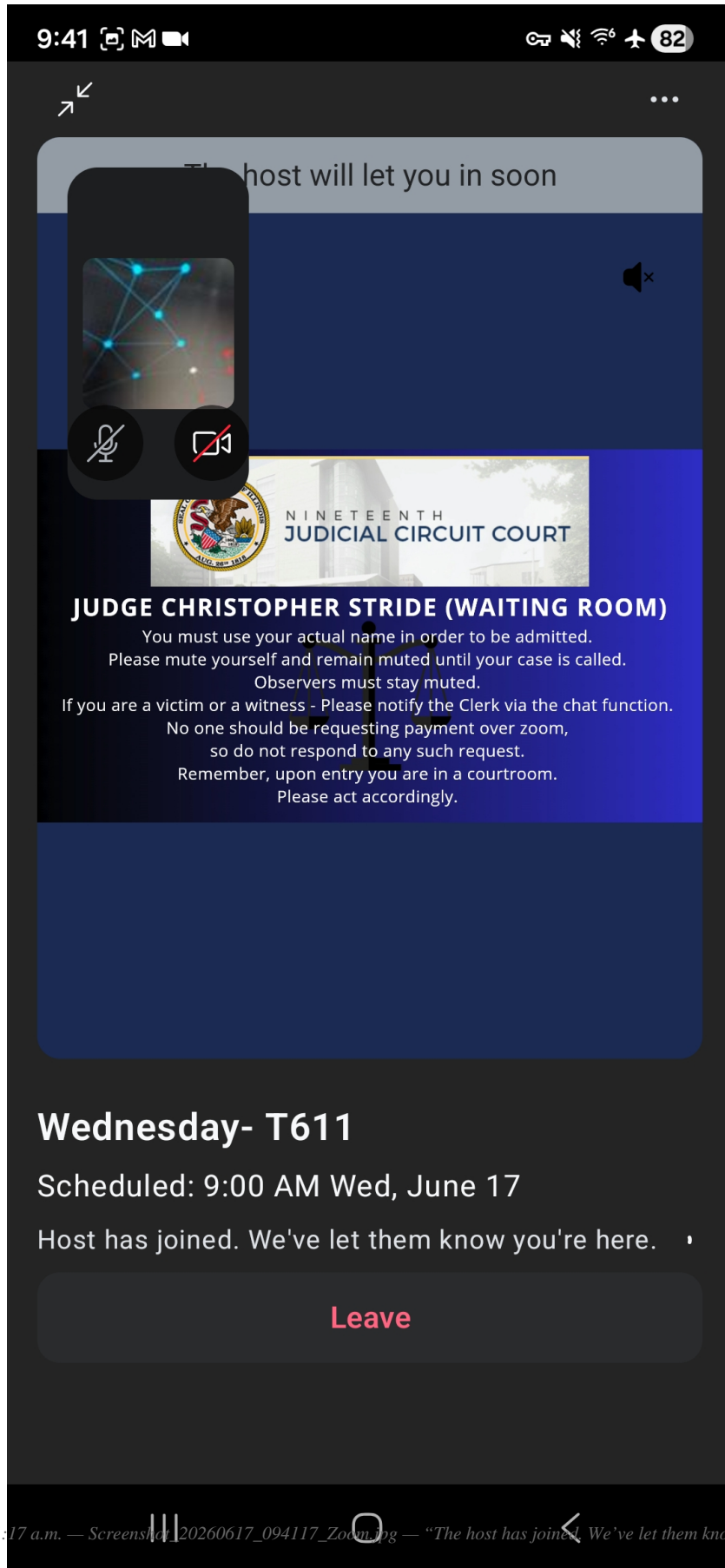
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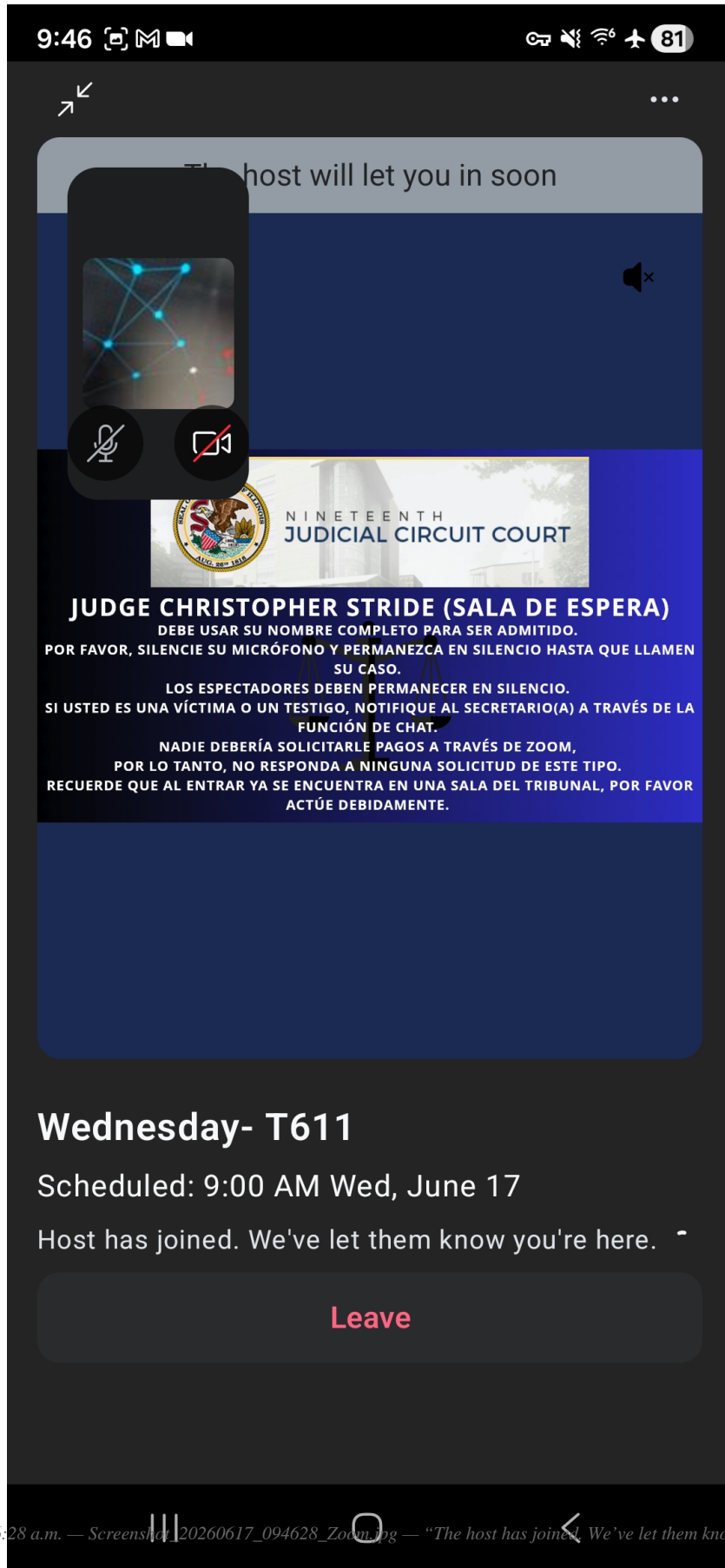
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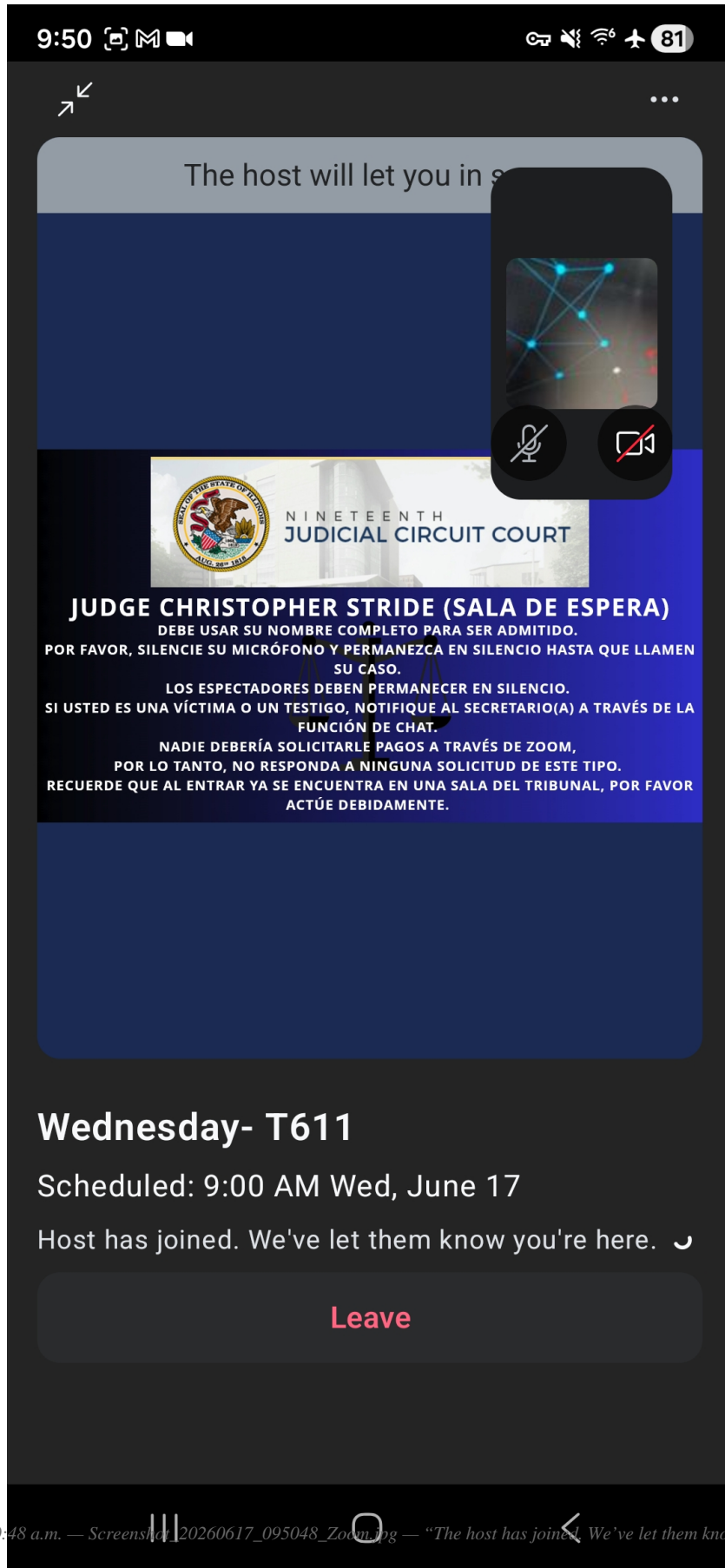
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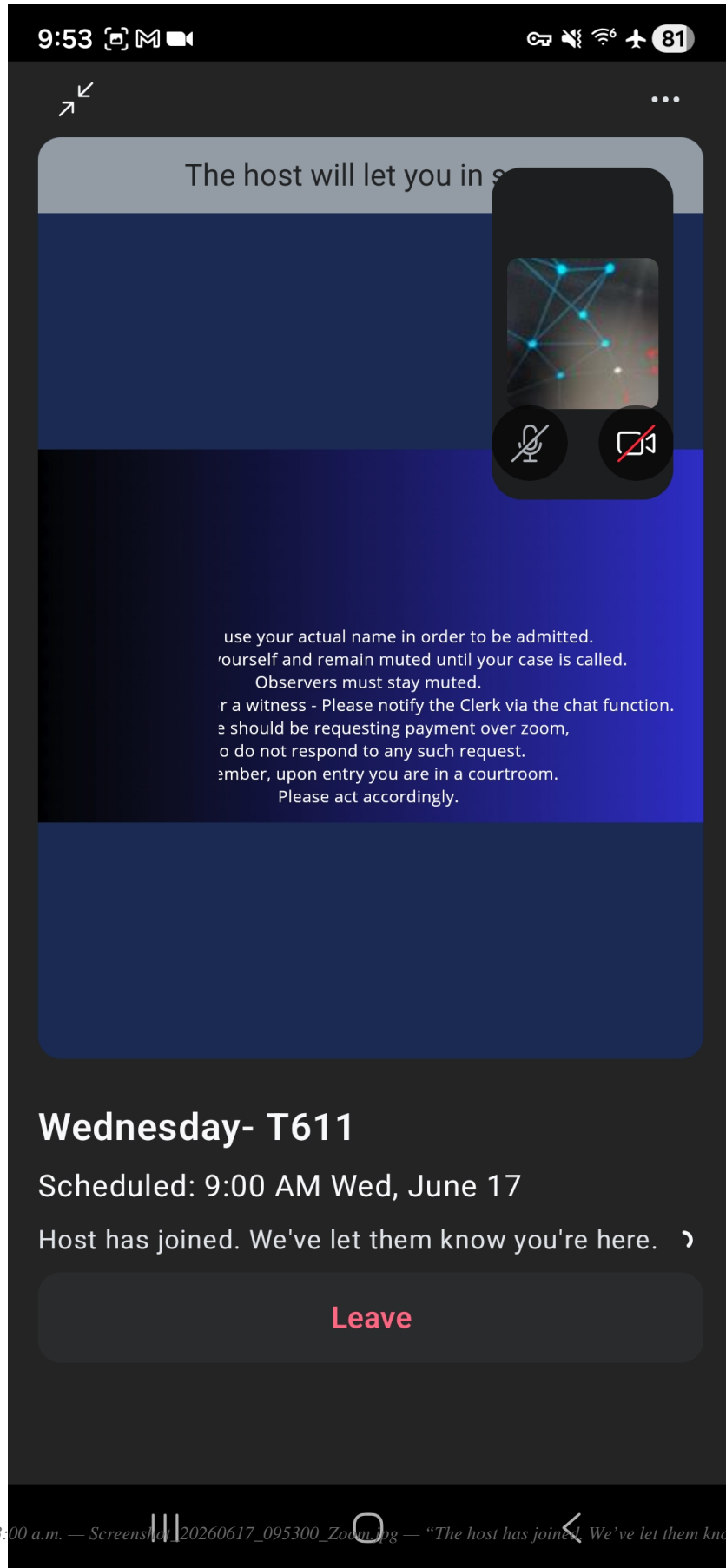
