

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

PEOPLES VIVIAN,)	
Plaintiff,)	
V.) Case No.:	CV-2025-902665.00
HOMEWOOD CITY OF,)	
ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT)	
AGENCY,)	
INABINETT CHRISTOPHER,)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Pending before the Court is the Motion to Continue filed by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency ("ALEA") and Christopher Inabinett (collectively, the "ALEA Respondents"). ALEA respondents were added to the pending Rule 27 Petition on July 18, 2025. ALEA has not been served by the Petitioner. Rule 27 requires thirty (30) days from the time of service to the date of the hearing.

After the initial filing on July 2, 2025, this Court set a hearing in accordance with Rule 27 on August 4, 2025. When ALEA was added to this proceeding, the Petitioner stated "ALEA now holds the only official copy of the video and is the entity authorized by statute to disclose or release the recording. ALEA is named as a Respondent herein because it is a necessary party for affording complete relief (i.e. preservation and potential disclosure of the video evidence) in this Rule 27 proceeding." In the Motion to Continue, ALEA states the "investigation into the relevant officer-involved shooting will conclude by this Friday, August 1, 2025. (Ex. A, ¶ 5). At that time, pursuant to standard Agency practice in SBI's officer-involved shooting investigations, ALEA will release SBI's investigative file - including any and all bodyworn camera footage obtained from the City of Homewood - to the City of Homewood's Police Department and to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. (Id.)."

Petitioner shall file notice to the Court no later than <u>Noon on August 1, 2025</u>, as to whether or not there is an agreement to continue the August 4 hearing. Otherwise, this matter remains set for August 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. as to the Petitioner and the City of Homewood as the served Respondent.

DONE and ORDERED this 31st day of July, 2025.

/s/ ELISABETH A FRENCH CIRCUIT JUDGE