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4	J Burke_Guilty Plea_02_26_2016txt Count two that is causing you to plead guilty to this
5	indictment.
6	THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, your Honor.
7	On December 14, 2012, I was the Chief of the
8	Suffolk County Police Department. On that day I went to
9	the Fourth Precinct in Suffolk County. At that time I
10	entered a room with others and encountered an individual
11	who had been arrested earlier that morning on suspicion of
12	burglarizing motor vehicles, including my own vehicle.
13	At that time I, along with others, willfully
14	used unreasonable force and slapped and hit the
15	individual, causing bodily injury.
16	Thereafter, from approximately December 14,
17	2012, to December of 2015, I was aware that there was a
18	grand jury investigation regarding the civil rights
19	violation, being conducted by the United States Attorney's
20	office. I and others did knowingly and intentionally
21	conspire and took affirmative steps to obstruct, including
22	conspiring with other participants not to cooperate with
23	the investigation, so that the grand jury and the United
24	States Attorney's office would not find out the true
25	events of December 14, 2012.

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Is	the	government	satisfied	with	the

2 allocution?

THE COURT:

4 THE COURT: The government will now outline

MS. GATZ: Yes, your Honor.

5 their proof.

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6 MS. GATZ: Thank you, your Honor.

7 The government would produce at trial multiple

8 witnesses who were both (sic) in the room when the

9 defendant assaulted the individual described as John Doe

10 in the indictment. The government would also produce

11 witnesses who were outside of the room in which the

12 defendant entered and assaulted that individual. So

13 multiple police office witness, approximately eleven

14 police officer witnesses, would testify to these events.

15 In addition, some subset of the officers would

16 testify that the defendant, throughout the course of 2013,

17 '14, and '15, obstructed the grand jury investigation into

18 the incident of December 2012 by instructing individuals

19 not to cooperate with the investigation, and had am

20 individual testify falsely under oath at a hearing in

21 Suffolk County pursuant to a conspiracy to obstruct the

22 investigation of the incident on December 2012,

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- THE COURT: Based upon the information given to 23
- me, I find the defendant is acting voluntarily, he fully 24
- understands his rights and the consequences of his pleas, 25

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- and the actual basis for the pleas. I therefore accept 1
- 2 the plea of guilty to Counts One and Two of the
- indictment. 3
- Now what will happen is, probation will make a 4
- report. They will give it to your attorney. Your 5
- attorney will discuss it with you. And after it is all 6
- ブ agreed upon, we will set a date for sentencing.
- Anything else? 8
- MS. GATZ: Nothing else from the government. 9
- 10 Thank you, your Honor.
- MR. CONWAY: Nothing from the defense, your 11
- 12 Honor.
- 13. THE COURT: The court will stand in recess.
- Thank you. 14
- (Proceedings adjourned at 11:30 a.m.) 15

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