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### **Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy Added to Excessive Force Lawsuit for Filing False Report**

(Nacogdoches Texas, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022) A Nacogdoches Texas law firm, Paul Anderson, PLLC, recently filed a federal lawsuit (here [9:21-cv-00251](#)) in the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division, against the County of Nacogdoches, Texas, several Sheriff Deputies, and an elected county constable for striking a disabled witness twice in the face while he was sitting in a chair. The incident was captured on body camera video.

Nacogdoches County Texas Chief Sheriff's Deputy Jay Smith has been added to a federal lawsuit for misrepresenting in a use of force report written five months after the incident that Mr. Roland was hit in the right arm and right shoulder. Body camera video shows Mr. Roland getting hit twice in the face by Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy Salomon Landeros. Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy Cody Pierce and Shelby County Constable Joshua Tipton were also involved in the assault.

Cory Roland was sitting in a chair when Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy Salomon Landeros hit Cory Roland twice in the face and grabbed a phone from Roland's hand. The two other deputies present intervened and restrained Landeros, stopping his assault. Cory Roland alleges he was denied medical attention and access to the Sheriff, and not allowed to leave. The phone was later returned, and no search warrant has ever been produced.

Paul Anderson, Cory Roland's attorney says, "I believe the citizens of Nacogdoches have a right to trust the reporting of its highest-ranking law enforcement and county officials. Unfortunately, once again, a situation that was already bad enough, has been made far worse by covering it up." Anderson says, "The body camera video will eventually come out and it's bad. Nacogdoches County is putting up quite a fight to keep that from happening. Who would ever voluntarily visit the Nacogdoches Sheriff Department after this and why do these guys even still have a job?"

The body camera video is currently not available to the public because of a protective order currently sought by attorneys for Nacogdoches County. Defendants also claim their clients' conduct is covered under qualified immunity and are seeking to have the lawsuit dismissed.

A Texas Ranger's report is expected to be available soon and will be given to the Nacogdoches County District Attorney for review and possible prosecution.

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 on 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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