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Three More Claims Filed Against Nacogdoches County For Violent Assaults by Jailers

(Nacogdoches Texas, February 15th, 2022) Three more excessive use of force claims have been filed against Nacogdoches County for assaults by Nacogdoches County jailers on inmates.

Joe Howard, Eddie Beasley and LaFabian Fite, all inmates at the Nacogdoches County Jail, have filed excessive force claims against Nacogdoches County for recent violent assaults endured at the hands of Nacogdoches County Sheriff's jailers resulting in serious medical injuries.

Beasley had several ribs broken and was confined to a restraint chair for over an hour before receiving medical treatment. Fite was punched in the face multiple times after he was immobilized in a restraint chair. Howard was violently shoved into a wall after being handcuffed and severely injured his face and knee. All three men suffered injuries that required medical attention. Howard and Beasley required emergency treatment at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital.

The claims have been assigned to Nacogdoches County's insurer, the Texas Association of Counties' Risk Management Pool. The County of Nacogdoches is represented by Robert Davis of the Tyler firm Flowers Davis.

Beasley's, Fite's and Howard's attorney, Paul Anderson, says the County Attorney, the Sheriff and County Judge are well aware of the problem of its violent employee jailers but do nothing about it. "Apparently, the beatings will continue until morale improves, and it is all on video," Anderson says.

Anderson represents two other clients with excessive use of force claims against Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office and one custodial death claim. The Nacogdoches Sheriff's Office has also been sued in federal court for wiretapping and sharing confidential information obtained from attorney-client phone calls from the Nacogdoches County jail without warrants.

Recently, allegations involving a female jailer having sexual contact with an inmate have been made. However, neither County Attorney John Fleming nor Sheriff Jason Bridges have released any information. Sexual contact between a jailer and inmate is a felony in Texas.

Anderson says more investigations and federal lawsuits are coming, but that these are just the tip of the iceberg of what is by any definition an ongoing humanitarian crisis at the Nacogdoches County Jail. Anderson says, "At this point it would be far cheaper to elect and hire better employees than to keep paying insurance premiums and deductibles for insurance defense for the ones we have. Nacogdoches County needs to start thinking more about reform and less about retaliation. Fire the fire starters and stop fighting the fires."

Paul Anderson is the principal attorney in a Nacogdoches, Texas civil rights law firm specializing in public corruption, fraud and law enforcement abuse. If you have information about this case, or any matter involving official oppression, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, corruption, or public fraud, call 936.305.5600 or submit a confidential consultation request via the firm's website: <http://paulandersonlaw.com/page-6.html>.

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