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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

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ANGEL PERALTA ORDONEZ,

Plaintiff,

Index No.

505984/

-against-

2023

BOERUM HILL 82 LLC, KLEIN'S SAFETY, INC., and TARGET CONSTRUCTION LLC,

Defendants.

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BOERUM HILL 82 LLC, and TARGET CONSTRUCTION LLC,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

-against-

SHH MANAGEMENT a/k/a SPARKLEENING,

Third-Party Defendants.

Zoom Meeting

DATE: October 31, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of ANGEL PERALTA

Page 2 ORDONEZ, the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, taken by the Defendant, held at the above time and place before Janine Alto, a Notary Public within and for the State of New York, pursuant to Order.

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- 2 questioning.
- 3 THAT a deponent shall answer all
- 4 questions at a deposition, except (i) to preserve
- 5 a privilege or right of confidentiality, (ii) to
- 6 enforce a limitation set forth in an order of a
- 7 court, or (iii) when the question is plainly
- 8 improper and would, if answered, cause significant
- 9 prejudice to any person. An attorney shall not
- 10 direct a deponent not to answer except as provided
- 11 in CPLR Rule 3115 or this subdivision. Any
- 12 refusal to answer or direction not to answer shall
- 13 be accompanied by a succinct and clear statement
- 14 of the basis therefore. If the deponent does not
- 15 answer a question, the examining party shall have
- 16 the right to complete the remainder of the
- 17 deposition.
- 18 THAT an attorney shall not interrupt the
- 19 deposition for the purpose of communicating with
- 20 the deponent unless all parties consent or the
- 21 communication is made for the purpose of
- 22 determining whether the question should not be
- 23 answered on the grounds set forth in section 221.2
- 24 or these rules and, in such event, the reason for
- 25 the communication shall be stated for the record

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2	succinctly and clearly.
3	THAT failure to object to any question or
4	to move to strike any testimony at this
5	examination shall not be a bar or waiver to make
6	such objection or motion at the time of the trial
7	of this action, and is hereby reserved; and
8	THAT this examination may be signed and
9	sworn to by the witness examined herein before any
10	Notary Public, but failure to do so or to return
11	the original of the examination to the attorney on
12	whose behalf the examination is taken shall not be
13	deemed a waiver of the rights provided by Rules
14	3116 and 3117 of the CPLR, and shall be controlled
15	thereby, and
16	THAT certification and filing of the
17	original of this examination are waived; and
18	THAT the questioning attorney shall
19	provide counsel for the witness examined herein
20	with a copy of this examination at no charge.
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23	Pedro Jimenez		
24	Legal World Interpreting Spanish Interpreter		
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1	Angel Peralta Ordonez 7
2	THE REPORTER: Good morning.
3	Since we are holding this deposition
4	virtually, via Zoom, do all Counsel
5	stipulate on the record that the witness
6	can be sworn in virtually and the
7	testimony can be taken down virtually?
8	MR. SVERDLOVE: So stipulated.
9	MS. DUFFY: So stipulated.
10	MR. KIPNIS: So stipulated.
11	MR. MENESES: So stipulated.
12	THE REPORTER: Mr. Kipnis and Mr.
13	Meneses, will you be ordering copies of
14	the transcript?
15	MR. KIPNIS: Yes.
16	MR. MENESES: Yes.
17	THE REPORTER: Pursuant to the
18	new New York Notary Law, I will ask the
19	witness to produce identification for the
20	record.
21	(Whereupon, at this time, the
22	witness produced his Republic of Ecuador
23	identification.)
24	PEDRO JIMINEZ, the interpreter herein,
25	having been duly sworn to translate from

Page 8 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 8 2 Spanish to English and English to Spanish by a 3 Notary Public in and for the State of New York, translated as follows: 5 ANGEL PERALTA ORDONEZ, called as 6 a witness, having been first sworn through the 7 interpreter, was examined and testified as follows: 9 EXAMINATION BY 10 MS. DUFFY: 11 Q. Would you please state your full 12 name for the record? 13 Though Interpreter.. 14 Angel Peralta Ordonez. Α. 15 Q. What is your current address? 16 Α. 479 William Floyd, Shirley, New 17 York 11967. Good morning, sir. My name is 18 Q. Nicola Duffy and I represent some of the 19 20 defendants in this case. I'm going to ask you a 21 series of questions today concerning the 22 accident on November 8th of 2022. I'm just 23 going to ask that you answer the questions

verbally and that you wait for the question to

be translated to you before answering, okay?

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Page 9 9 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. Sir, have you had any medication, any drugs or alcohol, that may affect your 5 ability to testify today? 6 Yes. I've been taking medicine, Α. but I don't know the name. 7 Does that affect your ability to 9 testify? 10 No. Α. 11 The medicine that you took, what Q. was it for? 12 13 For the pains in my body. Α. 14 Was that prescribed to you by any Ο. 15 doctor? 16 Α. The doctors from the therapy. 17 Q. What's the name of the doctor 18 that prescribed this medication? 19 I do not know his name. 20 When did you take this Q. 2.1 medication? 22 Α. I take it every day. 23 Did you take it today? Ο. 24 No, I did not take it today. Α. 25 always take it around 2:00 p.m.

Page 10 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 10 2 So would I be correct in assuming Ο. 3 that the last time that you took this medication was 2:00 p.m. yesterday? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. Other than any conversations with 7 your attorney, did you do anything to prepare 8 for the deposition today? 9 Α. I'm sorry, I did not hear you 10 properly. 11 Did you review any documents in Q. preparation for today's deposition? 12 13 No. Α. 14 Did you speak to anybody other Ο. 15 than your attorney about the deposition today? 16 Α. I have not spoken with anybody; 17 just with my lawyer. 18 Sir, do you speak any English at Q. 19 all? 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Are you able to understand 22 English at all? 23 (No verbal response given). Α. 24 Sir, you must keep all your Q. 25 answers verbal.

Page 11 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 11 2 No, that's what I said. Α. I don't know how to speak English. 3 Ο. Can you give me your full name, 5 please? Angel Fernando Peralta Ordonez. 6 Α. 7 Do you have any nicknames? Q. 8 Α. No. 9 Q. Sir, are you currently married? 10 No. Α. 11 Earlier you said that your wife Q. 12 was going to send you a photograph of your ID? She's my girlfriend. 13 Α. 14 Okay. Have you ever been Ο. 15 married? 16 Α. No. 17 Sir, do you have a Social Q. 18 Security number? 19 Α. No. 20 What is your birthday? We will Q. 21 only put the year on the record. 22 Α. 2004. 23 Where were you born? Q. 24 Ecuador. Guayaquil. Α. 25 When did you come to the United Q.

Page 12 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 12 2 States? 2022. 3 Α. Q. Sir, do you know the month that 5 you came? 6 September. Α. 7 How did you come to the United 8 States? 9 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my 10 objection. I'm going to direct him not 11 to answer that. 12 MR. KIPNIS: She's not asking 13 about immigration status. She's asking 14 how he came to the United States. It's a 15 completely appropriate question. 16 MR. MENESES: I agree. 17 MR. SVERDLOVE: I will allow that 18 question. 19 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, 20 Counsel, I didn't hear that. Are you 2.1 allowing him to answer? 22 MR. SVERDLOVE: Yes, he can 23 answer that question. 24 Through the border. I have no Α. 25 documents.

Page 13 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 13 2 Have you been in New York since Ο. September of 2022? 3 4 Α. Yes. 5 The address that you gave, 479 William Floyd, how long have you been residing 6 7 at that address? Five months ago. 9 Ο. Prior to living at William Floyd, 10 where did you live? 11 Before living there, I lived Α. somewhere else where I don't remember the 12 13 address very well. It was, like, around 112. 14 Sir, how many addresses have you Ο. 15 lived at in New York? 16 Α. Like, three. 17 Q. When you first came to New York, 18 do you recall the address that you lived at? 19 Α. Yes. 20 What is that address? Q. 2.1 Α. 110-36 Corona Avenue. 22 How long did you live at that Ο. 23 address? 24 Three months. Α. 25 Did you live there with anybody? Q.

Page 14 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 14 2 Α. Yes, with my father. 3 Ο. When you left there, do you recall where you went? 5 Yes. I went to 112-03 College Α. Point. 6 7 Q. How long did you live at the 8 College Point address? 9 Α. I lived there, like, two months. 10 Q. Did you live there with anybody? 11 With my father. Α. 12 Do you recall where you were Q. 13 living at the time of this accident in November 14 of 2022? 15 Yes. In Corona, Queens. 16 Q. Have you ever lived at 114-45 17 180th Street Jamaica? 18 Α. Yes. 19 When did you live there? Q. 20 When? Α. 21 Q. Yes. 22 Α. Like, seven, eight, months ago. 23 My father lived there with me. 24 Have you lived at any other Q. 25 address in New York?

Page 15 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 15 2 No. Only 469 William Floyd where Α. I'm currently living today. 3 4 Ο. Does anyone live at William Floyd 5 with you? Yes, my girlfriend, nobody else. 6 Α. 7 What's your girlfriend's name? Q. 8 Maria Ingracia. I-N-G-R-A-C-I-A. 9 MR. KIPNIS: What is the town of 10 the William Floyd address? 11 MS. DUFFY: Shirley. 12 Sir, have you ever been deposed Q. before? 13 14 No. Α. 15 Q. The address at William Floyd, is 16 that an apartment or a house or something else? 17 It's a house. Α. 18 Q. Are there stairs to get into the 19 house? 20 Α. No. 2.1 Are there stairs in the house? Q. 22 Α. No. 23 So it's a single-story house, Q. 24 correct? 25 Α. Yes.

Page 16 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 16 2 Do you own or rent that house? Q. I rent. 3 Α. What is your monthly rent? Q. 5 Like, \$900. Α. Sir, what is your highest level 6 Q. 7 of education? Α. 'Til what grade I reached, right? 9 Q. Yes. 10 Ninth grade. Α. 11 Is that approximately age 12 or Q. 12 13? 13 No, that's when I was, like, 16, Α. 14 17. 15 Q. Have you undertaken any courses 16 in construction? 17 Only the OSHA courses. Α. 18 Q. Have you done any 19 apprenticeships? 20 Only the OSHA courses. Α. 21 Q. What OSHA courses have you done? 22 Α. Related to construction. For 23 instance, like, the clothing you're supposed to 24 wear, all of that. 25 Where did you take these courses? Q.

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2	Α.	When I first arrived.
3	Q.	My question is where did you take
4	these courses?	
5	А.	There in Corona in Queens.
6	Q.	Was this in a classroom?
7	А.	Yes.
8	Q.	Were the courses in Spanish?
9	А.	Yes.
10	Q.	Can you approximate how many
11	hours of course	es that you did?
12	А.	I did 32.
13	Q.	Did the courses include fall
14	protection?	
15	А.	Yes.
16	Q.	Safety equipment?
17	А.	Yeah, all of that.
18	Q.	Okay. Sir, what is your height?
19	А.	I would not be able to say.
20	Q.	Do you know what height you are?
21	Α.	Approximately 1 meter 60
22	centimeters.	
23	Q.	What is your weight?
24	А.	Weight is 170.
25	Q.	Has your weight changed since the

Page 18 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 18 2 date of the accident? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Q. Have you lost weight or gained 5 weight? 6 I've gained. Α. 7 Are you claiming that you've Q. 8 gained weight as a result of your injuries? 9 Α. I don't know really. 10 Q. Are you right-handed or 11 left-handed? 12 Righty. Α. 13 Sir, do you wear any type of Ο. glasses or contact lenses ever? 14 15 Α. When I was more little, yes, I 16 used glasses. 17 Q. Do you have to use glasses now? 18 Α. No. 19 Sir, when you came to New York in Q. 20 September of 2022, did you begin working 21 immediately? 22 I started to work, like, two 23 months after, more or less. 24 When you first started working, Q. 25 who were you employed by?

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                      I started in a construction
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     company.
            Q.
                     Do you know the name of that
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     company?
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                      I do not know the name.
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                     What was your role with that
            Q.
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     company?
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            Α.
                     How do I explain? Helper.
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                      MS. DUFFY: Can I get that answer
            read back?
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                      (Whereupon, the record was read
13
            as requested.)
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                     How long were you working for
            Ο.
15
     this company?
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            Α.
                      I worked for them for, like,
17
     about three months.
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                     Was this the company that you
            Q.
19
     were working for at the time of your accident?
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                      THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, can
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            I get a read back?
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                      (Whereupon, the record was read
23
            as requested.)
24
            Α.
                     No.
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                     As a helper for this company,
            Q.
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Page 20 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 20 2 what did you do? 3 Pass material, pick up garbage, things like that. 5 Were you located at one Q. particular job site? 6 7 What do you mean, more or less? Α. 8 I did not understand that part. 9 Ο. When you were working for this 10 company, did you go to the same job site every 11 day? 12 Yes. Α. 13 Where was this job site? Q. 14 I'm sorry. Which company are you Α. 15 talking about? Where I suffered my accident or 16 where I worked before my accident? 17 Q. Where you were working before 18 your accident. 19 I don't remember the location. Α. 20 Did you receive any training with Q. 21 that company? 22 Α. No. 23 When did you leave that company? Q. 24 When did I leave? Α. 25 Q. Yes.

Page 21 Angel Peralta Ordonez 1 21 2 Α. I don't remember, to tell you the 3 truth. Ο. The company that you were working 5 for at the time of your accident, do you know 6 what that company was called? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. What was the name of that 9 company? 10 Α. Sparkleening. 11 What type of company was Q. 12 Sparkleening? 13 A cleaning company for buildings Α. 14 that were under construction. 15 How long were you working for Ο. 16 Sparkleening? 17 Α. I worked for them for, like, two 18 weeks, and then I suffered my accident. 19 When you began working for Q. 20 Sparkleening, did you undergo any training? 2.1 Α. No. 22 Q. What was your role with 23 Sparkleening? 24 Α. Cleaning. 25 Can you explain? Q.

Page 22 Angel Peralta Ordonez 1 22 2 Α. Cleaning the garbage that the other workers would leave, cleaning the floors, 3 things like that. 5 Did you have someone that you Q. reported to? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. What was that person's name? 9 Α. Chris. 10 Do you know his last name? Q. 11 No. Α. Do you know if Chris had a title? 12 Q. 13 Α. I don't know. 14 Do you know if there was a Ο. 15 foreman for Sparkleening at this company? 16 Α. Foreman? 17 Q. Yes. 18 All I know is that Chris was Α. 19 manager. 20 Were you working at the same job Q. 21 site for the two weeks prior to your accident? 22 Α. Yes. 23 And, did Chris tell you what to Ο. 24 do at this job site? 25 Yes, they would tell us what we Α.

Page 23 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 23 2 needed to do. 3 0. And, that would involve cleaning the floors and taking out garbage I think you 5 said; is that correct? 6 Yes. Α. 7 What time did you begin work at Q. this particular job site for Sparkleening? 9 Α. What time? 10 Yes, what time did you start Q. 11 work? At 8:00, 7:00. 12 Α. 13 And, what time did you typically Q. 14 finish work? 15 At 5:00. Α. 16 Q. How many days a week did you 17 work? 18 From Monday through Friday. Α. 19 When you first came to this job Q. 20 site, was it 82 4th Avenue? 21 Α. Yes. 22 When you first presented to 82 Ο. 23 4th Avenue, did you are undergo any type of 24 orientation? 25 No, they just made me fill out Α.

Page 24 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 24 2 some papers, they made me sign, and they put me to work. 3 O. Did Sparkleening have an office 5 at this job site? 6 Α. No. 7 Did you attend any types of Q. 8 meetings at this job site with Sparkleening? 9 Α. No. 10 Can you describe a typical day at Q. 11 this job site? 12 I'm sorry, I don't understand Α. 13 that part. 14 Okay. You would get to work at Ο. 15 7:00 or 8:00 a.m.; is that correct? 16 Α. Yes. 17 When you would first get to work, Q. 18 what would you do? 19 They would just send me to pick 20 up the garbage. 21 Who would send you to pick up the Q. 22 garbage?

The manager.

Yes.

Was that Chris?

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Α.

Q.

Α.

Page 25 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 25 2 When you first got to the job Ο. site, did you look for Chris or did you know 3 where he would be or something else? 5 No, we didn't look for him. 6 would send us through text messages what we 7 needed to do. Ο. Was Chris at the job site? 9 Α. Yes, sometimes he would go. 10 If Chris was not there, was there Q. 11 someone else that you would report to? 12 There was another coworker who they would call. She was in charge of the 13 14 groups. 15 Q. Do you recall her name? 16 Α. No, I do not remember her name. 17 Did she work for Sparkleening? Q. 18 Α. Yes. 19 Are you able to describe what she Q. 20 looks like? 2.1 She was short, dark-skinned. Α. 22 Ο. Can you approximate what age she 23 was? 24 23 years old. Α. 25 After you would take out the Q.

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- 2 garbage, would you then speak to either this
- 3 lady or Chris about what else you needed to do?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. After you took out the garbage,
- 6 what would you do?
- 7 A. After we took out the garbage, we
- 8 would go to our break.
- 9 Q. What time did you typically take
- 10 a break at?
- 11 A. Between 12:00 and 12:30.
- 12 Q. After your break, what would you
- 13 do?
- 14 A. Chris would go to the boss of the
- 15 group, and then she would write to us telling us
- 16 what we needed to do.
- 17 MS. DUFFY: Janine, can I get
- 18 that answer read back?
- 19 (Whereupon, the record was read
- as requested.)
- 21 Q. Would she write to you in
- 22 Spanish?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And, what type of things would
- 25 you do after your break that Chris or this lady

Page 27 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 27 2 would be telling you to do? 3 We would go clean the remaining Α. floors that still needed cleaning. 5 What time did you finish work? Q. At 5:00 we would be. 6 Α. 7 Did you have to sign in or out of Q. 8 this job site? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Ο. Your accident occurred on 11 November 8th of 2022; is that correct? 12 Yes. Α. 13 Do you know what day of the week Ο. 14 that was? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Do you know the time that your 17 accident took place on that day? 18 Around 10:00; around there. Α. 19 So when the accident took place, Ο. 20 were you taking out garbage? 2.1 Α. Yes. 22 Do you know what stage of Ο. 23 construction this building was at? 24 On what floor? Α. 25 Was the building enclosed? Q.

Page 28 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 28 2 Α. Inside, for instance, they were 3 just putting up the wood. Were there windows installed? 4 Q. 5 Α. Yes. Were there staircases installed? 6 Q. 7 Yes, everything was constructed. Α. 8 The stairways, everything. 9 Ο. Were there elevators in this 10 building? 11 Α. There were elevators, but they 12 were still not functioning. 13 Do you know how many stories this Q. 14 building was? 15 Α. I don't remember how many floors 16 it had. 17 Do you recall where in the Q. 18 building your accident took place? 19 In which building? 20 Was there more than one building Q.

- 21 at this job site?
- A. Around it there were other
- 23 buildings.
- Q. Were you working at the other
- 25 buildings also?

Page 29 29 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 Α. No. 3 Ο. Do you remember where in the building you were working at when you had your 5 accident? 6 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my objection 7 to form. On what floor I was in? 9 Ο. Yes. 10 I was on the third floor going Α. 11 down to the second. 12 Were you on a staircase? Q. I'm sorry? 13 Α. 14 Were you on a staircase? Ο. 15 Α. Yes, I was going down the 16 stairway. 17 What were you wearing on the day Q. 18 of the accident? 19 Hard hat, my work boots with 20 steel toe. I had a shirt on, green shirt; and 21 pants, long pants. 22 Do you recall if Chris was on the Ο. 23 site on the day of your accident? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Had Chris directed your work that Q.

Page 30 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 30 2 morning? 3 MR. MENESES: Note my objection. Α. Yes. 5 What did he tell you to do? Q. That we had to clean all the 6 Α. 7 floors and at the end, we needed to bring down 8 the garbage bags. 9 Ο. I believe you said that the 10 accident happened at around 10:00 a.m.? 11 10:00 to 11:00. Α. 12 Had you taken out any garbage Q. 13 prior to your accident happening? 14 No, we hadn't taken out garbage Α. yet. We were just bringing the garbage bags 15 16 down. 17 Where were you bringing the Q. 18 garbage bags from? 19 We were coming down from, like, 20 the terrace. Like, the part that's really high 21 up, like, from the last floor. 22 Ο. Do you know how many floors you 23 came down? 24 I came down, like, four floors. Α. Were you carrying the garbage 25 Q.

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- 2 down all four floors?
- 3 A. Yes. We had to bring down the
- 4 garbage to bring it out.
- 5 Q. When you were directed to take
- 6 the garbage out on this particular day, did you
- 7 take it from a specific floor all the way to the
- 8 ground floor?
- 9 MR. MENESES: Note my objection.
- 10 A. We had to bring down the garbage
- 11 from all the floors.
- 12 Q. Sir, did you bring it down from
- one floor to the floor below, and then collect
- 14 the garbage from the floor below, and then bring
- 15 down the garbage to the next floor, or something
- 16 else? Can you explain how it was done, please?
- 17 A. We would start with the highest
- 18 floor down, and we would go cleaning downwards.
- 19 We would bring the bags, like, two floors down
- 20 each time, and clean the floor above, and clean
- 21 the floor that way.
- Q. How many people were working for
- 23 Sparkleening on this job on that date?
- 24 A. Um, five.
- Q. Do you recall their names?

Page 32 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 32 2 Α. No. 3 Ο. Prior to the accident happening, had you taken any garbage from the third floor 5 to the second floor? 6 No, it was the last one. Α. 7 Q. Had anyone else from Sparkleening taken garbage from the third floor to the second 9 floor? 10 Yes. Α. 11 Do you know when they had taken Q. 12 the garbage from the third floor to the second floor? 13 14 I'm sorry, what? Α. 15 Do you know when they had taken Ο. 16 the garbage from the third floor to the second 17 floor? 18 Α. When? 19 When. Q. 20 A. When we had finished cleaning the floor above. We only need to, like, finish 21 22 taking that garbage out to finish the day. 23 Had they taken the garbage out Ο. 24 right before you took the garbage down those

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stairs?

Page 33 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 33 2 Α. No. How long prior to you taking the 3 0. 4 garbage out had they taken the garbage out? 5 I'm sorry, how long what? Α. 6 Q. You said that other people from 7 Sparkleening had taken garbage out prior to you 8 taking the garbage from the third floor to the 9 second floor; is that correct? 10 We were all bringing down Α. No. 11 garbage because there was a lot. 12 Did all five Sparkleening 0. 13 employees take the garbage out around the same 14 time? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. And, you were the last to come 17 down those stairs between the third floor and 18 the second floor? 19 No. Α. 20 Q. Do you know how many people took 2.1 the garbage out prior to you going down those 22 stairs? 23 Behind me there was, like, Α. Yeah. 24 two more people coming down. 25 Okay. Where did you get the Q.

Page 34 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 34 2 garbage bags from? 3 Α. Those were garbage bags that we were bringing down from the third floor to 5 finish. 6 Q. Were the garbage bags kept in a particular location at the job site and you 7 8 would then fill them up? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Where were they kept? Q. 11 We would leave them, like, one Α. 12 floor before the floor that we were going to 13 clean. 14 Ο. Did Chris or this lady give them to you at the beginning of each day? 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 Ο. The staircase between the third 18 and the second floor, how was the lighting in 19 this area? 20 The light; yes, you could see it. Α.

that you saw prior to walking down the stairs?

They were dirty.

They had, like, debris.

Was there anything on the stairs

When you say they were dirty --

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Q.

Α.

Page 35 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 35 2 What type of debris was on the Ο. stairs? 3 Α. It had, like, pieces of wood 5 thrown around; pieces of blocks. It was the things that they would cut. 6 7 Is this the type of thing that Q. 8 Sparkleening would clean up? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Was someone from Sparkleening Ο. 11 supposed to clean the stairs prior to you guys 12 using the stairs? 13 MR. MENESES: Note my objection. 14 Α. I would not be able to say. 15 Q. When your accident happened, how 16 many garbage bags were you carrying? 17 Two. Α. 18 Was it one in each hand? Q. 19 Α. Yes. 20 Can you approximate the weight of Q. 21 each of those garbage bags? 22 Approximate weight, I wouldn't be 23 able to say, but they were heavy. 24 MR. MENESES: I'm sorry, I missed 25 how many bags he was carrying.

Page 36 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 36 2 MS. DUFFY: Two. 3 Q. Was that answer they were not 4 heavy? 5 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter 6 speaking, I believe he said they were. 7 They were heavy. Sir, on your Q. 8 way down the stairs from the third floor to the 9 second floor, do you recall what step you were 10 on when you had your accident? 11 I was, like, going down, like, on Α. 12 the third step. I was going down on the third 13 step. 14 You were on the third step from Ο. 15 the top? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Were you holding onto anything Q. 18 other than the garbage bags? 19 No, nothing else. Just the Α. 20 garbage bag. 2.1 Was there a banister on the Ο. 22 staircase? 23 I don't remember. Α. Were the garbage bags trailing on 24 Q. the floor? 25

Page 37 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 37 2 MR. KIPNIS: Can you repeat that 3 question? 4 MS. DUFFY: I'll withdraw it. 5 Q. Sir, as you were walking down the stairs, were the garbage bags on the ground in 7 any way? 8 I'm sorry, what? 9 Ο. As you walked down the stairs, 10 did the garbage bags touch the floor in any fashion? 11 12 No. Α. 13 Did you have both garbage bags in Q. 14 your arms? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. Did any portion of the garbage 17 bags tear as you walked down the stairs? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Do you know what caused them to Q. 20 tear? 21 The, like, pieces of wood that Α. 22 had nails on them and all that. 23 Were these pieces of wood inside Ο. 24 the garbage bags? 25 Α. Yes.

Page 38 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 38 2 And, as you walked down the Ο. 3 stairs, did anything fall out of these garbage 4 bags? 5 Yeah, it would break, like, part Α. 6 of the garbage would stay on the floor. 7 Q. Can you read that answer back? 8 (Whereupon, the record was read 9 as requested.) 10 Did any of these pieces of Q. 11 garbage or wood hit you as they fell? 12 I'm sorry, what? Α. 13 Did anything that fell out of the Ο. 14 garbage bag hit you as it fell out? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Did you trip over anything that 17 fell out of the garbage bag? 18 Α. Yes. 19 What did you trip over? Q. 20 A piece of wood. Α. 2.1 Q. Was this piece of wood on the 22 third step? 23 Yeah, it was there. The whole 24 stairway was dirty. 25 Sir, did you not just say that Q.

Page 39 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 39 2 something fell out of the bag and that was what 3 you tripped on? MR. MENESES: I just want to note 5 for the record that I'm going to move to 6 strike the portions that were not 7 responsive to that question. 8 Yes. 9 Q. When you fell, did you fall 10 forwards? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Did any part of your body hit the Q. 13 stairs? 14 Yes. Α. 15 What part of your body hit the Q. 16 stairs? 17 Both knees, neck, and back. Α. 18 Did you slide down the stairs in Q. 19 any fashion? Yes. Yes, I slid. I fell all 20 Α. 21 the way down. 22 Q. Did you drop the garbage bags? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Did the garbage bags hit you as Q. 25 you dropped them?

Page 40 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 40 2 No, they fell, like, to the side. Α. Were you wearing a tool belt? 3 Ο. Α. No, just the belt for my pants. 5 Did your hard hat fall off? Q. 6 Α. Yes. 7 Sir, have you ever heard of Q. 8 Target Construction? 9 Α. No. 10 So it would be fair to say that Q. 11 you don't know if anyone from Target 12 Construction was at this job site; would that be 13 correct? 14 No, I couldn't say. 15 Ο. Have you ever heard of a company 16 called Boerum Hill 82? 17 No. Α. 18 After this accident occurred, was Q. 19 there anyone that saw you fall? 20 Yeah, one of my coworkers saw how Α. 2.1 I fell. 22 Ο. Do you know the name of that 23 coworker? 24 I do not know his name. Α. 25 Are you able to describe him? Q.

