

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

CHARLES JOHNSON,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Case No. 22-cv-6396
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CITY OF CHICAGO, PHILIP CLINE,) Judge Franklin U. Valderrama
DEBRA KIRBY, RONALD WATTS, BRIAN)
BOLTON, MIGUEL CABRALES, ROBERT)
GONZALEZ, DOUGLAS NICHOLS JR, and)
ELSWORTH SMITH JR.,)
)
Defendants.)

AGREED ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter coming before the Court on the Stipulation of the parties (R. 66), the parties having reached agreement to settle this matter, and the respective parties being represented by counsel, Plaintiff, Charles Johnson, by his 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; and Defendants Brian Bolton, Miguel Cabrales, Robert Gonzalez, 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 Charles Johnson against Defendants City of Chicago, Philip Cline, Debra Kirby, Ronald Watts, Brian Bolton, Miguel Cabrales, Robert Gonzalez, Douglas Nichols, Jr., and Elsworth Smith, Jr., 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, without further action by the Court, 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.

Date: November 19, 2025



United States District Judge
Franklin U. Valderrama