

**FOR PUBLICATION**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**  
**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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RAMON CORTESLUNA,  
*Plaintiff-Appellant,*  
v.  
MANUEL LEON; ROBERT KENSIC;  
DANIEL RIVAS-VILLEGAS; CITY OF  
UNION CITY, California,  
*Defendants-Appellees.*

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No. 19-15105

D.C. No.  
3:17-cv-05133-  
JSC

ORDER

On Remand from the United States Supreme Court

Filed January 12, 2022

Before: Ronald Lee Gilman,\* Susan P. Graber, and  
Daniel P. Collins, Circuit Judges.

Order

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\* The Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman, United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, sitting by designation.

**SUMMARY\*\***

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**Civil Rights**

On remand from the United States Supreme Court, the panel affirmed the district court's dismissal of the federal claims against Defendant Daniel Rivas-Villegas and remanded to the district court for consideration of the other elements of Plaintiff's *Monell* claim, noting that the Supreme Court's holding that Rivas-Villegas did not violate clearly established law left undisturbed the majority's conclusion that Rivas-Villegas used excessive force.

With respect to Plaintiff's state-law claims relating to Rivas-Villegas's conduct, and Plaintiff's other remaining claims, including against other Defendants, the panel stated that the prior majority opinion, *Cortesluna v. Leon*, 979 F.3d 645 (9th Cir. 2020), would remain the same.

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## **ORDER**

In light of the recent order of the Supreme Court of the United States, *Rivas-Villegas v. Cortesluna*, 142 S. Ct. 4 (2021) (per curiam), we affirm the district court's dismissal of the federal claims against Defendant Daniel Rivas-Villegas. Because the Supreme Court's holding that Rivas-Villegas did not violate clearly established law left undisturbed the majority's conclusion that, viewing "all the evidence in Plaintiff's favor, Rivas-Villegas used excessive force," *see Cortesluna v. Leon*, 979 F.3d 645, 654 (9th Cir. 2020), we remand to the district court for consideration of the other elements of Plaintiff's *Monell* claim based on Rivas-Villegas's conduct and whether that claim can properly be resolved on summary judgment. With respect to Plaintiff's state-law claims relating to Rivas-Villegas's conduct, and Plaintiff's other remaining claims, including against other Defendants, our prior majority opinion, *Cortesluna v. Leon*, 979 F.3d 645 (9th Cir. 2020), remains the same.