IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

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TRESSA SHERROD, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 3:14-cv-454

OFFICER SEAN WILLIAMS, et

JUDGE WALTER H. RICE

al.,

Defendants.

DECISION AND ENTRY RESERVING RULING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO SEVER CLAIMS AND FOR SEPARATE TRIALS (DOC. #117)

Defendants Officer Sean Williams, Sergeant David Darkow, Chief Dennis

Evers and the City of Beavercreek (the "Beavercreek Defendants") have filed a

Motion to Sever Claims and for Separate Trials, Doc. #117. Defendants Wal-Mart

Stroes East, L.P. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (the "Wal-Mart Defendants"), have

joined in that motion. Doc. #123. Plaintiffs have filed a memorandum in

opposition, Doc. #124, and Defendants have filed a reply, Doc. #126.

It is the Court's intent to RESERVE RULING on the question of whether

Plaintiffs' claims against the Beavercreek Defendants should be severed and tried separately from Plaintiffs' claims against the Wal-Mart Defendants, pending resolution of any summary judgment motions that might be filed. A ruling on these motions may moot Defendants' Motion to Sever Claims and for Separate Trials.

Date: April 11, 2018

VALTER H. RICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE