

EXHIBIT 2

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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DAVID FLOYD, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, *et al.*,

Defendants.
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No. 08 Civ. 1034 (AT)

DECLARATION OF CRYSTAL POPE

I, Crystal Pope, pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746 and subject to the penalties of perjury, state the following is true and correct:

1. I am a 30 year old, Black woman who lives in Hamilton Heights, in Manhattan. This is a neighborhood in the City of New York.
2. On April 4, 2020, I was walking in my neighborhood in the vicinity of 143rd Street and Hamilton Place just before 7:00 pm when I observed the police dispersing a group of several adolescent Black boys, approximately 11-14 years old. I had heard the police were enforcing social distancing guidelines and believed it was part of that. Two uniformed police officers were shooing about ten young boys away. I have a son about that age and I had seen these boys in the neighborhood previously.
3. As the boys dispersed, I was walking toward 144th Street and Hamilton Place. The police officers walked into an apartment building at 135 Hamilton Place. Two of the neighborhood boys also walked into the building behind the police.

4. As I was walking to the building, I could see a police officer choking one of the kids they had dispersed through the window. One police officer was in the vestibule area and the other police officer was in the lobby area, lifting one of the young boys from the neighborhood up by the neck and choking him.

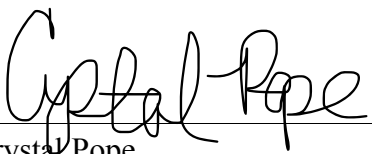
5. At that time, I opened the door to enter the building. Immediately after I opened the door, I was maced by the police.

6. I have lived in my neighborhood my entire life. In my area, there is a lot of police brutality. Before the incident even occurred, I was thinking, "God forbid something happens," as I entered the building and saw the police officer lifting the boy by his neck. I later learned that the police officers had noticed the boys behind them when they reached the elevator, had immediately turned, stated, "Why are you walking behind me?", and grabbed one of them by the throat.

7. I became aware that some of the officers' body-worn cameras were on at the time of this incident. I was informed that others in the area sought the police officers' names and badge numbers to no avail. People in the vicinity were telling the police loudly that they were supposed to provide their names and badge numbers. After I finished rinsing out my eyes, I was informed that the police had refused to provide their names or badge numbers to anyone.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: New York, New York
May 25, 2020



Crystal Pope