Page 41 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 41 2 Α. Colombian, white. 3 Ο. Do you know what age, 4 approximately, he was? 5 He was, like, around 25. Α. 6 Q. Did you report this accident to 7 Chris or the lady or anybody else from 8 Sparkleening? 9 Α. Yeah, a bit after I suffered my 10 accident, Chris came over. 11 What did Chris say to you? Q. Ιf 12 anything. 13 She's the one that called the Α. 14 ambulance and everything for them to go see me. 15 Q. Did they ask you what happened? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And, what did you tell them? Q. 18 I told them that during the time Α. 19 that I was going down with the garbage bags, and 20 from the debris and the stairs being not 21 cleaned, so I told them with the debris since 22 the stairways were not cleaned, that I fell 23 because of that debris that was there. 24 Q. Did they say anything to you? 25 Α. They told me to stay there, to

Page 42 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 42 not move, that the ambulance would arrive. 2 3 Did you ever fill out an accident 0. report about the accident? 5 Not that I remember, no. Α. 6 Q. Did you ever return to this job 7 site? 8 Α. No. 9 Q. Did anyone ever tell you that you 10 took too much garbage down the stairs? 11 No. Α. 12 Have you returned to work at all? Q. 13 Α. No. 14 THE INTERPRETER: Counsel, I'm 15 sorry, any chance we can take a break? 16 MS. DUFFY: Sure. 17 MR. SVERDLOVE: Ten minutes. 18 (Whereupon, a break was held.) 19 BY MS. DUFFY: 20 Sir, after your accident Q. 21 occurred, do you know if anyone took any 22 photographs of the stairway? 23 No, I do not know. Α. 24 How much were you earning with Q. 25 Sparkleening?

Angel Peralta Ordonez 43 A. How much was I earning? Q. Yes. A. Like, 600. Q. Was that 600 a week? A. Yes. Q. And, how did you get paid? A. They deposit it directly to my account. Q. I just want to ask you again about your address, you said 479 William Place, Shirley, New York, was that correct? A. 479 William Floyd, Long Island. Q. And, other than your girlfriend, does anybody else live at 479 William Floyd?	
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15 does anybody else live at 479 William Floyd?	
16 A. The owner of the house.	
17 Q. What is the owner's name?	
18 A. Jose.	
19 Q. Do you know his last name?	
20 A. No.	
21 Q. Is there anyone else that lives	
22 there?	
23 A. No.	
Q. Sir, I don't have any other	
25 questions for you right now. I might have a	

Page 44 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 44 couple of follow-ups when Jason and Adam are 2 3 done, thank you. EXAMINATION BY 5 MR. KIPNIS: 6 Q. Good afternoon, sir, my name is 7 Adam Kipnis. I represent one of the defendants in this case and I'm going to ask you a couple 9 follow up questions. I'm going to bounce around 10 a little bit, so just try to bear with me, okay? 11 Α. Okay. 12 Sir, other than the reason why 0. we're here today, have you been involved in any 13 14 other personal injury lawsuits? 15 Α. No. 16 Ο. Other than the workers' 17 compensation claim that you filed as a result of 18 the accident that you spoke about, have you filed any other workers' compensation claims 19 20 since you've been living in the United States? 2.1 Α. No.

How long have you and your

And, the address that you

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Q.

girlfriend Maria been together for?

For six months.

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- 2 mentioned in Shirley, New York, has Maria been
- 3 living with you the entire five-month period of
- 4 time that you've been living there?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What does she do for a living?
- 7 A. She also works in a company.
- 8 Q. What is the name of the company
- 9 that she works for?
- 10 A. I do not know the name of the
- 11 company.
- 12 Q. What is the type of work that she
- does for this company?
- 14 A. That company, they make the
- 15 windows, the glass, for the Walmart.
- 16 Q. Did you know Maria prior to
- 17 dating her about six months ago?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you know Maria at or about
- 20 the time of this accident that you've been
- 21 speaking about?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the nature of your
- 24 relationship with Maria at or about the time of
- 25 this accident?

Page 46 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 46 2 She was in Ecuador. Α. 3 Ο. I'm sorry, what was that? Α. She was in Ecuador. 5 Did she come from Ecuador into the United States and then come to live with 7 you? Α. Yes. First, she lived with a cousin of hers. 9 10 Q. Were you with Maria in Ecuador 11 before you came to the United States? 12 Α. Yes. 13 You mentioned that you had been Ο. 14 living at the William Floyd address for about five months, do you have any plans in the near 15 16 or foreseeable future to move out of that 17 address? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Are you moving to a specific Q. 20 location? 2.1 Α. Yes, there in Shirley. 22 Do you have a specific address Ο. 23 that you've going to be moving to? 24 Yeah, but I don't know it Α. 25 honestly.

Page 47 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 47 2 When are you moving? Ο. 3 Α. In a month, more or less. 4 Ο. What is the reason that you're 5 moving out of the address on William Floyd? 6 Because we want to rent a home Α. 7 with more rooms. 8 You mentioned previously that you 9 came from Ecuador in September of 2022; is that 10 correct? 11 Α. Yes. 12 When you came to the United Q. States, did you come on your own or did you come 13 14 with other people? 15 With my father. 16 Q. What was the first state that you 17 came into when you first came to the United 18 States? 19 New York. 20 How did you get into the United Q. 21 States; did you walk, did you drive, did you 22 fly, or something else? 23 Through the border. Α. 24 What border did you come in? Q. 25 Α. I'm sorry, what?

Page 48 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 48 2 What was the border that you came Ο. 3 across? Α. Texas, Houston. 5 How long a period of time did you 6 stay in Texas for? 7 Like, four days. Α. Q. How did you get from Texas to New 9 York? 10 My car. Α. 11 Did somebody drive you? Q. 12 I'm sorry, what? Α. 13 Did somebody drive you? Q. 14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. Who drove you? 16 Α. I did not know that person who 17 was driving. 18 Did you and your father go in a Q. 19 vehicle with this person? 20 There in Texas where we were, my 2.1 father left first and I left afterwards. We 22 were in different cars. 23 Did you pay this person to drive you from Texas to New York? 24 25 Α. Yes.

Page 49 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 49 2 How many other people were in the Ο. 3 vehicle that you were in when you were driven from Texas to New York? 5 Like, six. Were all of these people, people 6 Q. 7 that crossed the border with you at or about the same time? 9 Yes. 10 Did all of you pay the driver to Q. 11 drive you from Texas to New York? 12 Yes. Α. 13 Why did you come to New York? Q. Find a better future. 14 Α. 15 Did you know anybody that lived Q. 16 in New York? 17 Α. An aunt of mine. 18 Where did your aunt live? Q. 19 I don't remember the address. Α. 20 What was the first address that Q. 2.1 you lived in when you came to New York? 22 Α. 11036 Corona Avenue. 23 Was your father living at that Ο. 24 address when you arrived? 25 Yes.

Page 50 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 50 2 How did you come to that address? Ο. 3 Α. Because my father wrote it down on a piece of paper. 5 And, you mentioned that about two 6 months after you came to New York is when you 7 first started working as a helper for this unknown company; is that correct? 9 Α. Yes. 10 What did you do during that Q. 11 two-month period before you got this job? I would keep on looking for work. 12 Α. 13 The job that you worked at as a Ο. 14 helper, how did you get that job? 15 Through a friend. Α. 16 Q. Did your friend work for this 17 company? 18 Α. Yes. 19 What is the name of that friend? Q. 20 The name is Franklin. Α. 2.1 What's Franklin's last name? Q. 22 Α. I do not know it. I just know 23 him as Franklin. 24 When you started working for this Q. 25 company, did you work there full-time, part-time

Page 51 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 51 2 or something else? 3 Yes, full-time. Α. Q. Was that Monday through Friday? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. Did you have to provide any 7 paperwork or fill out any paperwork for this company that you worked at during this three-month period of time? 10 Α. No. 11 Did you have to provide an Q. identification? 12 13 Yes, the OSHA. Α. 14 You had mentioned the OSHA. Ο. 15 did you take that OSHA course that you spoke 16 about? 17 Α. When did I take that? 18 Q. Correct. 19 The OSHA course. I took it when 20 I first got here. I would say, like, a month 2.1 in. 22 Q. How did you know to take an OSHA 23 course? 24 Because my friend told me. Α. What was that friend's name? 25 Q.

Page 52 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 52 2 Α. Franklin. 3 Ο. The same Franklin? Α. Yes. 5 And, did you only take one OSHA Q. 6 course or more than one OSHA course? 7 One course only. Α. 8 Did Franklin tell you that you 9 needed to take an OSHA course so that you could 10 work in construction? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Did you ever work in construction Q. prior to coming to the United States? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 What did you do? Q. 16 Α. In Ecuador -- I would do, for 17 instance, things like putting down cement, put 18 up walls, things like that. 19 Where specifically was this OSHA course that you took? I know you mentioned it 20 2.1 was in Corona, what I want to know is the 22 specific address where you took this course. 23 The exact location, I do not know Α. 24 it. 25 Did you receive any written Q.

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- 2 materials when you attended this course?
- 3 A. Yeah. They gave me signup paper.
- 4 They made me put my name down.
- 5 Q. You had to pay a certain amount
- of money in order to take this course, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. How much did you pay?
- 9 A. Four hundred.
- 10 Q. Did you receive an OSHA card?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you still have that OSHA card?
- 13 A. Yeah, but I don't know where I
- 14 left it, honestly.
- 15 Q. So are you telling me that you
- 16 don't have that OSHA card?
- 17 A. I have it, but I lost it. I do
- 18 have a photo of it.
- 19 Q. Is that photo in your phone like
- 20 the photo of the identification that you showed
- 21 us before?
- 22 A. Yes.
- MR. KIPNIS: All right. I'll
- call for production of the OSHA card.
- 25 I'll follow up in writing.

Page 54 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 54 2 MR. SVERDLOVE: Okay. 3 Ο. When you worked for this company as a helper for three months, were you paid by 5 cash, check or something else? Cash. 6 Α. 7 Were you paid on an hourly basis Q. 8 or were you paid on a weekly basis? 9 When I worked for the company --10 before I suffered my accident you're referring 11 to? 12 Q. Correct. They would pay me cash. 13 Α. 14 I understand. What was the total Ο. amount that you received either on an hourly 15 16 basis or a weekly basis? 17 The hour. They paid me, like, Α. 18 18. 19 Why did you leave that company? Q. 20 I left because time was up. Α. 21 Q. Was it only a limited period of 22 time that you were supposed to work at that 23 company? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Was there any gap of time between Q.

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- 2 that company and when you first started working
- 3 for Sparkleening?
- 4 A. Yes, it was, like, 15 days
- 5 without working.
- 6 Q. How did you find the job at
- 7 Sparkleening?
- A. A gentlemen gave me that number.
- 9 Q. I'm sorry, what was that?
- 10 A. A gentleman gave me that number.
- 11 Q. What was the gentleman's name?
- 12 A. I don't know the name of that
- 13 gentleman.
- 14 Q. How did you come to speak to this
- 15 gentleman at Sparkleening?
- 16 A. Because one time we got together
- 17 with some friends, and then one of those friends
- 18 introduced us.
- 19 Q. Do you know if this individual
- 20 worked for Sparkleening?
- 21 A. I would not know if he worked for
- 22 Sparkleening.
- Q. So just so I understand, it's a
- 24 random guy recommending a company for you to
- 25 perform work for, that he never performed work

Page 56 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 56 2 for; is that correct? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο. And, did he provide you with a 5 name or telephone number of somebody from 6 Sparkleening for you to get in contact with to 7 see if there was a job available? 8 Α. Yeah. 9 0. Did he give you the name of a 10 person specifically? 11 No, he didn't give me the number. Α. 12 Who did you call? Q. 13 I just wrote to them asking if Α. 14 they needed workers, and then they responded, they said yes. 15 16 Q. Did you text or did you email or 17 something else? 18 I sent them, like, a text Α. 19 message. 20 Did they write you back and tell Q. 21 you that there was a job available for you? 22 Α. Yeah. They asked me what I knew 23 how to do, so then they made me fill out some 24 paperwork. 25 Was this all via text message? Q.

Page 57 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 57 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. Do you still have those text 4 messages on your phone? 5 No, I changed phones. Α. 6 Q. When did you change the phone? 7 Like, six months ago. Α. 8 What's your cellphone number now? Ο. 9 For the purposes of the record, we'll put all 10 X's. 11 Α. XXX-XXX-XXXX. 12 Was this the same cellphone Q. number that you had when you were working for 13 14 Sparkleening? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. You changed your cellphone number 17 as well? 18 Α. Yes. 19 You changed your cellphone 20 carrier as well? 2.1 Α. That's also another company. 22 Ο. Why did you change your cellphone 23 number as well as your cellphone carrier? 24 Because the other company was Α. 25 charging me too much money.

Page 58 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 58 2 So you changed your cellphone Ο. 3 number, your cellphone carrier, and your cellphone? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. When you were having these text 7 messages with this person that you told me about, did he provide you an address for you to show up to in order for you to perform work? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And, that was the address where Q. 12 you had your accident, correct? 13 Yes. Α. 14 And, you remember working at that address for a period of about two weeks before 15 16 your accident; is that correct? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. So in total since you've lived in the United States, you've worked a total of four 19 weeks, correct? 20 2.1 Α. Yes. 22 Ο. You haven't worked since this 23 accident in November of 2022; is that correct? 24 No, I have not worked. Α. 25 Okay. You spoke before that your Q.

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- 2 boss at this job was Chris. When you first
- 3 arrived at this job, was Chris at the job site?
- 4 A. No. Chris wasn't there when I
- 5 got there the first time.
- 6 Q. When you first got there, how did
- 7 you know what your job was going to be?
- 8 A. The other coworkers told me.
- 9 Q. You mentioned that you were paid
- 10 \$600 from Sparkleening; was this by cash, by
- 11 check, or something else?
- 12 A. No, they would pay me directly
- 13 towards my account.
- 14 Q. Meaning you got direct deposit?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Were taxes taken out of the
- 17 checks that were direct deposited into your bank
- 18 account?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you filed tax returns since
- 21 you've been living in the United States?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. At the time that you arrived at
- 24 this building, was it fully erected or fully
- 25 constructed?

Page 60 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 60 2 Α. It was built. It was constructed 3 completely. Ο. And, how many stories was this 5 building? 6 Α. I don't remember very well. 7 If I told you four stories, would Q. that help to refresh your memory or refresh your recollection at all? 9 10 I'm sorry. Α. 11 Let me withdraw. So your job Q. 12 each day was to clean up at this job site; is 13 that correct? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. Were you cleaning from the top 16 down, the bottom up, or something else? 17 Α. Top to bottom. 18 Q. So when you first arrived, you would have to walk upstairs in order to clean 19 20 the highest floor of this building, correct? 2.1 Α. Yes. 22 And, there was only one stairwell Ο. 23 or one staircase in this building; is that 24 correct? 25 Α. Yes.