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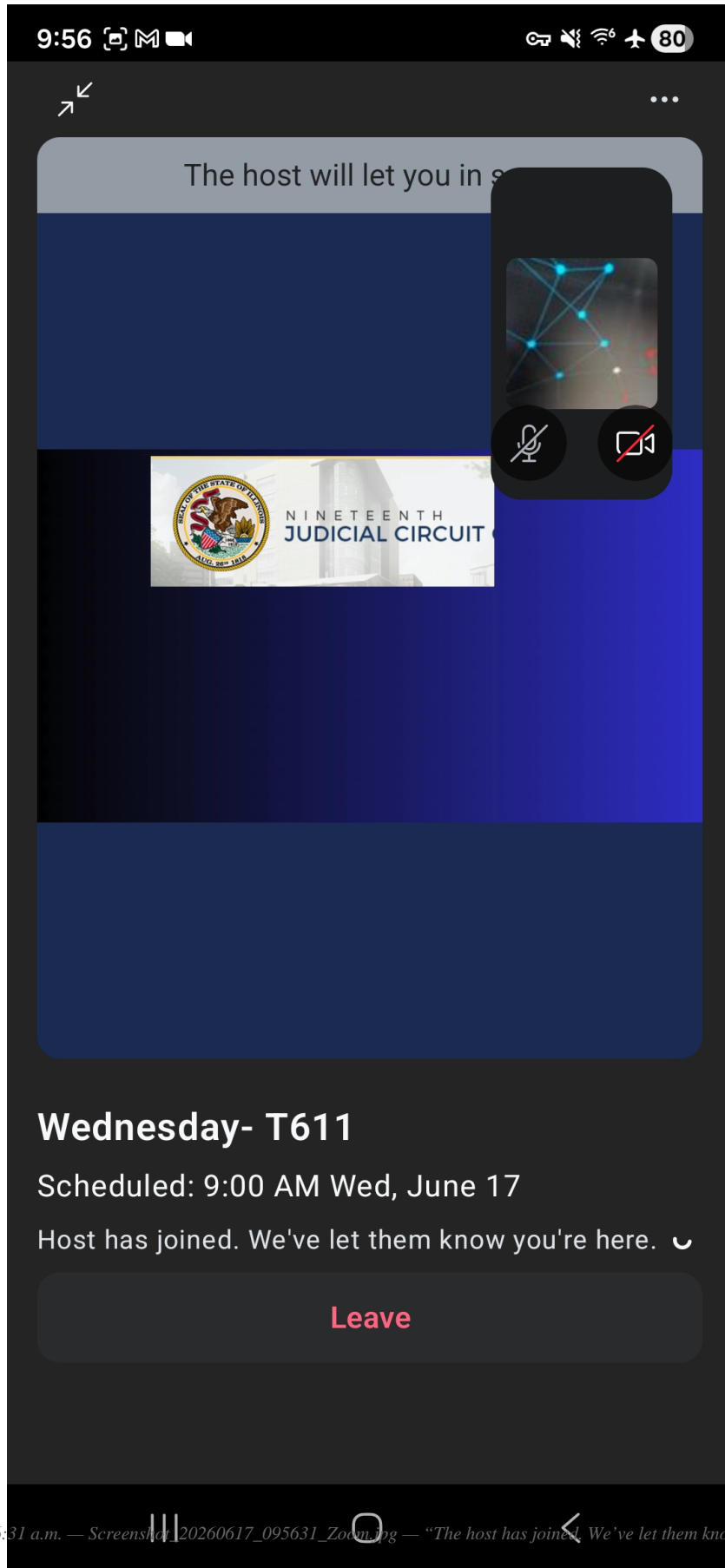
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