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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Protective Order Seeks to Prohibit Releasing Video Of Assault on Disabled Man by Sheriff's Deputy**

(Nacogdoches Texas, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021) Lawyers for one of the Defendants in a Texas federal lawsuit have filed for a protective order in federal court asking to prohibit the release of police body cam video showing a Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy sucker punching a seated disabled man twice in the face.

A Nacogdoches Texas law firm has recently filed a federal lawsuit (9:21-cv-00251) in the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division, against the Sheriff of Nacogdoches County, Texas and a deputy for assault and other civil rights violations related to the body camera recorded assault.

Cory Roland voluntarily came to the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office in March of 2021 to meet with investigators and provide a witness statement. Mr. Roland was sitting in a chair scrolling through text message on his cell phone when Deputy Salomon Landeros attempted to grab Mr. Roland's phone. Mr. Roland initially resisted, so Landeros held him down, punched him twice in the face, and took Mr. Roland's phone without a warrant.

A Sheriff's Deputy's body camera recorded the assault and Cory Roland is seeking its public release showing the Sheriff's Deputy sucker punching him twice in the face. At the time of the assault, Cory Roland was recovering from a serious head injury and is considered disabled.

"This is a brutal and shocking assault by a police officer. Why does Deputy Landeros still have his job?" asks Anderson. "Unfortunately, it takes a federal lawsuit to show the public what happens behind closed doors when someone visits the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office as a guest. Mr. Roland did nothing but cooperate and was sucker punched twice in the face for it."

After the assault, Cory Roland immediately asked to see Sheriff Jason Bridges, but deputies refused. Roland sought medical treatment after the assault and Anderson says Sheriff Bridges' only response to the assault was an offer to pay Cory Roland's medical bills. Anderson believes the deputies should be charged with assault and fired failing to report it.

Anderson says the Court will ultimately make a decision, but it is too early in the litigation to predict when the public will be able to view the video of the assault on Cory Roland.

Paul Anderson is the principal attorney in a Nacogdoches, Texas civil rights law firm specializing in public corruption, fraud and law enforcement abuse. If you have information about this case, or any matter involving official oppression, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, corruption, or public fraud, call 936.305.5600 or submit a confidential consultation request via the firm's website: <http://paulandersonlaw.com/page-6.html>.

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