Page 61 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 61 2 And, when you would get up to the Ο. highest floor, would you go with the other 3 Sparkleening cleaning people? 4 5 Yes, and every floor we would go with the other people. 6 7 Q. Would you all clean the same floor at or about the same time? 8 9 Yes. 10 I think you mentioned there were Ο. 11 five or six other cleaning people from Sparkleening who were working at the same time 12 13 as you; is that correct? 14 Yeah, but three would stay with Α. 15 me and the rest would go to other floors. 16 Ο. You don't know the names of any 17 of the people that you worked with at 18 Sparkleening at this project up until the time 19 of your accident; is that correct? 20 No, I don't know their names. Α. 2.1 Ο. Did you fully clean the top floor 22 before your accident? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Would you do that by sweeping up Q. 25 and cleaning up as well?

Page 62 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 62 2 I'm sorry, what? Α. 3 Ο. Would you do that by sweeping up 4 and cleaning up each floor? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. You're putting the debris that 7 you were sweeping up and cleaning up into 8 garbage bags, correct? 9 Α. Yes. 10 And, you're carrying those Q. garbage bags from whatever floor you were 11 cleaning up down to the first floor, correct? 12 13 Yes. Α. 14 And, prior to your accident, you 15 had no problem going up and down the stairs; is 16 that also correct? 17 I had no problem going up or down Α. 18 stairs. And, if you did have any problems 19 going up or down stairs, would you bring that to 20 2.1 Chris's attention? 22 Α. No. 23 If you observed any debris or Ο. material on the stairs, was part of your job, as 24 25 well as the other Sparkleening laborers, to

Page 63 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 63 2 clean up that material? 3 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my 4 objection. 5 MR. MENESES: I join that objection. 6 7 Q. Did you clean up debris in the stairwell at any point in time before your 9 accident? 10 Yes. Α. 11 Did other Sparkleening laborers Q. 12 also clean in the stairwell that you observed? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Your job, and not only you, but Ο. 15 also the other Sparkleening laborers, was to 16 clean the entirety of the building including the 17 stairwell where your accident happened; is that 18 correct? 19 Yes, but one question; you're 20 asking me if those stairs were clean before I 2.1 fell or after when the accident happened? 22 I'm saying at any point in time Ο. 23 that you were there, was it part of your job, 24 and the other Sparkleening employee's job, to clean the stairwell when you were there? 25

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- 2 A. Yes. It was our responsibility.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now I think you mentioned
- 4 that your accident happened when you were coming
- 5 down from the third floor to the second floor;
- 6 is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. I think you also mentioned that
- 9 your accident happened at about 10:00 or 11:00
- 10 o'clock in the morning; is that also correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. When you arrived that morning at
- or about 7:00 a.m., did Chris tell you what
- 14 floor to clean?
- 15 A. He told us to go cleaning the
- 16 rooms from above, all the way down, and for us
- 17 to take the garbage out.
- 18 Q. What was the specific floor that
- 19 Chris told you to clean that morning?
- 20 A. The part that was, like, way
- 21 above the last part above.
- 22 Q. If you were coming from the third
- 23 floor to the second floor, how many floors up
- 24 from the third floor were you are supposed to
- 25 clean? Were you cleaning the third floor or

Page 65 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 65 2 were you cleaning the floor above that? No, the other floors we had 3 Α. already cleaned them. We were cleaning the 5 third floor and we were bringing the garbage 6 down. 7 At 7:00 a.m., do you walk up the Q. stairs to get to the third floor? 9 I'm sorry? 10 I said at 7:00 a.m., do you walk Ο. up the stairs to the third floor in order to 11 12 start cleaning? 13 Α. Yes. 14 And, the two other laborers walk with you; is that also correct? 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 And, before your accident, did Ο. you bring any bags of garbage down the stairs 18 19 and then walk back up? 20 Α. No. 2.1 Ο. From the time that you walked up 22 to the third floor until the time that you 23 walked down when your accident occurred, were 24 you only cleaning on the third floor? 25 There's not only the third floor.

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- 2 We were cleaning from all the way on the top,
- 3 all the way down. We are working there on the
- 4 third floor and then we had to continue on going
- 5 town.
- 6 Q. Did you walk up and down the same
- 7 flight of stairs?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How many times did you walk up
- 10 and how many times did you walk down again
- 11 before your accident?
- MR. MENESES: From the top or
- 13 between specific floors?
- MR. KIPNIS: That's a good
- 15 question. I will rephrase my question.
- 16 Q. Had you walked between the second
- 17 and third floor prior to your accident?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How many times did you walk that
- 20 same stairway, meaning between the second floor
- 21 and the third floor before your accident? How
- 22 many times did you walk up and how many times
- 23 did you walk down that same staircase?
- 24 A. Two to three times.
- Q. When was the last time you either

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- 2 walked up that same stairwell or down that same
- 3 stairwell prior to your accident?
- 4 MR. MENESES: Again, between the
- 5 second and third floor, right?
- 6 MR. KIPNIS: Yes.
- 7 A. When was the last time?
- 8 O. When was the last time before
- 9 your accident that you walked on that same
- 10 stairwell where your accident happened; that
- 11 being between the second and third floor. When
- 12 was the last time that you walked up or down it?
- 13 A. Half an hour before.
- 14 O. So about a half hour before, did
- 15 you walk down that same stairwell between the
- 16 second and third floor or up that same
- 17 stairwell?
- 18 A. Through the top.
- 19 Q. My question is, that 30-minute
- 20 period that you told me about, did you walk down
- 21 the stairwell between the second and third floor
- 22 or did you walk up the stairwell between the
- 23 second and third floor?
- MR. MENESES: Mr. Interpreter,
- 25 can you specify between the second and

Page 68 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 68 2 third floor because I'm not hearing you 3 say that, and that might be what the 4 confusion is. 5 MR. KIPNIS: I'm saying second and third floors. 6 7 MR. MENESES: Not you, Adam, the 8 interpreter. I'm not hearing him specify 9 second and third floor when he's 10 interpreting it into Spanish, and I want 11 to make sure that it's communicated 12 clearly. 13 I would go up and down. Α. 14 During this 30-minute period Ο. 15 before your accident, did you observe any debris 16 or any material on that same stairwell between 17 the second and the third floor? 18 Some type of debris, no. I would Α. 19 just go up to check on garbage bag. 20 MR. MENESES: I'm going to move 2.1 to strike as nonresponsive. 22 My question was, when you walked Ο. 23 up these stairs 30 minutes before your accident, 24 did you observe any debris or material on the 25 stairs between the second and the third floor;

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- 2 yes or no?
- 3 A. Yes, they were dirty. They had
- 4 debris.
- 5 Q. Part of your job was to clean up
- 6 the stairs, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And, part of job of the other
- 9 cleaning laborers was to clean up the stairwell
- 10 as well, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So when you observed this debris
- or material on the stairs 30 minutes before your
- 14 accident, did you clean it up?
- 15 A. I'm sorry. You're saying when I
- 16 saw this debris, if I cleaned it?
- 17 Q. Correct. Before your accident,
- 18 when you saw debris on the stairs, did you clean
- 19 it up?
- 20 A. No, because we were working from
- 21 the top to the bottom.
- Q. Were there any other trades or
- 23 any other laborers that were working in the
- 24 building at the time you were cleaning on this
- 25 day?

Page 70 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 70 2 Yes, there were other companies Α. 3 who are also working there. 4 Do you know the names of any of Ο. 5 those companies? 6 Α. No. 7 Do you know the type of work that Q. 8 they were doing on this day? 9 Α. No. Construction. 10 Your job was to clean up behind Q. 11 them, correct? 12 Α. Yes. So you mentioned that at the time 13 Ο. 14 of your accident you were carrying two bags of 15 garbage, correct? 16 Α. Yes. 17 These were garbage bags that you Ο. 18 filled yourself having cleaned up the third 19 floor; is that also correct? 20 Yeah. My coworkers would fill Α. 2.1 them up; I was bringing them town. 22 Ο. Did you fill these two bags?

No, my coworkers would fill them

And, you were carrying both bags,

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up, and I was bringing them down.

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- 2 one with your right hand and one with your left
- 3 hand, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. The lights in the stairwell where
- 6 the accident happened, you were able to see what
- 7 was in front of you, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Why didn't you hold both bags
- 10 with one hand over your shoulder as you were
- 11 walking down the stairs?
- 12 A. Because I was able to carry them
- 13 like that in my hands.
- Q. And, you had mentioned that one
- 15 of the bags ripped before your accident,
- 16 correct?
- MR. SVERDLOVE: Objection.
- 18 A. At the moment when I fell, the
- 19 bag ripped and everything came out.
- 20 Q. Just before your fall, one of the
- 21 bags that you were holding ripped, the debris
- 22 came out, and then you fell; is that what
- happened?
- 24 A. No. When I fell -- after I fell,
- 25 the bag fell as well and it ripped.

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- Q. Okay. When you would walk up the
- 3 stairs, would you walk up the stairs and then
- 4 there would be a landing, and then you would
- 5 walk up another set of stairs to get to the next
- 6 floor or something else?
- 7 A. Yes, you would have one flight of
- 8 stairs, then there was, like, this flat area,
- 9 and then there was another set of stairs.
- 10 Q. How many steps down from the
- 11 landing on the third floor did your accident
- 12 occur?
- 13 A. You're asking me how many steps I
- 14 fell down?
- 15 Q. How many steps from the landing
- on the third floor did your accident happen?
- 17 A. I fell from the eighth step.
- 18 Q. Was it the eighth step from the
- 19 landing on the third floor, meaning eight steps
- 20 down from the landing on the third floor or
- 21 something else?
- 22 A. From the bottom up, eight.
- 23 Q. And, as you were walking down the
- 24 stair, were you looking down at the stairs to
- 25 see if there was any debris or material on the

Page 73 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 73 2 stairs? 3 Yes, you could see the debris. Ο. Did you see the debris on the 5 stairs before your accident? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Did you see the debris on the specific stair that you fell from before your 9 accident? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Did you try to avoid it? Q. 12 Α. Yes. 13 What was the debris that you Ο. 14 observed? 15 There were, like, pieces of 16 Sheetrock. Like, pieces of Sheetrock, wood, 17 things like that. 18 What did you do to avoid these Q. 19 pieces of Sheetrock or pieces of wood? 20 I tried not to go by there; I Α. 21 tried not to step on them. 22 Ο. How did you do that? Did you 23 step on a different part of the stair, did you 24 skip that stair and go to the next stair, or 25 something else?

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- 2 A. I would try to not step on the
- 3 debris, to step on the step.
- 4 Q. Did you step on the same step
- 5 where there was debris, but in a different area
- 6 of where the debris was located?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So what actually caused you to
- 9 fall?
- 10 A. That I did not see one of the
- 11 pieces of wood that was there, and I tripped on
- 12 that, and I fell.
- 13 Q. You specifically saw that
- 14 specific stair before your accident, and you
- 15 also specifically saw Sheetrock and pieces of
- 16 wood on that same stair, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, I saw them, but I did not
- 18 realize, notice it, when I stepped on it.
- 19 Q. Do you know how long that debris
- 20 was on that specific stair before your accident?
- 21 A. Fifteen minutes.
- Q. How do you know that?
- 23 A. Because on those floors they were
- 24 working in the area inside.
- Q. Did you see that debris

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- 2 15 minutes before your accident?
- 3 A. No, I didn't see it. When we
- 4 were going down, I saw it.
- 5 Q. I'm a little bit confused, so let
- 6 me clarify. You told me before that the last
- 7 time that you walked up or down the stairs, the
- 8 same stairwell, was 30 minutes before your
- 9 accident. How do you know that the debris got
- 10 there within 15 minutes?
- 11 A. Because the people that were
- 12 working inside, they would bring their debris
- 13 outwards, so that my coworkers would clean and
- 14 put in bags.
- 15 Q. Did you see somebody specifically
- 16 drop debris or place debris or put debris on
- 17 that stair before the accident?
- 18 A. Yes, the ones that were working
- 19 and all that.
- 20 Q. So when you observed the person
- 21 or people dropping the debris or putting the
- 22 debris on this same stair 15 minutes before your
- 23 accident, did you do anything during that period
- 24 of time to clean it up?
- 25 A. No, because I had to go get the

- 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 76
- 2 other bags.
- 3 Q. But at the minimum, you knew that
- 4 the debris was there 15 minutes before your
- 5 accident, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And, you also knew to avoid it by
- 8 trying to step to a different part of the stair;
- 9 is that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And, you're telling us that your
- 12 accident happened as a result of debris, and not
- 13 as a result of the two bags that you were
- 14 carrying being too heavy; is that correct?
- 15 A. No, the garbage bags were not
- 16 heavy. I was able to carry them in my hands.
- 17 O. You mentioned that there was
- 18 somebody else from Sparkleening that was a
- 19 witness to your accident; do you recall that?
- 20 A. Yeah, a friend of mine. Well, a
- 21 coworker of mine who worked with me; he saw when
- 22 I fell.
- Q. Where was he when he saw you
- 24 fall?
- A. He was on the second floor on the

Page 77 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 77 2 lower area. 3 Ο. So he was below you as you were going down the stairs from the third floor to the second floor; is that correct? He was, like, in the landing 6 Α. 7 resting area. 8 Before your accident, did he 9 carry garbage down from the third floor to the 10 second floor? 11 Α. Yes. 12 The same way, carrying garbage Q. 13 bags? 14 I'm sorry? Α. 15 Q. The same way, meaning that he was 16 carrying garbage bags? 17 Yes. Α. 18 How long before your accident did Q. 19 that person walk down the stairs? 20 Like, when I would be going up, Α. he would be going down with bags. 21 22 Ο. Before your accident, did you 23 observe that person walking from the third floor to the second floor carrying garbage bags? 24 25 Yeah, like, five minutes before. Α.

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- Q. We're at five minutes before your
- 3 accident, and you see this person carrying
- 4 garbage bags from the third floor to that second
- 5 floor, and he's standing on that landing just
- 6 before your accident; is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes, but he had dropped off his
- 8 bags already; he was coming back.
- 9 Q. During this five-minute period
- 10 before your accident when you observed this
- 11 person walked down the stairs holding the
- 12 garbage bags, did you see him step on that same
- 13 step which you claim caused your fall?
- 14 A. I did not notice if he stepped
- 15 there.
- 16 Q. You did observe him walking down
- 17 that same stairwell five minutes before your
- 18 accident, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. When you observed him walking
- 21 down that same stairwell, where were you
- 22 standing? In other words, were you on the third
- 23 floor landing or were you someplace else?
- A. Yes, for him to be able to keep
- 25 going down and I could keep going upwards.

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- Q. Were you standing on that third
- 3 floor landing just before this person walked
- 4 down the stairs to allow him to walk down the
- 5 stairs before you did?
- 6 A. He was coming down and I was
- 7 waiting for him in the resting landing area in
- 8 the middle. I waited there for him to go down,
- 9 and then I went up for the other bags.
- 10 Q. During this five-minute period of
- 11 time when you observed him walking down the
- 12 stairs, did you see the debris on the stair that
- 13 you claim eventually caused your accident?
- 14 A. Well, I didn't see it. The
- 15 stairway was dirty.
- 16 Q. Sorry, I'm confused.
- 17 MR. MENESES: I'm going to move
- 18 to strike as nonresponsive.
- 19 Q. Did you see the debris on the
- 20 same stair where you claimed your accident
- 21 happened during this five-minute period that you
- 22 were standing on the landing between the third
- 23 and second floors?
- 24 A. No, I did not see the debris that
- 25 caused my accident.

Page 80 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 80 2 Did the person who walked down Ο. 3 the stairs before you say anything to you such as be careful, watch out, or something to that 5 effect? 6 No, he didn't tell me anything. Α. 7 Other than this person, was there Q. anybody else in the same stairwell at the time 9 of your accident? 10 Α. No. 11 Do you know if this person whose Q. 12 name you don't recall, and who witnessed this 13 accident, is still working for Sparkleening? 14 I don't know really. Α. 15 Q. Did you ever have his telephone 16 number? 17 No. Α. 18 Q. I represent the company called 19 Klein's Safety. Inc. Had you ever heard of that 20 company before? 2.1 Α. What's the name of the company? 22 Q. Klein's Safety. Inc.

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Page 81 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 81 2 Klein's Safety. Inc was at the job site on the date of your accident, correct? 3 4 I do not know. 5 Had you ever heard of an 6 individual by the name of Saul Horowitz? 7 Α. No. 8 The Chris that you mentioned, is 9 that a man or a woman? 10 She's a woman. Α. 11 Did you ever have Chris's Q. 12 telephone number stored in your cellphone? Her number? 13 Α. 14 Correct. Ο. 15 Yes, I had it. Α. 16 Q. I'm assuming you no longer have 17 it because you don't have the same cellphone, 18 the same cellphone carrier or the same cellphone 19 number? 20 Α. Yes, I don't have it any more. 2.1 Q. Does your dad work? 22 Α. Yes. 23 What does he do for a living? Ο. 24 He worked in the business of Α. 25 jalapenos.

Page 82 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 82 2 Do you know of any other Ο. individuals who worked for Sparkleening and who 3 have filed any lawsuits as a result of being 5 involved in a personal injury? 6 MR. MENESES: Note my objection. 7 Α. No. 8 Ο. I'm going to throw out some names 9 and I'm going to ask if you recognize any of 10 them; do you understand that? 11 Okay. Α. 12 Ivan Hernandez Rodriguez. Q. 13 Α. No. 14 Victor Moran Sosa. Ο. 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Maykol. M-A-Y-K-O-L. Montilla. 17 No. Α. 18 John. J-O-H-N. Rodriguez. Q. 19 No, none of those names sound Α. familiar. 20 2.1 Luis Fernando Nino Munos. Q. 22 Α. No. 23 Yufleike. Y-U-F-L-E-I-K-E. Ο. 24 Lugo. 25 No. Α.

Page 83 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 83 2 Edison Pena Centeno. Ο. 3 C-E-N-T-E-N-O. Α. No. 5 Clever Bueno Lojano. Ο. L-O-J-A-N-O. 7 No. Α. 8 Before you retained the law firm 9 that's representing you in this case, you had 10 two other law firms representing you; is that 11 correct? 12 Yes. Α. 13 The first firm that represented Ο. 14 you was Wingate Russotti; does that name ring a 15 bell to you? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. You then left Wingate Russotti, 18 and you were then represented by Ginarte 19 Gonzalez; is that correct? 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Ο. I do not want to know about any 22 conversations you had with any lawyers, but what 23 was the reason that you moved from Wingate 24 Russotti to Ginarte Gonzalez? 25 I'm going to ask MR. SVERDLOVE:

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2	any conversations you may have had with any
3	lawyers. I do not want to know about what any
4	lawyer may have said to you. I want to know why
5	you made the decision to transition from Wingate
6	Russotti to Ginarte Gonzalez?
7	A. Because they weren't responding.
8	They didn't know anything about my case.
9	Q. Again, I do not want to know
10	about any conversations you had with any lawyer
11	or what a lawyer may have said to you, but why
12	did you transition from Ginarte Gonzalez to the
13	law firm that now represents you?
14	A. Same thing. I would call them
15	up, ask them how my case was going, and they
16	wouldn't pick up the phone.
17	THE INTERPRETER: Counsel, I'm
18	sorry. Can we take a five-minute
19	bathroom break?
20	MR. KIPNIS: That's my last
21	question, so we can take a break before
22	Jason begins asking his questions.
23	MR. MENESES: I do have some
24	questions. We can take a break before I
25	start.

Page 86 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 86 2 (Whereupon, a break was held.) 3 EXAMINATION BY MR. MENESES: 5 Good afternoon, sir, my name is Q. 6 Jason Meneses. I'm an attorney with the law 7 firm of Cornell Grace, and I represent 8 Sparkleening. I'm going to be asking you some 9 questions. We'll just be jumping around, and I 10 will do my best to not ask the same questions 11 that have already been asked. 12 Α. Okay. 13 How did you get from Ecuador to Ο. the border of Mexico and Texas? 14 15 Α. By car. 16 And, did you come with your 17 father at that time and other people or by 18 yourself or something else? 19 With my father and some other 20 people. 2.1 Ο. Did you have to pay that person 22 to drive you from Ecuador to the Mexican U.S. 23 border? 24 Yes. Α. 25 Do you recall how much you paid? Q.

Page 87 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 87 2 Α. I don't remember. I remember my 3 father was dealing with that. How old were you when you came to Ο. 5 the United States? 6 Α. Eighteen. 7 How old was your father? Q. 8 My father's 36 years old. 9 Q. Walk me through your work history 10 back when you were in Ecuador before you came to 11 the United States. I know you said you did some 12 cement type work. Any work outside of the 13 construction industry? 14 Yeah, I painted vehicles. Α. 15 Like in a body shop or in a Ο. 16 collision shop? 17 Yes. Α. 18 Q. Do you also have skills as a 19 mechanic? 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Q. In addition to painting vehicles, 22 would you do any other types of body work to 23 cars? 24 I'm sorry? Α. 25 In addition to painting vehicles, Q.

Page 88 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 88 2 would you do any other types of body work to cars at this collision shop? 3 4 No, just paint them and then 5 whatever pieces were damaged, we would change 6 them. 7 Q. So you would also change the pieces that were damaged in addition to painting those vehicles, correct? 10 Α. Yes. 11 What's your father's name, sir? Q. 12 Angel Peralta. Α. 13 Does he have the same middle name Ο. 14 as you or a different middle name than you? 15 No, his second name is Adolfo. 16 Q. Would that be A-D-O-L-F-O, or is 17 it a PH instead of the F? 18 Α. Yes, A-D-O-L-F-O. 19 You mentioned he's in the Ο. 20 business of jalapenos; what does that mean? 2.1 Α. It's a restaurant where they

Q. Okay. Earlier you were asked about the time that you retained Wingate

prepare spicy food.

25 Russotti; do you recall those questions, sir?

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Page 89 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 89 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. How did you find out about the firm of Wingate Russotti? 5 A friend of mine took me there. 6 Q. What's the name of your friend 7 who took you to the office of Wingate Russotti? Α. His name was Ivan. What was Ivan's last name, sir? 9 Ο. 10 The last name, I don't know. Α. 11 How did you know Ivan; how did Q. 12 you become friends with this guy? He's a friend of mine from 13 Α. 14 Ecuador. 15 Did Ivan come to the United 16 States at the same time as you, before you, 17 after you, something else? 18 Α. No, he was here already. He had 19 been here for a while already. 20 Did Ivan also work in the 0. 2.1 construction industry when he came to New York? 22 Α. I don't know honestly. 23 Did Ivan work for Sparkleening? Ο. 24 Α. No. 25 What did Ivan do for work? Q.

Page 90 90 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 you know. 3 I think he worked in Uber. Α. Ο. How old is Ivan? 5 He is 27 years old. I believe he Α. 6 just turned 27. 7 Q. And, is Ivan someone you still 8 talk to with any regularity? 9 No, we almost don't speak a lot. 10 Ο. You were friends back in Ecuador 11 before you both came to the United States, 12 correct? 13 Α. Yes. 14 When you were involved in this 15 accident, you asked him for a recommendation 16 because you guys were friends? 17 Α. Yeah. I asked him if he knew 18 something for him to help me. 19 What's the reason you aren't 20 really friendly anymore, you don't speak any 2.1 more? 22 Α. Yes. We're friends, but we don't 23 talk a lot. 24 Q. What's the reason that you guys 25 don't speak much any more?

Page 91 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 91 2 Because we haven't found a time. Α. 3 Ο. Does Ivan live near you? Α. No, he lives here in Queens. 5 At the time of this incident, you Q. 6 lived in Queens, correct? 7 Yes. Α. Q. Do you have Ivan's phone number? 9 Α. No. 10 Was that on the old cellphone Q. 11 that you had that you got rid of? 12 Α. Yes. 13 How did Ivan know Wingate Ο. 14 Russotti? 15 I honestly don't know. 16 Q. Did you ever ask him anything 17 about Wingate Russotti when he referred you to 18 them? 19 No, honestly, no. I never asked 20 him that question. 2.1 Ο. Do you know if he had a lawsuit 22 where he was represented by Wingate Russotti? 23 He worked. I don't know if he Α. had a lawsuit. 24 25 How did you first reach out to Q.

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- 2 Ivan about looking for a lawyer? Was that over
- 3 text, did you call him, did you meet him on the
- 4 street, something else?
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry,
- 6 Counsel, I think I lost it. Can I have a
- 7 read back?
- 8 MR. MENESES: I can ask it again.
- 9 Q. How did you reach out to Ivan
- 10 about a recommendation for a lawyer? Was it
- 11 over text, a phone call, did you meet him on the
- 12 street, or something else?
- 13 A. We met up at a park. We went to
- 14 the same park when I ran into him, and then I
- 15 told him what had happened to me, and I asked
- 16 him if he knew any lawyers that could help me
- out, and that's how he recommended them to me.
- 18 Q. Did he physically bring you to
- 19 the office of Wingate Russotti or did he bring
- 20 you somewhere else to meet with a lawyer from
- 21 Wingate Russotti?
- 22 A. He sent me the address and he
- 23 told me to call them up to see if they would
- 24 take my case.
- Q. Did you physically go to the

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- 2 office of Wingate Russotti or did you call them
- 3 first to see if they would take your case?
- 4 A. I went directly to their office.
- 5 Q. Where was their office located at
- 6 that time? If you recall.
- 7 A. I think it was in Flushing.
- Q. At some point, Wingate Russotti
- 9 took your case; is that fair to say?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. How many times did you talk to
- 12 Ivan after that?
- 13 A. Three more times.
- Q. What was the sum and substance of
- 15 those conversations those three times after
- 16 Wingate took your case?
- 17 A. I'm sorry, what?
- 18 Q. What was the basis of those three
- 19 subsequent conversations? Was it about your
- 20 case or something else?
- 21 A. No, we would never talk about
- 22 that. We would talk about ourselves.
- MR. MENESES: Okay. I'm going to
- 24 bring up what I'm going to mark as
- Defendant's Exhibit A of today's date.

Page 94 94 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 3 A, Consent to Change Attorneys, was 4 marked for identification, as of this 5 date by the Reporter.) 6 Sir, can you see my screen? Q. 7 Α. Yes. 8 Sir, I'm going to show you now 9 what's to be deemed marked as Defendant's 10 Exhibit A of today's date; Consent to Change 11 Attorneys. Just take a minute to look at this 12 and then I'll ask you some questions about it; okay, sir? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. Sir, have you ever seen this 16 document before? 17 Honestly, I don't remember. Α. don't speak English. 18 19 Do you recognize any of the 20 signatures on this document? 2.1 Α. There's a signature that's mine. 22 Would that be the signature on Ο. 23 the top right hand side of the page? 24 Yeah, the first signature. Α. 25 Do you recall when this was Q.

Page 95 95 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 signed? 3 No, honestly. Α. 4 Ο. Do you remember where this was 5 signed? Were you at the office of Wingate Russotti, the office of Ginarte Gonzalez, at 6 7 your house, or somewhere else? Honestly, I don't remember 8 9 anything about this document. 10 Q. Did anyone provide you a Spanish 11 version of this document so that you could read 12 and understand what it was that you were 13 signing? 14 Yeah, some people gave me a copy Α. 15 in Spanish. 16 Ο. So you had an understanding of 17 what you were signing; is that fair to say? 18 Yeah. They would read from this Α. 19 paper for me to remember what it was. 20 Sir, I'm not asking about what Q. you remember. Did you understand the document, 2.1 22 this specific document, that you were signing? 23 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my 24 objection. Based on what he said, it's

in English and he doesn't understand it.

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Page 96 96 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 MR. MENESES: He received a Spanish version, so I want to know if he 3 understood the version of what he was 5 signing. If the question was unclear, I 6 can rephrase it. 7 Sir, did you understand the Spanish version of this document that you were asked to sign? 10 Α. If I understood the version in 11 Spanish? 12 Yes, sir, that is my question. Q. 13 Yes, but I honestly don't Α. 14 remember. 15 Do you have the Spanish version Ο. 16 of this document in your possession? 17 Α. No. 18 Okay. How did you find out about Q. 19 the firm of Ginarte Gonzalez & Winograd? 20 I found them on Facebook. Α. 2.1 Ο. Did you see his advertisements on 22 Facebook? 23 Α. Yes. 24 So there wasn't anyone that Q. 25 specifically referred you to Ginarte's office;

Page 97 97 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 is that fair to say? 3 No, I found them on Facebook. Ο. How soon after the accident did 5 you reach out to your friend Ivan to look for a recommendation for a lawyer? 6 7 Like, three days. Α. 8 At some point, you left Ginarte and you went to Harmon Linder, correct? 10 Α. Yes. 11 How did you find out about the Q. firm of Harmon Linder? 12 Through an friend of mine. 13 Α. What's the name of the friend who 14 Ο. 15 referred you to Harmon Linder? 16 Α. Joffre. 17 I'm sorry can I have a spelling, Q. 18 please? J-O-F-F-R-E. 19 Α. 20 Okay. What's this gentleman's Q. 2.1 last name? 22 Α. I do not know. 23 How did you come to know Joffre? Ο. 24 He's friends of mine from Α. 25 Ecuador.

Page 98 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 98 2 Did Joffre come to the United Ο. 3 States at the same time as you, before, after, something else? 5 No, he was here already. He had Α. 6 been here a while already. 7 Where does Joffre live? Q. 8 He lives in College Point. 9 Ο. Did he live in the same building 10 that you lived in when you lived in College 11 Point? No, he lived, like, two blocks 12 Α. 13 away. 14 And, what did Joffre do for work Ο. 15 at the time that he recommended you Harmon 16 Linder? 17 What did he do? Α. 18 Yeah. What kind of work did he Q. 19 do? 20 He was also involved in Α. 2.1 construction. 22 Ο. What type of construction work 23 did he do or does he do? 24 I don't know, honestly. All I Α.

know is that he worked in construction.

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Page 99 99 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 2 And, did you ask Joffre for a Ο. recommendation for attorneys, did he volunteer 3 that information to you or something else? 5 Yes, I asked him if he knew a 6 good lawyer and he recommended them. 7 Q. Did you ask Joffre how he knew of Harmon Linder? 8 9 I did not ask him. 10 Do you know if Joffre had a Ο. 11 lawsuit where he was represented by Harmon Linder? 12 13 I don't know, honestly. 14 I'm going to show MR. MENESES: 15 what I'm going to mark as Defendant's 16 Exhibit B for today's date. 17 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 18 B, Consent to Change Attorney, was marked 19 for identification, as of this date by 20 the Reporter.) 2.1 Q. Do you see my screen, sir? 22 Α. Yes, I see it. 23 Do you recognize what this Ο. 24 document is, sir? 25 I don't know what it is.

Page 100 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 100 2 know English. 3 Does your signature appear anywhere or this document, sir? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. Would that be where it says 7 Plaintiff's name and signature; this would be your signature here toward the middle bottom of 9 the page? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Were you ever provided a Spanish Q. version of this document, so you could read what 12 you were signing? 13 14 (No verbal response given). Α. 15 Sir? Q. 16 Α. I don't remember. 17 You said your girlfriend's name Q. 18 is Maria Ingracia, correct? 19 Α. Yes. 20 How old is Maria? Q. 2.1 She's 23. Α. 22 Q. Do you drive, sir? 23 Α. Yes, a car. 24 Do you have a license? Q. 25 Α. Yes.

Page 101 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 101 2 Which state is that license Ο. issued from; is that New York? 3 Α. I'm sorry, I have a permit. 5 What state issued that permit to Q. 6 you, sir? 7 Α. New York. 8 And, did you have to take a written test in order to get that permit, sir? 10 Yes, a written course. Α. 11 Did the State of New York issue Q. 12 you a physical identification card for a permit with your picture on it? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 MR. MENESES: I'm going to call 16 for the production of a copy of that New 17 York State driver's permit; both sides 18 from front and back, and I'll follow up 19 in writing for that. 20 MS. DUFFY: I second that 2.1 request. 22 MR. SVERDLOVE: Taken under 23 advisement. 24 When did you apply for that Q. 25 permit, sir?

Page 102 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 102 2 I don't remember. Like two, Α. 3 three, months ago. Ο. What type of car do you drive, 5 sir? 6 What type of car? A BMW. Α. 7 What type of BMW do you drive, Q. sir? 8 9 325. Α. 10 Q. You have a 3 Series? 11 No, I think it's like a 325e, Α. something like that. 12 325i? Is it an electric or 13 Ο. 14 gasoline vehicle, sir? 15 Gasoline. Α. 16 Q. 325i. What's the year of that 17 vehicle, sir? 18 Α. 2011. 19 What color is that BMW 325i? Q. 20 Black. Α. 2.1 Q. The license plates on that 22 vehicle, New York or some other state? 23 New York. Α. 24 Do you know what your license Q. 25 plate number is, sir?

Page 103 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 103 2 I don't remember. Α. 3 Q. Did you purchase that vehicle used, sir? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. Did you take out a loan or did 7 you buy it in full, in cash? 8 I bought it cash. 9 Ο. Other than the BMW 325i, do you 10 own any other vehicles? 11 No. Α. 12 Does your girlfriend drive? Q. 13 Α. Yes. 14 Does she own a vehicle? Ο. 15 Yes, she also has a vehicle. Α. 16 Q. What's the year, make, and model 17 of the vehicle that she owns? 18 Ford Focus 2005. Α. 19 That's a 2005 Ford Focus you Q. 20 said? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. What color is that, you said 23 black? 24 No, I think it's gray. Α. 25 Okay. New York license plates on Q.

Page 104 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 104 2 that car too, sir? 3 Α. Yes, New York as well. Ο. Does she own any other vehicles 5 other than that gray Ford Focus? 6 Α. Yes, she's the owner of that Ford 7 Focus. Ο. Does she own any other vehicles 9 other than the Ford Focus, sir? 10 Α. No. 11 I recall that you said that you Q. live at 479 William Floyd? 12 13 Α. Yes. 14 Jose is the owner of that home? Ο. 15 Α. No. 16 Q. I'm confused, sir. I thought you 17 mentioned that a gentleman by the name of Jose 18 owned that house; is that true or no? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. Okay. So Jose owns the house and 21 you rent from Jose? 22 Α. Yes. 23 How did you find out about this Ο. 24 house out in Long Island? 25 I looked it up on Facebook. Α.

Page 105 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 105 2 Facebook Marketplace? Ο. 3 Α. Yes. 4 What's the name that you use for Q. 5 Facebook? Angel Peralta. 6 Α. 7 Do you still maintain and use Q. 8 that Facebook currently? 9 Yeah, but I almost don't use it. 10 Q. Except when you have to find 11 apartments or things of that nature? 12 Yes. Α. 13 The house that you live in now, Ο. 14 is it a one-family home, a two-family home, 15 something else? 16 Α. Two-family. 17 Q. How many floors are there at this 18 house? 19 One. Α. 20 How is the house divided between Q. 2.1 where you and your girlfriend live and then 22 where Jose lives? 23 Α. The rooms. 24 Q. So you don't rent out a 25 one-family portion of the two-family home, you

Page 106 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 106 just rent out a room; is that fair to say? 2 3 Α. Yes. Ο. How many rooms are in this home? 5 Three. Α. 6 And, is the third room rented out Q. 7 as well? Α. Three rooms are rented out. 9 Ο. What are the names of tenants in the other rooms in the house? 10 11 Their names I do not know. Α. 12 Do you interact with them at all? Q. 13 No, almost none. Α. 14 Do you share a kitchen and Ο. 15 bathroom with these folks? 16 Yes, the kitchen only. 17 And, you're not related to anyone Ο. 18 else that lives in this house, correct? 19 No, nobody. 20 And your girlfriend's not related Q. 2.1 to anyone else that lives in this home, correct? 22 Α. Correct. 23 The people that live in this Ο. 24 home, you're not friends with them, correct? 25 No.

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- 2 Q. You said you pay \$900 a month.
- 3 Is that your share or is that you and your
- 4 girlfriend combined?
- 5 A. Together with my girlfriend.
- 6 Q. Earlier you testified that when
- 7 you first came to the United States, you resided
- 8 at 11036 Corona Avenue, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And, you testified that when your
- 11 father came, he arrived at that location before
- 12 you and provided you with that address, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. How did your father know about
- 15 11036 Corona Avenue when he arrived in the
- 16 United States?
- 17 A. A friend of his lived there.
- 18 He's the one that picked us up.
- 19 Q. Picked you up in Texas or picked
- 20 you up in New York?
- 21 A. No, he waited for us in New York.
- 22 O. Where in New York did he wait for
- 23 you to bring you to Corona, Queens?
- THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, can
- 25 you repeat that?

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- Q. Where did he wait for you in New
- 3 York to then bring you to Corona, Queens?
- A. At the same house; he waited for
- 5 us there.
- 6 Q. I'm confused. You said that this
- 7 gentleman brought you somewhere once you arrived
- 8 in New York; is that fair to say?
- 9 A. No. I didn't tell you that he
- 10 took me anywhere.
- 11 Q. We're going to take a couple
- 12 steps back. You said that this gentleman who
- 13 lived at 11036 Corona Avenue in Queens picked
- 14 you up; did you testify to that, sir?
- 15 A. Yeah, but that was the person who
- 16 brought me from Texas.
- 17 Q. Okay. We need to make sure this
- 18 is clear; we're going to take a step back. Your
- 19 father knew a gentleman that lived at 11036
- 20 Corona Avenue in Queens; is that correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And, you and your father then
- 23 resided in that apartment with that gentleman?
- 24 A. Yeah, when we arrived in New
- 25 York. When I got to New York, we met up with

Page 109 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 109 2 the friend of my father. 3 Ο. Okay. The person that drove you from Texas to New York is not your father's 5 friend, right? It was somebody else? 6 No, he's not a friend of ours. Α. 7 Now this friend of your father's, Q. what did he do for work? 8 9 Um, he worked at a restaurant. 10 Q. What's your father's friend's 11 name? 12 I think his name was Freddy. I Α. 13 think that's what his name was. 14 Okay. You also mentioned that Ο. 15 you had an aunt here in New York too, correct? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And, is that your father's sister Q. 18 or your mother's sister or something else? 19 She's the sister of my

- 19 A. She's the sister of my
- 20 grandfather.
- Q. Did she also live in Queens?
- A. No, she didn't live in Queens.
- 23 She lived somewhere else.
- Q. Earlier you mentioned that when
- 25 you got paid by Sparkleening, it was direct

Page 110 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 110 2 deposit; do you recall that testimony, sir? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο. You mentioned that taxes were 5 taken out of that money; do you recall that 6 testimony, sir? 7 Yes, the taxes. Α. 8 At any point in time from the 9 moment you stepped foot in the United States 10 until now, were you ever issued a TIN number or 11 any sort of identification number for tax 12 purposes? 13 You're asking me, for Α. No. instance, if I have Social or something like 14 15 that? 16 Q. Social Security number or a TIN 17 that would identify who you are for the purpose 18 of paying taxes? 19 No. Α. 20 Q. How do you know taxes were taken 21 out of the money that was direct deposited to 22 your account? Would you receive any kind of pay 23 stub or pay slip, anything like that?

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Yes.

And, would those pay slips be

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- 2 mailed to you, emailed to you, be on some sort
- 3 of employment portal online or something else?
- 4 A. It would come out there because I
- 5 would get less money.
- 6 MR. MENESES: I'm going to move
- 7 to strike as nonresponsive.
- 8 Q. Were you ever given any kind of
- 9 documentation, pay stub, pay slip, anything like
- 10 that, to demonstrate that taxes were being taken
- 11 out of your paycheck?
- 12 A. I don't remember, honestly.
- 13 Q. What bank did you use at the time
- 14 for the purposes of direct deposit?
- 15 A. Bank of America.
- 16 Q. Did you have to provide them with
- 17 any sort of identification in order to establish
- 18 an account with them?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. What type of documentation did
- 21 you give to Bank of America to set up that
- 22 account?
- 23 A. The one from Bank of America?
- Q. Correct.
- 25 A. Passport, proof of address, and

Page 112 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 112 2 then my consular ID. 3 0. I'm going to take you now back to those OSHA courses that you took about a month 5 after you are arrived in the United States. you recall testifying about that? 6 7 Α. Yes. Now during those OSHA courses, 8 9 you learned about job site safety; is that fair 10 to say? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Did they teach you about being Q. aware of your surroundings on job sites? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. Did they teach you, or at least 16 speak about, identifying possible hazards or 17 dangers on construction sites? 18 Yeah, they taught us all of that. Α. 19 Did they teach you about recognizing hazards in areas by means of egress 20 21 or ingress, whether it be stairways or doorways

A. Yes.

MR. MENESES: There's a lot of

feedback, so I don't know who that's

or other areas where people walk?

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Page 113 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 113 2 from, but can everyone except myself, the 3 reporter, the interpreter, and the witness, mute their mics? I'm just 4 5 getting a lot of feedback. 6 And, having worked in Q. 7 construction, you were aware that you needed to 8 be aware of your surroundings, right? 9 Yes. 10 And, would you agree with me that Ο. 11 personal safety is important to you? 12 Of course. Α. 13 Ο. And, recognizing potential 14 hazards that could cause injury to you is 15 important to you, correct? 16 THE INTERPRETER: I didn't get 17 that. 18 Q. It's important to you to 19 recognize potential hazards or dangers that could injure you, correct? 20 2.1 Α. For example, things, like, not 22 standing beneath where construction is happening 23 above. 24 And, how about watching where Q. you're walking on a job site; that's something 25

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- 2 that would be important to you, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And, during those OSHA courses,
- 5 were you taught to report certain things, if you
- 6 saw them on a job site, that you thought might
- 7 be dangerous or hazardous?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Earlier you testified that you
- 10 saw that there was debris all over this
- 11 staircase between the second and third floor at
- 12 this property, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And, you didn't do anything about
- 15 that, right? Yes or no?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. And, you didn't tell anyone about
- 18 it, right? Yes or no?
- 19 A. I told the coworker who I was
- 20 cleaning with.
- 21 Q. And, it was not someone that was
- 22 higher than you in the chain; it was simply a
- 23 coworker, correct?
- 24 A. Yeah, like, my coworker. I mean,
- 25 like, the person that was in charge of our

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- 2 group.
- 3 Q. When did you report this to that
- 4 person?
- 5 A. Before going up to the fifth
- 6 floor to get the bags.
- 7 Q. So is it your testimony when you
- 8 first walked from the ground floor up to the
- 9 fifth floor, you had walked over a staircase
- 10 that had debris on it; is that your testimony,
- 11 sir?
- 12 A. From the third floor to the fifth
- 13 floor, no. We had already cleaned that, but
- 14 when I went up there, I told the person who was
- in charge of my group that the floors between
- 16 the third and second floors were dirty.
- 17 Q. Maybe I'm being unclear, sir, and
- 18 I want to make sure we are clear here today.
- 19 There's one staircase in this building, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. The morning of the incident when
- 22 you got to the job site either between 7:00 or
- 23 8:00 o'clock, did you have to walk up that
- 24 staircase to get to the area where you were to
- 25 perform your work?

