

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**JAMES SPEARS, JR.  
ADC #122695**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**No. 3:22-cv-69-DPM**

**OSCEOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
JENNIFER EPHLIN LONG, Former Shift  
Supervisor, Osceola Police Department;  
CHRIS VAUGHN, Officer, Osceola Police  
Department; CATHERINE DEAN,  
Prosecuting Attorney, Second Judicial  
District; DAKOTA DUNKIN, Officer,  
Osceola Police Department; JOHN DOES  
1-2, City Mayor of Osceola, Chief of  
Osceola Police Department; DANIEL G.  
RITCHEY, Circuit Court Judge, Second  
Judicial District; RALPH WILSON, JR.,  
Chief Administrative Circuit Court Judge,  
Fifth Division; CITY OF OSCEOLA,  
ARKANSAS; DONALD R. BETTERTON,  
District Judge, Osceola District Court;  
RODNEY CHEDISTER, Court Appointed  
Public Defender; DALE COOK, Sheriff,  
Mississippi County, Arkansas; and JOHN  
H. BRADLEY, Chief Public Defender**

**DEFENDANTS**

**JUDGMENT**

Spears's claims against Officers Dunkin, Ephlin, and Vaughn for unlawful stop, excessive force, deliberate indifference to medical needs, and failure to protect are dismissed with prejudice. His retaliation

claim against Officer Dunkin is also dismissed with prejudice.  
Spears's remaining claims are dismissed without prejudice.

D.P. Marshall Jr.

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United States District Judge

25 October 2024