

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

George Ollie,)
v.)
Plaintiff,) No. 19-cv-00131
City of Chicago, Ronald Watts, Phillip)
Cline, Debra Kirby, Brian Bolton,)
Mathew Cadman, Darryl Edwards,)
Alvin Jones, Kallatt Mohammed, Calvin)
Ridgell, Gerome Summers Jr., Michael)
Spaargaren, and Kenneth Young Jr.,)
Defendants.)

**DEFENDANT KALLATT MOHAMMED'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
FILE AMENDED ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

Defendant, Kallatt Mohammed ("Mohammed"), by and through one of his attorneys, Special Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric S. Palles of Mohan Groble Scolaro, P.C., and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, moves this Court for leave to file his Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint. In support, Mohammed states as follows:

1. Plaintiff filed his Complaint on July 1, 2019, alleging that he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the Defendant Officers' and City of Chicago's acts and omissions. Dkt. 1.
2. On June 24, 2021, Defendant Mohammed filed his Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint. Dkt. 57. In response to certain of the allegations contained in the Complaint, Mohammed asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. On November 15, 2023, he waived said privilege and testified fully in an oral deposition about Plaintiff's arrest and prosecution.
3. Defendant Mohammed now seeks to amend his Answer, withdrawing his Fifth Amendment invocation.

4. Subsequent investigation of Plaintiff's allegations revealed information that resulted in the undersigned counsel's determination that the privilege could, and should, be withdrawn. Specifically, Mohammed will deny certain allegations related to his involvement in the incidents described by Plaintiff in his Complaint.

5. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, the court should freely grant leave to amend "when justice so requires." While leave to amend is not as a matter of course, the permissive policy of the Rule is both explicit and consistent with the animating purpose to ensure that cases be decided on their merits. Accordingly, a motion for leave to amend should be granted "in the absence of undue delay, undue prejudice to the party opposing the motion, or futility of the amendment." *Eastern Natural Gas Corp. v. ALCOA*, 126 F.3d 996, 999 (7th Cir. 1997). The most significant factor is the potential prejudice to plaintiff if the amendment is allowed. *Am. Hardware Mfrs. Ass'n v. Reed Elsevier, Inc.*, No. 03 C 9241, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49220, *6 (N.D.Ill., July 6, 2006). In the instant case, there is none.

6. Plaintiff will not be prejudiced if this Court grants Defendant Mohammed leave to file his Amended Answer.

7. Defendant Mohammed is willing to surrender his Fifth Amendment privilege and will not be asserting his privilege at trial.

8. Plaintiff's counsel does not oppose this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Kallatt Mohammed, moves this Court for leave to file his Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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