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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SANTOS MELENDEZ)	CASE NO. EDCV 10-00176 VAP
)	(DTBx)
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
)	JUDGMENT ON
)	SPECIAL VERDICT
CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA,)	
et al.,)	
)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

On September 13, 2011, this matter was called for trial in Courtroom 2 of the United States District Court. The parties answered ready for trial. A panel of jurors was called and sworn.

The case was tried to the jury September 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2011, and the case was then submitted to the jury for deliberation. On September 19, 2011, the jury returned a unanimous verdict as follows:

1 We, the jury in the above entitled case, unanimously find
2 as follows:

3 **Question No. 1:** Did either Defendant Corwin deVeas
4 or Defendant Jeremy Herrick, or both, use excessive force
5 upon Plaintiff Santos Melendez?
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7 CORWIN DEVEAS Yes ___ No X
8 JEREMY HERRICK Yes ___ No X
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10 **If you answered "Yes" as to either Defendant, or both**
11 **Defendants, please answer Question No. 2. If you**
12 **answered "No" as to both Defendants, please go to**
13 **Question No. 5.**
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15 **Question No. 2:** Did Plaintiff Melendez suffer
16 injury, damage, loss, or harm as a result of either
17 Defendant deVeas's or Defendant Herrick's use of
18 excessive force against him?
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20 **Only answer this Question for any Defendant as to**
21 **whom you answered "Yes" in response to Question No. 1.**
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23 CORWIN DEVEAS Yes ___ No ___
24 JEREMY HERRICK Yes ___ No ___
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26 **If you answered "Yes" as to either Defendant, or both**
27 **Defendants, please answer Question No. 3. If you**
28 **answered "No" as to both Defendants, please go to**

1 **Question No. 5.**

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3 **Question No. 3:** What do you find to be the amount of
4 damages suffered by Plaintiff Melendez as a result of the
5 excessive force inflicted?

6 **Answer with an amount of damages.**

7 Damages - Medical Expenses \$ _____

8 Damages - All Other \$ _____

9 Total \$ _____

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11 **If in answer to Question No. 3 you awarded any**
12 **damages, please answer Question No. 4. If you did not**
13 **award any damages, please go to Question No. 5.**

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15 **Question No. 4:** Did either Defendant deVeas or
16 Defendant Herrick, or both, act with malice, oppression,
17 or a reckless disregard for the constitutional rights of
18 Plaintiff Melendez?

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20 CORWIN DEVEAS Yes ___ No ___

21 JEREMY HERRICK Yes ___ No ___

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24 **Please go to Question No. 5.**

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Question No. 5: Did Defendant DeVeas unlawfully detain Plaintiff Melendez in violation of Plaintiff Melendez's constitutional rights?

Yes ___ No X

If you answered "No," please sign and date this verdict form. If you answered "Yes," please answer Question No. 6.

Question No. 6: Did Plaintiff Melendez suffer injury, damages, loss, or harm as a result of the unlawful detention by Defendant deVeas?

Yes ___ No ___

If you answered "No," please sign and date this verdict form. If you answered "Yes," please answer Question No. 7.

Question No. 7: What do you find to be the amount of damages suffered by Plaintiff Melendez as a result of the unlawful detention?

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1 If in answer to Question No. 7 you awarded any
2 damages, please answer Question No. 8. If you did not
3 award any damages, please sign and date this verdict
4 form.

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6 **Question No. 8:** Did Defendant deVeas act with
7 malice, oppression, or a reckless disregard for the
8 constitutional rights of Plaintiff Melendez?

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10 Yes ___ No ___

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13 **Please sign and date this form.**

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16 DATED: September 19, 2011 /s/
17 Presiding Juror
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ORDER

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED that judgment on the merits be entered in favor of Defendants, CORWIN DEVEAS and JEREMY HERRICK, and against Plaintiff, SANTOS MELENDEZ, that Plaintiff takes nothing.

DATED: September 21, 2011

Virginia A. Phillips
Honorable Virginia A. Phillips
United States District Judge