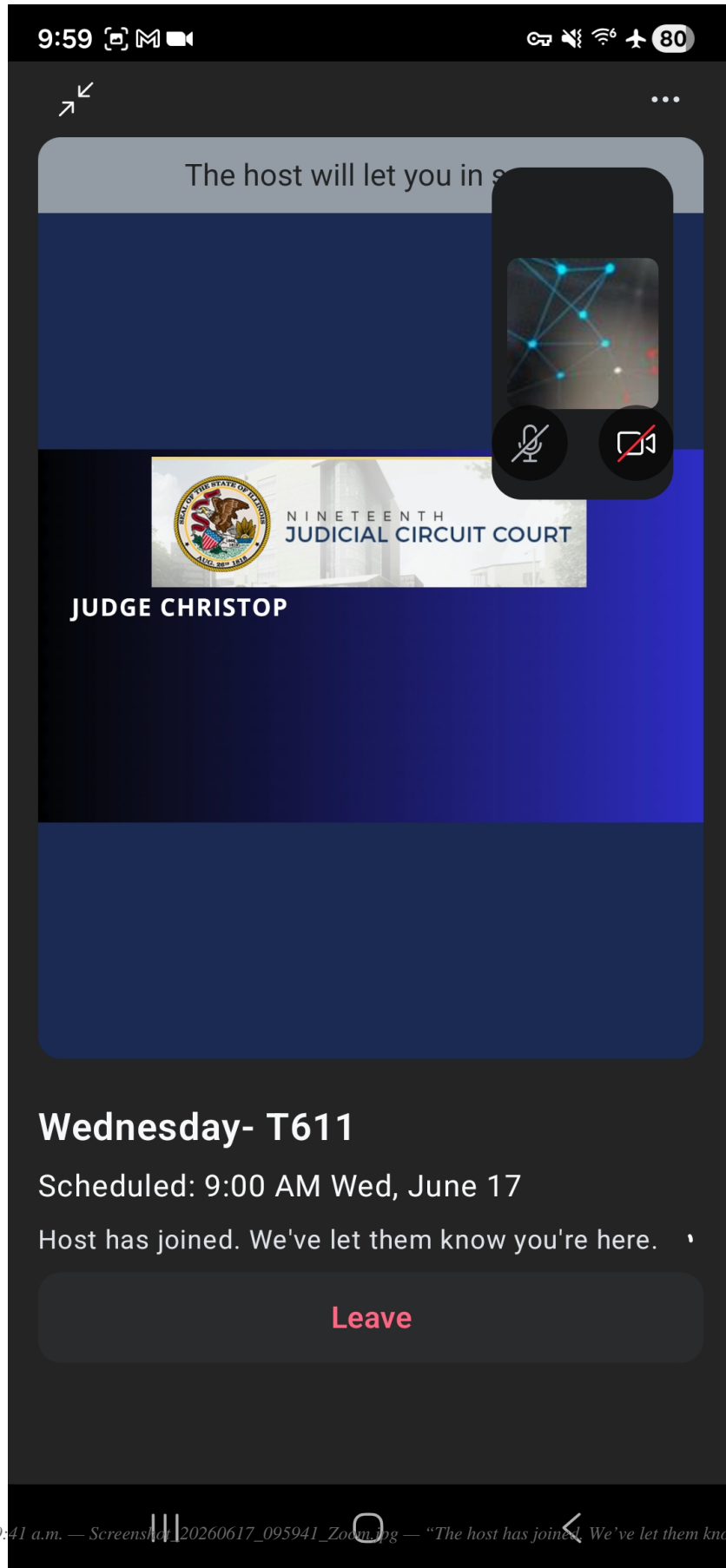
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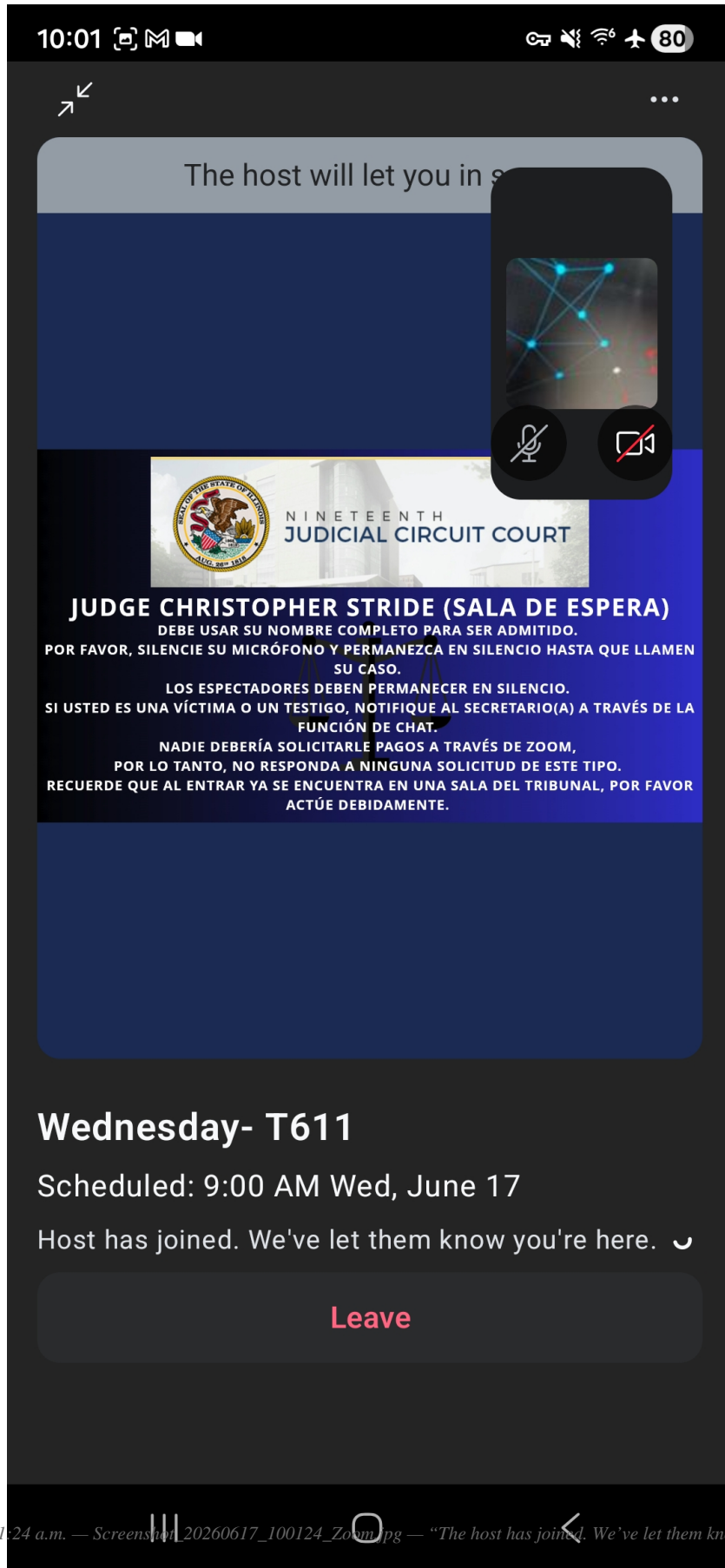
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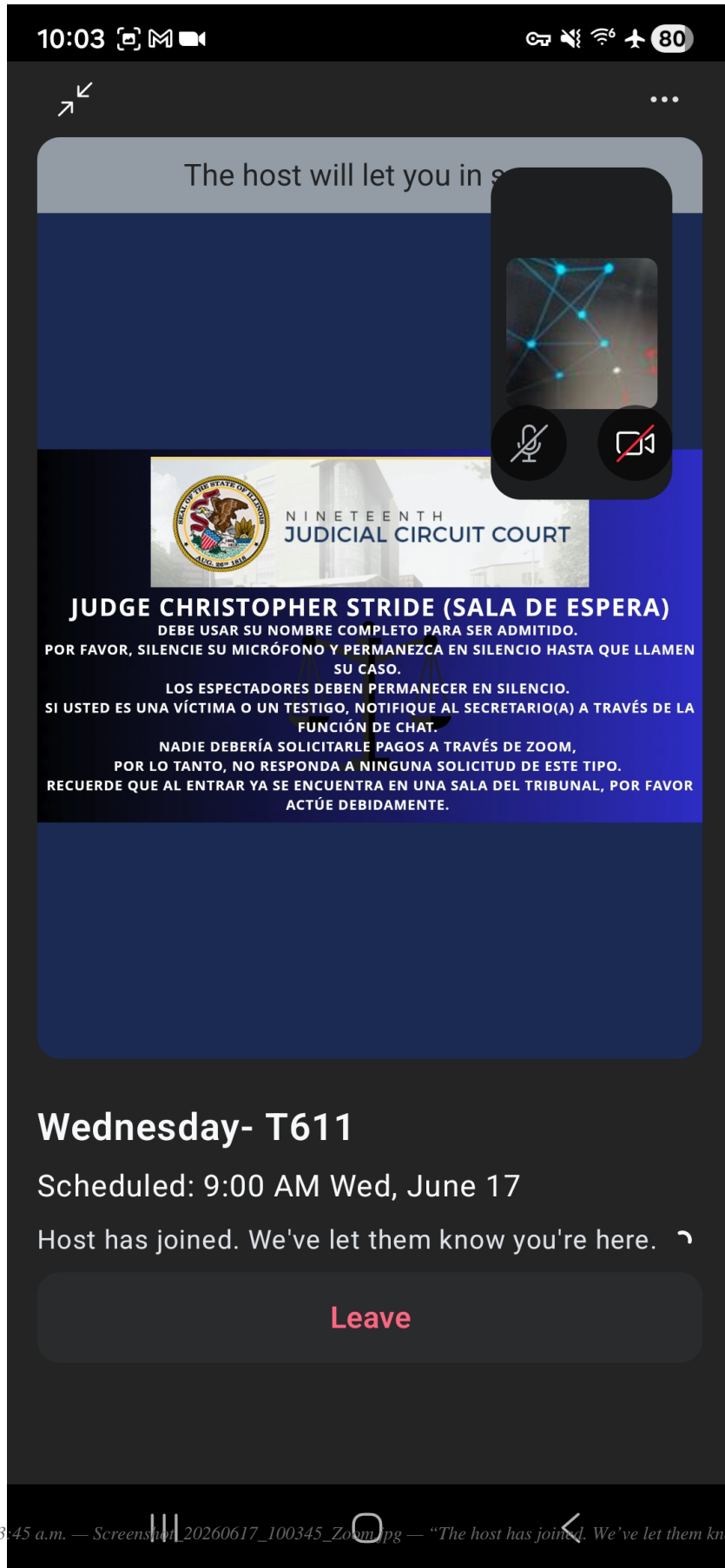
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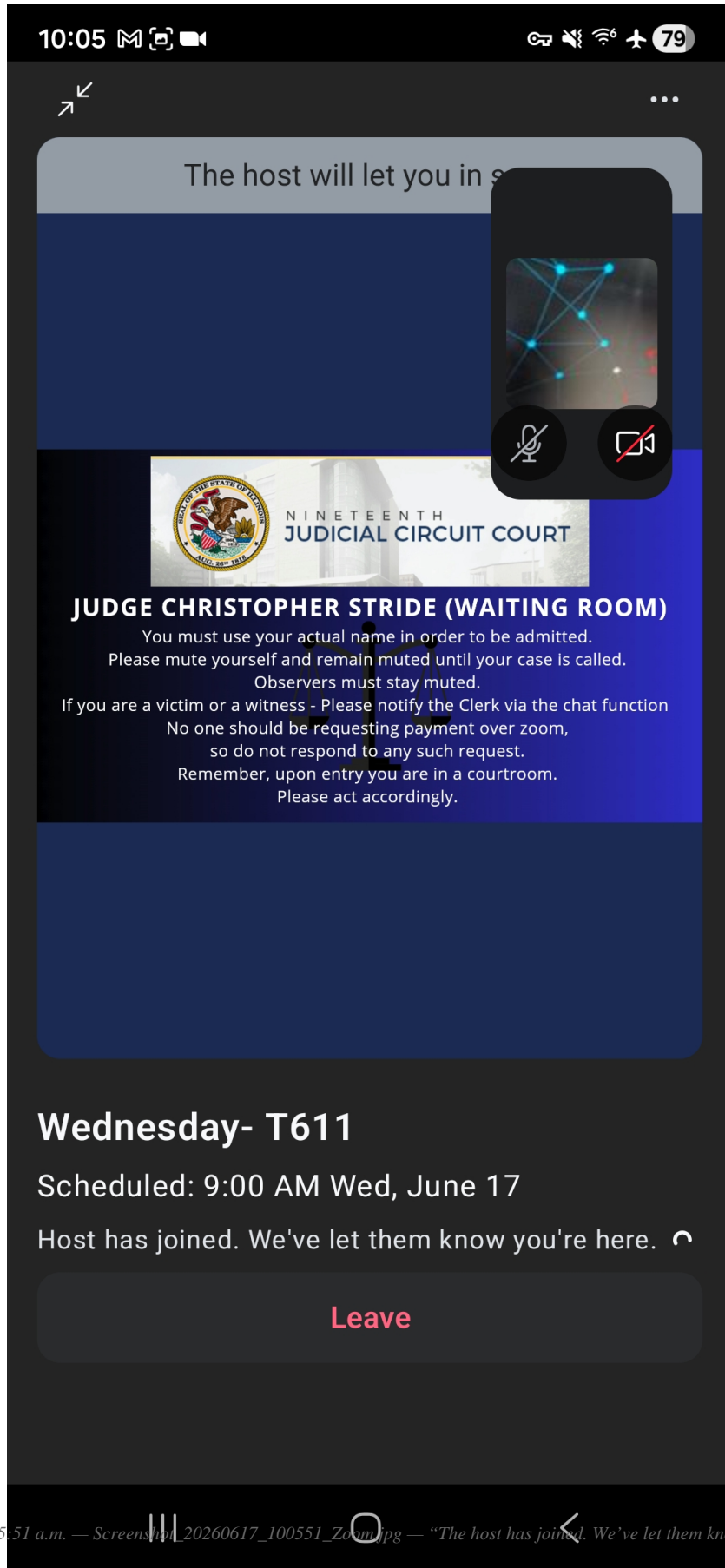
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Captured 10:05:51 a.m. — Screenshot_20260617_100551_Zoom.jpg — "The host has joined. We've let them know you're here."

EXHIBIT C

EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY — NOTICE, MOTION, AND PROPOSED ORDER

Filed June 16, 2026 for the June 17, 2026 hearing — the document Respondent refused to rule on: the stay that would have protected Complainant from arrest during the very hearing Respondent conducted in his absence, declared “a nullity”, and then terminated

WHY THIS EXHIBIT MATTERS:

This 5-page packet is the document Complainant served on the court, the prosecutor (Shepherd), the Public Defender’s Office (Ticsay and Russell), and the Clerk on June 16, 2026, giving notice of his appearance at the June 17 remote hearing and requesting an emergency stay of the zero-bond warrant pending the already-scheduled quash hearing. It is the objective documentary record that establishes three independently dispositive facts: (1) Complainant gave formal notice and appeared at the hearing he was later accused of evading; (2) the Proposed Order — drafted by Complainant and served on all parties — demonstrates exactly what relief was requested and how modest and procedural it was: a brief interim stay, nothing more; and (3) the Certificate of Service proves that all parties, including the Public Defender’s Office that later wrote to Complainant about a proceeding he was not permitted to participate in, were served with the identical document. The court had this document before it during the June 17 hearing. The court did not rule on it. The court did not stay the warrant. The warrant remains active.

KEY FACTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS EXHIBIT:

- 5 pages: Notice of Motion (p. 1), Emergency Motion to Stay (pp. 2–3), [Proposed] Order (p. 4), Certificate of Service (p. 5)
- Filed and served on June 16, 2026 — one day before the June 17 remote hearing
- Served on ASA Nicholas Shepherd, Gregory C. Ticsay (Chief PD), Bailey C. Russell (Asst. PD), and the Circuit Clerk
- Requests only interim relief: a stay of warrant execution until the already-scheduled quash hearing
- Includes the Certificate of Service proving service on all parties — the same parties who discussed Complainant’s case in his absence
- The Proposed Order at page 4 was formatted for immediate entry; Respondent declined to sign it

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Defendant, Pro Se.

General No.: **23 CF 1146**

Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit
Lake County, Illinois

Judge: **HON. CHRISTOPHER R. STRIDE**
Courtroom: **T-611**

NOTICE OF MOTION — EMERGENCY

Emergency Motion to Stay Execution of the Zero-Bond Warrant Pending Hearing

TO: Nicholas Shepherd, Assistant State’s Attorney (nshepherd@lakecountyil.gov); Lake County Public Defender’s Office — Gregory C. Ticsay (GTicsay@lakecountyil.gov) and Bailey C. Russell (BRussell@lakecountyil.gov); and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County (CircuitClerk@lakecountyil.gov; Lake County Court Portal).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned Defendant, appearing *pro se*, will appear before the Honorable Christopher R. Stride at the 9:00 a.m. call of Courtroom T-611 and present the attached **EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY EXECUTION OF THE ZERO-BOND WARRANT PENDING HEARING**, together with a one-page [Proposed] Order, a copy of each being served upon you herewith. Defendant will appear **telephonically** via the Court’s authorized infrastructure for Courtroom T-611 (Dial-in (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID 835 2271 3472, Passcode 206126).

This matter is presented on an **emergency basis and shortened notice** because the zero-bond warrant is active **today** and Defendant may be taken into custody at any moment — including before his Emergency Motion to Quash can be heard the week of June 22, 2026. The Clerk and Court Coordinator are requested to confirm the 9:00 a.m. setting and transmit verified remote-access credentials to defcon5ready@gmail.com forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ehab Allababidi

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**EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY EXECUTION OF THE
ZERO-BOND WARRANT PENDING HEARING**

Submitted Pro Se — Interim Relief Only, Pending the Hearing on Defendant’s Motion to Quash

EMERGENCY NATURE OF THIS MOTION.

