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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS LUBBOCK DIVISION

QUINTINE FIELDS,

Plaintiff.

V.

No. 5:22-CV-00128-H

LAMESA POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States Magistrate Judge made findings, conclusions, and a recommendation that the Court should dismiss with prejudice all of Plaintiff's claims except his excessive-use-of-force claim against Defendant Officer Ward. The Magistrate Judge recommended that the Court should require Defendant Officer Ward to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's excessive-force claim. No objections were filed. The District Court independently examined the record and reviewed the findings, conclusions, and recommendation for plain error. Finding none, the Court accepts and adopts the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge.

However, the Court cannot direct service on Officer Ward because Plaintiff has not provided the Court with an address where Officer Ward may be served.¹

Plaintiff provides the address for the Lamesa Police Department in his Amended Complaint. Dkt. No. 7. But Plaintiff asserts that Officer Ward no longer works for the Lamesa Police Department, so the Court cannot serve Officer Ward there. Dkt. No. 1. Plaintiff states that Officer Ward "has started working again in Midland" but he gives no other information about where Officer Ward may be found. *Id.*

As a result, the Court orders:

1. Plaintiff's claims against the Lamesa Police Department are dismissed with

prejudice under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B) and 1915A(b).

Plaintiff's claims for illegal search and seizure, false report, defamation, and

denial of medical care are dismissed with prejudice under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B) and

1915A(b).

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3. There is no just reason for delay in entering a final judgment and final

judgment should be entered as to the above-named Defendants and claims under Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b). The Court will enter judgment accordingly.

4. The caption of this case will be changed to reflect that Officer Ward is the

only remaining defendant.

5. If Plaintiff wishes to proceed with his excessive-force claim against Defendant

Officer Ward, he must provide the Court with an address for service within 30 days of the

date of this order. If Plaintiff fails to timely provide the required location information, the

Court will dismiss Plaintiff's claims against this defendant.

So ordered.

Dated October 25, 2023.

JAMES WESLEY HENDRIX

United States District Judge