

No. 1-07-0088

proposed bystander's report. For the following reasons, we affirm the judgment of the trial court and deny defendant's motion to strike defendant's proposed bystander's report.

Background

The facts of this appeal are gleaned from the pleadings in the record. The record on appeal consists of numerous motions, orders, and two proposed bystanders reports.

Plaintiff purchased a used car from defendant on September 4, 2003. This car allegedly stalled on the highway on September 8, 2003. According to plaintiff, she telephoned defendant car dealership, who then towed the car back to its facility. This is essentially all to which plaintiff and defendant agree. Defendant contends that the vehicle then sat on its sales lot for many months while plaintiff left its requests for the vehicle's keys unanswered. Accordingly, defendant was unable to inspect the vehicle during this time. The vehicle remained at defendant's dealership from September 8, 2003, to December 2006.

On December 21, 2004, plaintiff, acting *pro se*, filed a seven-count complaint against defendant (counts 1 through V) and Ford Motor Company (Counts VI and VII). Initially, plaintiff did not make a jury trial demand, and the case was assigned to the non-jury call of the Cook County Municipal Department. When defendant filed its appearance and jury demand, the case was moved to the jury call of the Cook County Municipal Department. Over the course of the following two years, plaintiff filed numerous motions, and the case was transferred to various courtrooms.

Pursuant to defendant's motion, the trial court granted defendant permission on March 16, 2005, to inspect the vehicle for the purpose of discovery. Plaintiff was ordered to transmit the