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Federal Court Rules in Favor of Dodge County and Sheriff Schmidt in Immigration Lawsuit

On March 11, 2022, Judge Brett J. Ludwig of the Eastern District of Wisconsin dismissed all claims made against Dodge County, Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt, the Dodge County District Attorney and various federal agencies made by Selepri Amachree in a suit originally filed in the Northern District of Illinois in June, 2018. The dismissal was made with prejudice, preventing the suit or its claims from being re-filed in the future.

Despite Amachree having two chances to file a civil complaint, he was unable to state a coherent theory of liability or otherwise support any claims against Dodge County or Sheriff Schmidt. After reviewing the most recent lawsuit, the District Court held that “[i]n this case, the question is not whether the law permits dismissal, but rather on which of the many available grounds.”

In response to the lawsuit being dismissed, Sheriff Schmidt stated: “I am grateful that the federal court has concluded that no viable claim was alleged in this case and dismissed the lawsuit. I take my responsibility to protect those who are confined in our jail seriously and, as was done in this case, we continue to utilize thorough background investigations to vet those who seek access to the Dodge County Jail. The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office is proud to continue to work alongside our federal law enforcement partners and the Dodge County District Attorney’s Office in an effort to prevent harm to those we serve.”

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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