

I do want to highlight something that I believe is instructive. Indeed, Texarkana had its own George Floyd incident in 2015. It was the Michael Sabbie incident, a City of Texarkana Arkansas prisoner. It was worthy of protests in the streets. I have chosen to address it in a strategic way but not to forget it. The question before us has the government (Bowie County and the City of Texarkana Arkansas, in particular but not limited to their respective Sheriff/Police Departments) INSTITUTIONALLY owned up to its responsibility for what happened to Mr. Sabbie. As I indicated a meeting on the topic, it is not about any one named person in authority; it is about clear and compelling adjustment of the institutional culture.

Info on the Sabbie incident follows:

Reference Municipal Defendants Motions Section, Case 5:17-cv-00113-RWS-CMC Document 122 Filed 03/06/19; link provided below

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Plaintiffs further allege the County and the City adopted and ratified the policies, customs, and practices of the Corporate Defendants as their own and are liable for any unconstitutional corporate policies, customs, and practices that resulted in harm to Mr. Sabbie.

Municipal Defendants have filed two substantially similar motions for summary judgment, which the Court considers together. Municipal Defendants state they were not directly involved in the operation of the Bi-State Jail sufficiently to be directly liable. Bowie County, Texas (the "County") relies on the Agreement it had with LaSalle to operate the Bi-State Jail. The City of

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Texarkana, Arkansas (the "City") states its only involvement was the fact Mr. Sabbie was "originally arrested by Texarkana Arkansas Police Department." Docket Entry # 86 at 5. Municipal Defendants assert they are not liable under Monell, and they have immunity to certain state law claims (i.e., medical malpractice and Arkansas constitutional claims).

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RECOMMENDED that Defendant Bowie County, Texas' Motion for Summary Judgment

(Docket Entry # 85) be DENIED. It is further

RECOMMENDED Defendant City of Texarkana, Arkansas' Motion for Summary

Judgment (Docket Entry # 86) be DENIED. It is further

My Clear and Compelling Observations and Conclusions:

Court denied the city and county claim for immunity. Lasalle has no authority to arrest nor imprison anyone. That is the government constitutional responsibility. Lasalle having only a measure of operational and management responsibility worked for Bowie County. Bowie County worked for the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. All of that was and is through contractual arrangement. It is that simple. Sabbie was still a prisoner of the City of Texarkana, AR. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas is ultimately responsible for anything that happened to him as I said in the meeting. Proper development and implementation of fair and equitable policies and procedures is about attitude one brings to the matter and willingness to own up to failure to ensure proper training and actions.

Just about a month after the court ruling, in April 2019 clearly in response to the court findings/ruling the case was settled out of court.

<http://www.totalifeinsight.com/cbewptli/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/sabbie-order-030619.pdf>