Page 116 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 116 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. And, you were scheduled to work at a floor above the third floor, correct? 5 or no? 6 Yes. Α. 7 That would mean that you then had Q. to walk the staircase between the second and third floor to get where you needed to go, 10 correct? 11 Α. Yes. 12 At that time, when you walked Q. from the second floor to the third floor and 13 14 above, was the staircase clean or was there 15 debris on it? 16 Α. They had debris. 17 So is it your testimony here Ο. today that you climbed a staircase with debris 18 19 on it when you went from the ground floor up to 20 where you were starting to work? 2.1 Α. Yes. 22 At that specific moment when you Ο. 23 were walking up the stairs from the second to

the third floor, did you ever make a complaint

to anybody about that staircase?

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- 2 A. Our boss who was in charge.
- 3 Q. What did your boss say to you
- 4 about that?
- 5 A. I told her that specific area of
- 6 the stairway was very dirty, that you couldn't
- 7 go by there in a good manner, and that I was
- 8 bringing down bags.
- 9 Q. What did your boss say to you in
- 10 response to that complaint that you made?
- 11 A. That they were going to clean
- 12 them soon.
- 13 Q. That was something that was
- 14 within your scope of responsibility, to clean
- 15 the stairs?
- 16 A. It was our responsibility.
- 17 Q. Is there a reason why at that
- 18 time, if you needed to use that staircase to get
- 19 up and down to bring garbage out of the
- 20 building, why you wouldn't clean the staircase?
- 21 A. They give me the order to bring
- 22 down the garbage bags.
- Q. I understand that, sir, but
- 24 logically, why wouldn't you clean the staircase
- 25 that you needed to use if it had debris on it,

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- 2 and you knew that it could potentially be
- 3 dangerous?
- 4 A. Because they were cleaning. What
- 5 I was doing was bringing the bags down, so they
- 6 could throw them out to the garbage.
- 7 MR. MENESES: I'm going to move
- 8 to strike as nonresponsive.
- 9 Q. Sir, was there a reason why you,
- 10 after noticing after the stairs were dirty, you
- 11 yourself did not make any efforts to clean them
- 12 if that was something that was within your scope
- 13 of responsibility at this job site?
- 14 A. I told you already that they
- 15 ordered me to bring down the bags, and the
- 16 people who were cleaning, it was them.
- 17 Q. At some point in time when you
- 18 were coming town the stairs before the accident
- 19 happened, you noticed the staircase still had
- 20 debris on it, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And, yet you still decided to
- 23 walk down that staircase, true?
- 24 A. They were the only ones.
- Q. Could you have put the bags down

Page 119 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 119 2 and cleared the debris from the staircase, sir? 3 Α. (No verbal response given). Ο. Sir? 5 Honestly, I did not do that. Α. 6 I know you didn't do it, sir, but Q. is there a reason why you didn't do it when it 7 was your responsibility at this job site to make 9 sure that the staircase was clean? 10 Yeah. I know it was my Α. 11 responsibility, but the person who was my boss 12 told me to do something else, to go get the bags 13 and bring those bags down, and that they were 14 doing the cleaning. 15 If you noticed something that 16 could be dangerous to your health and your 17 safety, did you not feel that you had some 18 responsibility to make sure that you could do 19 your work in a safe manner? 20 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my 2.1 objection. 22 Honestly, I didn't think about Α. 23 it. 24 Q. Okay. 25 Jason, would you mind MS. DUFFY:

Page 120 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 120 2 if I ask a question similar to what 3 you're asking? 4 MR. MENESES: Sure, that's fine. 5 MS. DUFFY: Sir, could you have 6 waited for the people to clean the stairs 7 before going down with the garbage bags? The thing is that I had to bring 8 9 these bags down and even my boss, the boss who 10 was in charge of our group, had told me something, like, you have to bring those bags 11 12 down quickly. 13 MR. MENESES: I'm going to jump 14 back in now after that. 15 Ο. Where was those bags ultimately 16 put; were they put in a dumpster, a cart, a 17 truck, something else? 18 The bags would be left by the Α. 19 We would leave them by the door when they were full of garbage. I would pick them up and 20 2.1 bring them down. 22 Once you brought them down, sir, Ο. 23 where would they go after that? Would they go 24 in a dumpster, would they go into a truck, would 25 they go in the street; what would you do with

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- 2 them once you brought them down?
- A. A dumpster.
- 4 Q. Was the dumpster emptied on a
- 5 daily basis, on a weekly basis, or something
- 6 else?
- 7 A. Each week.
- 8 Q. At the time that your incident
- 9 happened, was there a garbage truck picking up
- 10 the dumpster ready to throw the bags out?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. So you could have waited five
- 13 minutes for someone else to clean those stairs
- or you could have cleaned the stairs? It wasn't
- 15 that big of a rush; you would agree with me,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. The only thing I was in agreement
- 18 with is the orders I was receiving from my boss.
- 19 Q. Like I said, the bags were
- 20 ultimately going to be put in the dumpster,
- 21 right?
- 22 A. Yeah, but they were rushing me
- 23 that I needed to bring those bags down.
- Q. I want to be clear, sir. Your
- 25 incident occurred because you tripped, correct?

Page 122 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 122 2 Α. Yes. You did not slip, correct? 3 Q. 4 Α. No. I did not slip, I tripped. 5 Now that staircase that you were Q. 6 walking on, was that a permanent staircase in 7 the building? Α. Yes. What were the stairs made out of, 9 Q. 10 sir? 11 Α. Cement. 12 And, were you using those stairs Q. simply to get from the third floor to the second 13 14 floor? 15 Α. Yes. 16 So you weren't using those stairs 17 to do work in the staircase to reach a higher 18 level, correct? 19 Α. Yes. 20 There was nothing that fell and Q. 21 struck you, causing you to fall down those 22 stairs, correct? 23 No. Nothing struck me. Α. 24 Q. Okay. Are you aware of the term 25 general contractor, sir?

Page 123 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 123 2 General contractor, no. Α. 3 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, 4 Counsel, my battery is about to die, so I 5 need to plug it in. Then if possible, I 6 would like to take a break to get 7 something to eat. 8 MR. MENESES: Let's take 15 9 minutes. 10 (Whereupon, a break was held.) 11 BY MR. MENESES: 12 Earlier you testified that after Q. you tripped, you fell down the stairs, correct? 13 14 Yes, I tripped and I fell down. Α. 15 Q. How many stairs did you fall 16 down, sir? 17 Α. Eight. 18 Q. And, where did your body 19 ultimately come to rest? Was it on the landing 20 of the second floor or something else? 2.1 Α. The resting platform area. 22 When your body came to rest, what Ο. 23 position was your body in? 24 Like this. Like, kind of Α. 25 sideways. (Gesturing).

Page 124 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 124 2 Sideways on your left, on your Ο. 3 right, something else? 4 Α. Right side. 5 And, earlier you testified that 6 you were wearing a hard hat while you were 7 working, correct? Α. Yes. 9 Ο. Did your hard hat remain on your 10 head when your body came to rest? 11 No. When I fell, the hard hat Α. 12 came off. 13 Where did it go when it came off Ο. 14 your head, sir? 15 It fell off my head; it fell to 16 one of the sides. 17 Do you know at what point in time Q. 18 that hard hat came off your head? 19 No. Α. 20 Q. But as you sit here today, your 21 recollection is when your body came to rest, you

Q. On the date of the incident, what

No, I didn't have the hard hat

weren't wearing your hard hat, correct?

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on.

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Page 125 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 125 color was your hard hat? 2 3 White. Α. 4 Ο. Was that a hard hat that you 5 owned or was it given to you by your employer? I was the owner. 6 Α. 7 When your body came to rest, you Q. 8 mentioned that you were on your right side; were 9 you on your back, on your stomach, or something 10 else? 11 When I fell, my body ended up on Α. 12 my right side. 13 Okay. About how long did you Ο. 14 remain on the ground after your body came to 15 rest? 16 I stayed on the floor until the 17 ambulance arrived. 18 Q. While you were on the ground, did

- 19 anyone come up to you and speak to you?
- 20 A. My manager and this coworker.
- Q. Were you conscious the entire
- 22 time that you were on the ground up until the
- 23 time the ambulance came?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. How long were you on the ground

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- 2 before the ambulance arrived; was it 5 minutes,
- 3 10 minutes, something else?
- 4 A. Twenty-five minutes.
- 5 Q. Is that an approximation or did
- 6 you look at your watch from the time you fell
- 7 until the time the ambulance arrived?
- 8 A. It's an approximation.
- 9 Q. Did someone stay with you the
- 10 entire time from the moment your body came to
- 11 rest up until the ambulance arrived?
- 12 A. Yeah, the manager.
- 13 Q. What did the manager do during
- 14 that time you were both together before the
- 15 ambulance arrived?
- 16 A. I'm sorry, what?
- 17 Q. What did the manager do while she
- 18 was in the area around you while you were
- 19 waiting for the ambulance to arrive?
- 20 A. (No verbal response given).
- Q. We couldn't hear you.
- A. Nothing.
- Q. Did you take any photos before
- 24 you left the scene?
- 25 A. No.

Page 127 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 127 2 Do you know if anyone took any Ο. 3 photographs of you before you left the scene? 4 Α. No, I don't know if anybody took 5 any pictures. 6 Q. Did you ask anybody to take any photos of you while you were on the ground? 7 8 Α. No. Have you seen any photos of you 9 Ο. 10 at the scene of the incident? 11 If I have pictures? Α. 12 Q. No. Have you seen any photographs of you at the scene of the incident? 13 14 Α. Oh, no. 15 MR. MENESES: We are going to 16 mark this photograph as Defendant's 17 Exhibit C for today's date. 18 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 19 C, Photograph, was marked for 20 identification, as of this date by the 2.1 Reporter.) 22 This is a photograph that was Ο. 23 exchanged during the course of discovery. Just 24 take a moment to look at this photograph, and

then I'm going to ask you some questions about

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Page 128 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 128 2 it; okay, sir? 3 Α. Okay. 4 Ο. Have you ever seen this photo 5 before, sir? Α. 6 No. 7 Do you know who took this photo? Q. 8 No, I don't know who took it. 9 Q. Is that you in the photograph? 10 Yes. Α. 11 What's on your head in that Q. 12 photo? My hard hat. 13 Α. 14 Does that refresh your Ο. recollection as to whether you were wearing a 15 16 hard hat after your body came to rest after this 17 incident? 18 The day that it happened, yeah, I Α. 19 had the hard hat on the whole time. 20 MR. MENESES: I'm going to move 2.1 to strike that answer as nonresponsive. 22 Sir, my question to you is, does Ο. 23 the photograph refresh your recollection as to 24 whether you were wearing your hard hat at the 25 time your body came to rest after you allegedly

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- 2 fell down the stairs?
- 3 A. Well, I didn't remember if I had
- 4 the hard hat on, honestly.
- 5 Q. You've changed your testimony.
- 6 Before it was that you were not wearing your
- 7 hard hat, and now it's that you don't remember
- 8 if you were wearing your hard hat?
- 9 A. Yeah. What I've said is that I
- 10 was using my hard hat up to when I suffered my
- 11 accident, and then when I suffered my accident,
- 12 that the hard hat fell off.
- 13 Q. I just want to be very clear with
- 14 you, sir. Looking at the photograph on your
- 15 screen, what is on your head?
- 16 A. My hard hat.
- 17 Q. Is this a photo of you before
- 18 your accident, after your accident, during our
- 19 accident, or something else?
- 20 A. That photo was during my accident
- 21 because that's how I was dressed.
- 22 Q. Does this area in the photo show
- 23 where your body came to rest on the landing?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And, in this photo you're wearing

- 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 130
- 2 a hard hat, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 4 Q. At any point in time after your
- 5 body came to rest, did somebody come over to you
- 6 and put your hard hat on and then take a photo
- 7 of you?
- 8 A. The one that was next to me there
- 9 was the Colombian guy.
- 10 Q. Is it your testimony here, sir,
- 11 that the Colombian guy in this photo got your
- 12 hard hat, put it back on your head, and then
- 13 took this photograph?
- 14 A. Well, the guy that's standing
- 15 next to me there, that's the Colombian guy.
- 16 After I fell and I woke up, they first put
- 17 underneath my head was, like, this rag, it was,
- 18 like, something that was cushioning my head.
- MR. MENESES: I'm going to move
- 20 to strike as nonresponsive.
- 21 Q. Sir, after the accident, did you
- 22 or did you not have a hard hat on as depicted in
- 23 this photograph?
- 24 A. After my accident I did not have
- 25 a hard hat on.

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- 2 Q. Do you know how the hard hat in
- 3 this photo got on top of your head?
- A. No, honestly, no. I remember
- 5 when I came back, they had put, like, this
- 6 jacket -- it was, like, this kind of jacket that
- 7 was underneath my head.
- 8 Q. You said when you came back; what
- 9 do you mean by that?
- 10 A. Because there was, like, this
- 11 period of time, like, I kind of didn't move at
- 12 all, and it was as if I had lost consciousness
- 13 for some time.
- 14 Q. How do you know you lost
- 15 consciousness, sir? Did someone tell you that?
- 16 A. Yeah. Like, the manager, the
- 17 boss that was there, she put, like, some alcohol
- 18 near my nose, and then after that, that's when
- 19 they put the jacket underneath my head.
- Q. Were you unconscious when this
- 21 was going on, sir?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So you were unconscious,
- 24 but you know that someone put alcohol up to your
- 25 face and a jacket under your head, sir?

