

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

CAROL J. VINCENT

v.

CITY OF SULPHUR, ET AL.

\* CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-CV-00573

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\* JUDGE WALTER

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\* MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

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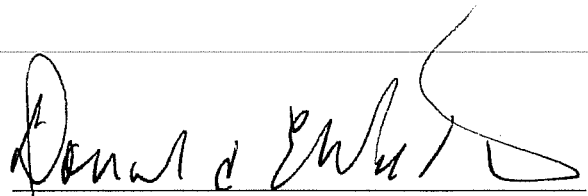
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JUDGMENT

For the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation (Rec. Doc. 7) of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein, after an independent review of the record, a review of the plaintiff's objection (Rec. Doc. 8), and a *de novo* determination of the issues, the court determines that the findings are correct under applicable law. A parish sheriff's department is not a juridical entity capable of being sued under Louisiana law. *See Cozzo v. Tangipahoa Par. Council--President Gov't*, 279 F.3d 273, 283 (5th Cir. 2002) (citing *Ferguson v. Stephens*, 623 So.2d 711, 714 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1993)). Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that all claims against the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 19 day of September, 2017.



DONALD E. WALTER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE