

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

ESTRELLA TENORIO,

Plaintiff,

v.

1:15-cv-00349-LF-WPL

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY DETENTION  
CENTER, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, WARDEN PATRICK  
SNEDEKER, in his Individual and official  
capacities, ANTONIO PADILLA, ELFIGO  
SANDOVAL, JOEY ROMERO, and MATHEW  
BORREGO, in their individual capacities,

Defendants.

**ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' JOINT MOTION  
FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendants Elfigo Sandoval, Joey Romero and Mathew Borrego (collectively "Detention Officer Defendants"), and Defendants San Miguel County Detention Center ("SMCDC"), Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County ("County"), Warden Patrick Snedeker, and Antonio Padilla's Joint Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law (Doc. 339). Plaintiff Estrella Tenorio orally opposed the motion. The Court heard argument on the motion during trial and out of the jury's presence on September 27, 2018. For the reasons stated on the record, the Court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Defendants' motion as follows:

1. The Court GRANTS the Defendants' motion with respect to Plaintiff Estrella Tenorio's state tort claim that the Detention Officer Defendants and Defendants Padilla, Snedeker, SMCDC, and the County failed to exercise reasonable care in maintaining and operating the premises of SMCDC as alleged in the third cause

of action in the first amended complaint, and this claim is dismissed with prejudice;

2. The Court DENIES the Defendants' motion in all other respects.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Laura Fashing  
United States Magistrate Judge