Page 132 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 132 2 Yes. I had a jacket already Α. 3 underneath my head. 4 Okay. You said this person with Ο. 5 the glove on here, that's your coworker? 6 No, that's a girl. Α. 7 Is that the manager? Q. 8 No, the manager was next to me. You mentioned something about a 9 Q. 10 Colombian person; where is the Colombian person 11 in this photo? 12 You can't see him because they 13 only took a picture of me there. 14 You said you don't know who took Q. 15 this photo, right? 16 Α. No. 17 And, do you know what this stuff Q. 18 is near where your legs are here? 19 The things that are beneath my 20 legs? 2.1 Q. That's correct, sir. 22 THE INTERPRETER: He's saying, I 23 think it's gypsum, but I'm not familiar 24 with this word. 25 Is it gypsum board, sir? Q.

Page 133 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 133 Yes, I believe it's that. 2 Α. 3 Ο. Okay. Is this some of the material that you had in the garbage bag that 5 you claimed ripped when you fell down these stairs? 6 7 No, that was already there. The Α. 8 stairway was full of that debris. 9 Ο. At any point in time after this 10 incident, did you fill out an incident report? 11 I haven't filled out anything. Α. 12 Okay. Did you make a claim for Q. 13 workers' compensation for this accident? 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. Are you receiving any sums of 16 money in connection with any claims that you've 17 made in this case? 18 Α. Every 15 days I get payments. 19 Do you know who those payments Q. 20 are from? 2.1 Α. From my compensation case. 22 Ο. So you have a workers' 23 compensation case, right? 24 Yes. Α. 25 Q. Are you represented by an

Page 134 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 134 2 attorney with respect to that workers' compensation claim? 3 Α. Yes. 5 Is that the firm of Harmon Linder or is that a different firm? 6 7 I don't know, honestly. Α. 8 0. Did you ever have to fill out any 9 documents or forms when you made your workers' 10 compensation claim? 11 I don't remember, honestly. Α. 12 I'm going pull up a MR. MENESES: document we'll mark as Defendant's 13 14 Exhibit D for today's date. 15 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 16 D, Workers' Compensation Employee Claim, 17 was marked for identification, as of this 18 date by the Reporter.) 19 I represent to you that this is Ο. an Employee Claim form. It's a C3 for the 20 2.1 Workers' Compensation Board. I'm going to have 22 you take a look at this form, and then I will 23 ask you some questions about it; okay, sir? 24 Okay. Α. 25 I'm going to scroll down to the Q.

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- 2 bottom of Page 2 first. Do you see your
- 3 signature anywhere on this document?
- 4 A. Yeah. My signature's there.
- 5 Q. Did you fill this out yourself or
- 6 did an attorney fill it out for you or something
- 7 else?
- 8 A. I have not filled that.
- 9 MR. MENESES: You were speaking
- 10 over each other and I couldn't hear the
- answer.
- 12 A. No, I have no filled that.
- Q. At the top, that's your name
- 14 though, Angel Fernando Peralta Ordonez?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And, the address 11036 Corona
- 17 Avenue, Apartment 3F; that's where you lived at
- 18 the time, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. There's a cellphone number here
- 21 with the area code 929-789-2709; was that your
- 22 cellphone number at the time?
- 23 A. Yeah, that was my phone number.
- Q. Who was the carrier that you had
- 25 for the phone at the time; was it Verizon,

Page 136 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 136 2 Sprint, AT&T, T-Mobile? 3 Α. Spectrum. 4 Ο. Spectrum cellphone service? 5 Yes. Α. 6 Q. Okay. I'm going to direct your 7 attention now to Section B. It says date you were hired, 10/31/2022; do you see that here? 8 9 Α. Okay. 10 Q. Is it fair to say that you were 11 employed about seven or eight days at the time that this incident occurred? 12 13 Α. I'm sorry, what? 14 Ο. Is it fair to say that you were 15 employed by Sparkleening for about seven or 16 eight days at the time of this incident? 17 Α. Yes. 18 And, under Section C it says your Q. 19 job, it says removing debris, correct? 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Ο. Down in Section D, Question 5 22 says what were you doing while you were injured 23 and it says removing debris; is that true? 24 Yes. Α. 25 Section D, Number 11, it says did Q.

Page 137 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 137 2 anyone see your injury happen, it says yes, and it says coworker. Do you have the name of that 3 coworker? 5 No, I don't have it. 6 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you some 7 additional photographs that were provided to us 8 by your attorney. 9 MR. MENESES: Off the record. 10 (Whereupon, a discussion was held 11 off the record.) 12 BY MR. MENESES: 13 MR. MENESES: I'm going to show 14 you now a six-page document that contains 15 six photographs that were exchanged by 16 your attorney, and we're going to mark it 17 as Defendant's Exhibit E for today's 18 date. 19 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 20 E, Photographs, was marked for 2.1 identification, as of this date by the Reporter.) 22 23 Do you recognize this photograph Ο. 24 on Page 1 of 6, sir?

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Α.

Yes.

Page 138 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 138 2 Are you shown in this photograph? Q. Yes, that's me. 3 Α. 4 And, you took this photograph Q. 5 with a cellphone? 6 Yes, with mine. Α. 7 Do you know when this photograph Q. 8 was taken? 9 Days before my accident. 10 What's the reason that you took a Q. 11 photo of yourself at this job site? 12 I sent a photo to my mother. asked me to send a photo, so she could see what 13 14 I was doing. 15 Ο. Is your mother in New York as 16 well or is she back in Ecuador? 17 Ecuador. Α. 18 How do you communicate with her; Q. is that through WhatsApp? 19 20 Of course, with WhatsApp. Α. 21 Q. Did you send her this photo 22 through WhatsApp? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Do you know where this photograph Q. 25 was taken?

Page 139 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 139 2 Α. The place where I was working. 3 Ο. Is that the same building where the incident is alleged to have occurred? 5 Α. Yes, but that's on another floor. 6 Q. Okay. Do you still have this 7 photograph? 8 Α. I honestly don't know. 9 Ο. How did your attorney get this 10 photograph? 11 Because I gave it to my first Α. 12 lawyer. 13 Ο. What was the reason that you gave 14 this photograph of you days before your 15 accident, in a different location at this job 16 site, to your attorney? 17 'Cause that's where my accident Α. 18 happened. It's not the same exact location of

- 19 where my accident happened, but it's the same
- 20 work site where my accident happened.
- Q. If it's not the same area where
- 22 the accident occurred, why would you send this
- 23 to your attorney? Why would you send this
- 24 photograph?
- 25 A. Because they asked for a photo

Page 140 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 140 2 that would show where I'm working. 3 But this doesn't show the 0. staircase between the second and third floor, 5 right? 6 Α. No. 7 And, it doesn't show anything Q. 8 that you claim to have tripped on? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Ο. This is that white hard hat that 11 was on your head in the other photo that I showed you, right? 12 13 Yes. Α. 14 Now I'm going to show you Photo 15 Number 2 of 6 on this document here. Do you 16 recognize this photo? 17 Yes. Yes, that's me. Α. 18 Q. And, you took this with your 19 cellphone, right? 20 Α. Yes. 21 And, when did you take this Q. 22 photo? 23 I don't remember when I took it. Α. 24 Where did you take this photo? Q. 25 It's right there at the work Α.

Page 141 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 141 2 site. 3 Q. And, what was the reason that you took this photograph? 5 Because I wanted to take it. Ι 6 wanted to have it on my phone. 7 Are there some hearts above your Q. 8 head there in that photograph? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Are those added by Instagram or Q. 11 some other app? How did you get those hearts 12 over your head in that photograph? 13 That's just a filter. Α. 14 Okay. Did you send this photo to Ο. 15 your lawyer? 16 Α. I don't remember, honestly. 17 Q. This doesn't show the area where 18 your accident occurred, right? 19 No, it doesn't show the area. 20 Q. I'm going to show you now 21 Photograph 3 of 6. Do you recognize this photo? 22 Α. Yes. 23 And, who took this photograph? Ο. 24 That photo I took of myself. Α. 25 Did you ask someone to take it of Q.

Page 142 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 142 2 you or did you set a timer because you're obviously far away from where the camera is? 3 Α. Timer. 5 What was the reason that you took 6 this photograph of you sitting, looking out a 7 window at this job site? Because I put it on my Facebook, in my Facebook history. 10 Q. Does this area show where the 11 accident occurred? 12 Α. No. 13 Picture Number 4. Again, this is Ο. 14 you in the photo, correct? 15 Yeah, that's me. 16 Q. And, you took another selfie with 17 that filter on? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Do you still have this Q. 20 photograph, sir? 2.1 Α. I don't know, honestly. 22 Ο. Now let's go to Photo Number 5. 23 Is this you in the photo here? 24 Yeah, that's me. Α. 25 Did you take that photograph, Q.

Page 143 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 143 2 sir? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Q. And, when did you take that 5 photo? The day of my accident. 6 Α. 7 Why did you take that photograph, Q. 8 sir? 9 Α. To send to my father. 10 Did you use a cellphone to take Q. 11 this photo? 12 With my phone. Α. 13 I'm going to show you this last Q. 14 photograph here. Do you know what's depicted in 15 this photo? 16 Α. Yes. 17 What's this a photograph of? Q. 18 I would sign up before going into Α. 19 work. 20 Was this something that whoever Q. owned the building made you sign? 21 22 Α. Yes. 23 How much did you say you are Ο. 24 getting every two weeks in workers' compensation 25 payments?

Page 144 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 144 2 Α. They pay me like 700. 3 Ο. That's every two weeks, correct? So you get about \$1,400 a month? 5 Α. Yes. Other than the worker's 6 Q. 7 compensation payments, do you have any other source of income at this time? 9 Yes. 10 What other sources of income do 0. 11 you have at this time? 12 There were letting me borrow Α. 13 money, but they don't let me do that any more. 14 Who was letting you do that, sir? Ο. 15 Α. The companies. 16 Q. Did you take out some sort of 17 litigation loan or some sort of loan in connection with this lawsuit? 18 19 I wouldn't be able to say, 20 honestly. 2.1 Ο. Well, you would be able to say, 22 sir, because a few seconds ago you said that you 23 took a loan out, so what kind of loan are we 24 talking about? 25 Well, they are the loans. Α.

Page 145 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 145 2 don't know how to explain this. The loans that 3 they give you. Ο. When you say they, who is they? 5 The lending companies. Α. 6 Q. Is this a lending company that 7 your attorneys, whether it's Harmon Linder or 8 Ginarte or Wingate, set you up with? 9 MR. SVERDLOVE: Note my 10 objection. 11 Ginarte. Α. 12 Q. Okay. 13 They helped me out with that. Α. 14 How many loans did you take out? Ο. 15 Α. Like, three. 16 Q. Do you recall the amounts of each 17 loan that you took out? 18 Five thousand. Α. 19 So it's a total of 15,000, sir? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Q. Did you have to sign a contract 22 for each loan that you took out? 23 Yes, Ginarte made me sign three. Α. 24 Q. When you say made me sign three, is that a decision that you made on your own or 25

Page 146 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 146 2 something else? 3 No, it's a decision I took out on Α. 4 my own. 5 And, do you know what the interest rate is on those loans, sir? 6 7 Α. No. 8 Do you know how much you owe on 9 though loans at the present time? 10 Α. No, I don't know. 11 You said you're not allowed to Q. 12 take any more loans out. Who told you that 13 you're not allowed to take any more loans out? 14 I didn't take out any more. Α. 15 Ο. Okay. Do you have copies of 16 those loan contracts that you signed, sir? 17 Α. No. 18 Q. Do you know the name of the 19 funding company that you took these loans out 20 with? 2.1 Α. No. 22 Ο. Okay. Other than those three 23 loans and the workers' compensation payments you 24 get, do you have any other source of income at

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this time?

Page 147 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 147 2 Α. No. 3 Ο. What did you do with the money that you received in connection with those loans 5 that you took out? 6 I've paid the debt that I had Α. 7 when I came. 8 When you say the debt that you 9 had when you came, is that the amount of money 10 that you owed to the person that assisted you 11 with coming over the border and into New York? 12 Yes. Α. And, how much was that debt that 13 Ο. 14 you owed, sir? 15 Α. Twenty-one thousand dollars. 16 Q. What did you do with the 17 remaining \$12,900 from that loan, sir? 18 With what \$2,900? Α. 19 You said you took a loan out for Q. 20 \$15,000, right? 2.1 Α. Yes. 22 The debt that you needed to pay, Ο. 23 was that \$21,000 or \$2,100? 24 \$21,000. Α. 25 I want to be clear that the debt Q.

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- 2 that you owed to come over the border into New
- 3 York was \$21,000, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And, so you used the \$15,000 that
- 6 you got through the loan, and then paid an
- 7 additional \$6,000 in cash presumably, correct?
- 8 A. I paid all of that to him. I
- 9 paid him in amounts of \$5,000.
- 10 Q. You paid him three installments
- 11 of \$5,000, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The remaining \$6,000, is that
- 14 still outstanding or have you paid that too?
- 15 A. I still owe him, but I'm paying
- 16 him little by little.
- 17 Q. Are you using your workers'
- 18 compensation payments for that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And, how much left do you owe on
- 21 that \$6,000, sir?
- 22 A. Now I only owe, like, \$3,000.
- 23 Q. Sir, did anyone ever tell you
- 24 that you would get a large sum of money if you
- 25 started a lawsuit?

Page 149 1 Angel Peralta Ordonez 149 2 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, I 3 didn't hear you. 4 Ο. Did anyone ever tell you that you 5 would get a large sum of money if you started a 6 lawsuit? 7 I'm sorry, who told me that? Α. 8 Q. I'm asking did anyone ever tell 9 you that? 10 Α. No. 11 MR. MENESES: I'm going to pass 12 it off to my colleagues here. 13 MS. DUFFY: I just have a few 14 more questions for you, sir. 15 EXAMINATION BY 16 MS. DUFFY: 17 0. Since you've come to the United 18 States, have you taken any type of language 19 classes in English? 20 Α. No. 21 Ο. During the course of today's 22 deposition, have you taken any medication at 23 all? 24 Not today, I haven't taken any Α. medicines. 25

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            Q.
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