

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

Margaret Thomas, Special Administrator of the	)	
Estate of NEPHUS THOMAS,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Case No. 19 C 0133
v.	)	
	)	Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer
CITY OF CHICAGO, RONALD WATTS,	)	
PHILLIP CLINE, DEBRA KIRBY, BRIAN	)	
BOLTON, ROBERT GONZALEZ, ALVIN	)	
JONES, MANUEL LEANO, LAMONICA	)	
LEWIS, KALLATT MOHAMMED,	)	
DOUGLAS NICHOLS JR., ELSWORTH	)	
SMITH JR., AND OFFICER L. SMITH,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**AGREED ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

This matter coming before the Court on the Stipulation of the parties, the parties having reached agreement to settle this matter, and the respective parties being represented by counsel, Plaintiff, Margaret Thomas, Special Administrator of the Estate of Nephus Thomas, by her attorneys, Law Offices of Kenneth N. Flaxman; Defendant City of Chicago, by its attorney, Mary B. Richardson-Lowry, Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago; Defendants Philip Cline and Debra Kirby, by their attorneys, Burns Noland LLP, Special Assistant Corporation Counsel; Defendant Ronald Watts, by his attorneys, Johnson & Bell, Ltd., Special Assistant Corporation Counsel; Defendant Kallatt Mohammed, by his attorneys, Mohan Groble Scolaro, P.C., Special Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Defendants Brian Bolton, Robert Gonzalez, Alvin Jones, Manuel Leano, Lamonica Lewis, Douglas Nichols, Jr., and Elsworth Smith, Jr., by their attorneys, Hale & Monico, LLC, Special Assistant Corporation Counsel; and the parties have entered into a Release and Settlement Agreement and Stipulation to Dismiss, the Court being otherwise fully advised in the




premises, orders as follows:

All the claims of Plaintiff Margaret Thomas, Special Administrator of the Estate of Nephus Thomas against Defendants City of Chicago, Philip Cline, Debra Kirby, Ronald Watts, Kallatt Mohammed, Brian Bolton, Robert Gonzalez, Alvin Jones, Manuel Leano, Lamonica Lewis, Douglas Nichols, Jr., Elsworth Smith, Jr., and Officer L. Smith, including all claims against unknown, unidentified, and/or unserved officers and agents of the Chicago Police Department, are hereby dismissed without prejudice, to be automatically converted to dismissal with prejudice on June 15, 2026, unless a party has moved to extend that date prior to June 15, 2026. Each side shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

All other court-ordered dates and deadlines are vacated.

November 13, 2025

ENTER:   
HONORABLE REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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