A zero-bond bench warrant issued May 28, 2026 is **active now**; armed officers attempted to execute it at Defendant’s residence on June 6, 2026. Defendant has a separate Emergency Motion to Quash that warrant, which the Court has set to be heard the week of June 22, 2026. Without an immediate stay, Defendant can be arrested at any time during the intervening week — including on his way to the very hearing at which the warrant would be quashed — which would moot that hearing and inflict the exact harm the quash motion seeks to prevent. This motion asks only for **interim protection**: a stay of execution until the quash motion is heard.

BACKGROUND.

1. Defendant has proceeded *pro se* since October 6, 2025. The Lake County Public Defender’s Office confirmed in writing on June 16, 2026 that it does not represent him, and the Court acknowledged his *pro se* status on the record that day.
2. The zero-bond warrant issued May 28, 2026 recites “PD APPOINTED” on its face, and the Circuit Clerk has refused Defendant’s *pro se* filings on the ground that the Public Defender’s Office remains counsel of record — an office that disclaims representing him.
3. Defendant’s Emergency Motion to Quash the warrant (filed separately) is set for hearing the week of June 22, 2026. This stay is sought solely to preserve that hearing from being mooted by an intervening arrest.

ARGUMENT.

A. The Court has inherent authority to stay execution of its own warrant. A court retains control over its own process and may recall or stay execution of a bench warrant it has issued. A brief interim stay — lasting only until the already-scheduled quash hearing — is the most modest exercise of that authority, and it preserves rather than alters the status quo.

B. A stay is necessary to protect the Court’s own hearing and Defendant’s right to be heard. Due process guarantees a meaningful opportunity to be heard, *Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471 (1972), and the Sixth Amendment guarantees Defendant the right to conduct his own defense, *Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975). Both are defeated if Defendant is taken into custody on the warrant before the quash motion is heard. The State suffers no prejudice from a one-week stay: the matter is already set, and Defendant is not a flight risk — he is the party seeking the hearing.

RELIEF REQUESTED.

1 Defendant respectfully requests that the Court enter the attached one-page [Proposed] Order: (1)
2 staying execution of the May 28, 2026 zero-bond warrant until the hearing on Defendant’s Emergency
3 Motion to Quash; (2) directing the Clerk to notify the Lake County Sheriff and the Illinois State Police that
4 no arrest shall be made under the warrant pending that hearing; (3) recognizing Defendant’s pro se status
5 and directing the Clerk to accept his filings; and (4) granting leave to appear by telephone and directing
6 transmission of verified credentials at least 48 hours before any setting.

7 **VERIFICATION (735 ILCS 5/1-109).** Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the
8 Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this Motion are true and
9 correct, except as to matters stated on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies
10 that he verily believes the same to be true.

11 Respectfully submitted,

12 /s/ Ehab Allababidi

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[PROPOSED] ORDER STAYING EXECUTION OF THE ZERO-BOND WARRANT

Interim Relief Pending the Hearing on Defendant's Emergency Motion to Quash

THIS MATTER coming before the Court on Defendant's Emergency Motion to Stay Execution of the Zero-Bond Warrant Pending Hearing, Defendant appearing *pro se*, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 1. Warrant Execution STAYED.** Execution of the zero-bond bench warrant issued May 28, 2026 in this cause is STAYED until the hearing on Defendant's Emergency Motion to Quash, set for the week of June 22, 2026. No arrest or detention shall be made under this warrant pending that hearing.
- 2. Law-Enforcement Notice.** The Clerk shall immediately transmit notice of this stay to the Lake County Sheriff and the Illinois State Police, directing that the warrant not be executed pending further order of the Court.
- 3. Pro Se Status Recognized.** Defendant is recognized as proceeding *pro se*, effective October 6, 2025. The Clerk shall accept and docket Defendant's submissions without requiring an attorney's signature block as a condition of filing.
- 4. Remote Appearance.** Defendant is granted leave to appear by telephone or video. The Clerk and Court Coordinator shall transmit verified remote-access credentials, and the date and time of the hearing, to defcon5ready@gmail.com no later than forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

ENTERED: _____

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. STRIDE

Circuit Judge, 19th Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois

*Prepared and submitted by Ehab Allababidi, Defendant, Pro Se — 8516 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60656 —
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on June 16, 2026, he served the foregoing **Notice of Motion, Emergency Motion to Stay Execution of the Zero-Bond Warrant Pending Hearing, and [Proposed] Order** by electronic mail upon the persons listed below. **Service by electronic mail is an authorized and the default manner of service under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 11(c)**, and proof of service is made under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 12. The foregoing documents were additionally tendered for filing of record through the Lake County Court electronic portal, including the [Proposed] Order submitted via the portal's proposed-order upload:

- **Nicholas Shepherd**, Assistant State's Attorney, Lake County — nshepherd@lakecountyil.gov
- **Gregory C. Ticsay**, Chief Public Defender — GTicsay@lakecountyil.gov
- **Bailey C. Russell**, Assistant Public Defender — BRussell@lakecountyil.gov
- **Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County** — CircuitClerk@lakecountyil.gov; and tendered via the Lake County Court Portal for filing of record

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ehab Allababidi

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