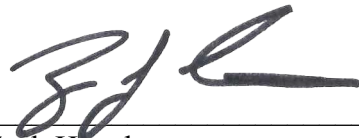




Sumter County, Florida. When public officials are parties to an action in their official capacities, they reside for venue purposes in the county where they perform their official duties, which in this case is Sumter County, Florida. *Holloway v. Gunnell*, 685 F.2d 150 (5th Cir. 1982); *Lowrey v. Estelle*, 433 F.2d 265 (5th Cir. 1976). Sumter County, Florida is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ocala Division.

As Sumter County, Florida is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, venue in the Eastern District of Texas is not proper. When venue is not proper, the court “shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). This case should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ocala Division. An appropriate order so providing will be entered by the undersigned.

SIGNED this 3rd day of February, 2023.



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Zack Hawthorn  
United States Magistrate Judge