United States District Court Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

May 13, 2019 David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

DAVID TYRONE THOMAS,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL NO. 2:18-CV-136
	§	
CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, et al,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER

The Court is in receipt of the Magistrate Judge's Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") to dismiss certain claims and retain case, Dkt. No. 10, and Plaintiff's Objections to the M&R, Dkt. No. 25.

After independently reviewing the record and applicable law, the Court **ADOPTS** the M&R, Dkt. No. 10. Accordingly, the Court

- **ORDERS** that Kleberg County be substituted in place of the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office as a party defendant in this case;
- RETAINS the following claims against defendants as follows:¹
 - (1) Plaintiff David Tyron Thomas' ("Thomas") false arrest/false imprisonment claims arising from the June 9, 2016 drug charges against Kingsville Police Officer Kevin Martinez, aka John Doe 1, in his individual capacity;²
 - (2) Plaintiff's false arrest/imprisonment claims arising from the August 24, 2016 resisting arrest against Kingsville Police Officer Michael Chavana, aka John Doe 2, in his individual capacity;³

¹ Plaintiff's original complaint name a number of defendants, including unknown City of Kingsville police officers and unknown Kleberg County deputies. Dkt. No. 1.

² On November 29, 2018 the Magistrate Judge DIRECTED the Clerk to substitute Officer Kevin Martinez in place of Kingsville Police Arresting Officer John Doe 1 as a party defendant, Dkt. No. 31. ³ On November 29, 2018 the Magistrate Judge DIRECTED the Clerk to substitute Officer Michael Chavana in place of Kingsville Police Arresting Officer John Doe 2 as a party defendant, Dkt. No. 31.

- (3) Plaintiff's excessive force claims arising from events occurring on August 24, 2016 against Kleberg County Officers Sergeant Robert Wright, aka John Doe 3,⁴ and Deputy John Doe 4 in their individual capacities; and
- (4) Plaintiff's excessive force claims arising from events occurring on August 24, 2016 against Kingsville Police Officers John Does 5 and 6 in their individual capacities;
- DISMISSES Thomas' claims for money damages against all Defendants in their official capacities; and
- **DISMISSES** Thomas' claims against the remaining Defendants as frivolous and/or for failure to state a claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B) and 1915A(b)(1).

SIGNED this 13th day of May 2019.

Hilda Tagle

Senior United States District Judge

⁴ On November 29, 2018 the Magistrate Judge DIRECTED the Clerk to substitute Sergeant Robert Wright in place of Kleberg County Sergeant John Doe 3 as a party defendant, Dkt. No. 31.