

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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EASTERN MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

Case No. 03-cv-72258

v.

HON. AVERN COHN

CITY OF DETROIT,

Defendant.

**ORDER TERMINATING CONSENT JUDGMENT AND ENTERING  
TRANSITION AGREEMENT**

On July 18, 2003, the Court entered a Consent Judgment negotiated by the Parties to resolve the United States' claims against the City of Detroit regarding alleged patterns or practices by the Detroit Police Department ("DPD") that subjected individuals to uses of excessive force, false arrests and illegal detentions. The Court also appointed an Independent Monitor to evaluate and report on the City's compliance with the terms of the Consent Judgment as the DPD worked to implement the required reforms.

On August 8, 2014, the Parties jointly moved to terminate the Consent Judgment on the grounds that its intent has been substantially satisfied. The Parties agree that the original concerns about officer-involved shootings and witness detentions that led to the Consent Judgment have been remedied. The Parties also have shown that the operations of the DPD have been fundamentally

changed under the Consent Decree and the DPD now has in place appropriate training, supervision, and accountability systems to identify and correct problems on its own.

The Parties also reference in support of their motion the Independent Monitor's finding of 90% overall compliance with the Consent Judgment while acknowledging that additional work remains to be done. To that end, the Parties have asked the Court to approve a Transition Agreement under which the Department of Justice will maintain oversight of the DPD's ongoing reform efforts without the direct oversight of the Independent Monitor.

Upon consideration by the Court, the Parties' motion is GRANTED. The Consent Judgment, and independent monitoring thereof, are hereby TERMINATED. The Transition Agreement shall be entered as an ORDER of the Court and shall terminate on **March 2, 2016**.

**SO ORDERED.**



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AVERN COHN  
United States District Judge

Date Entered: August 25, 2014