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### PRESS RELEASE

#### Law Firm Files Federal Suit Against Texas County For Refusing to Identify Uniformed Officer Recorded Choking a Young Black Man

(Nacogdoches Texas, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021) A Nacogdoches Texas law firm, Paul Anderson, PLLC, has filed a federal lawsuit in the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division, against the County of Nacogdoches, Texas for the use of excessive force during an arrest of a young black man and then filing a false police report related to that arrest. ([9:21-cv-00254](#))

Demetri Sims was pumping gas into his fiancée's car in downtown Nacogdoches, Texas when Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Johnson drove by and decided to pull into the gas pump next to Mr. Sims. Deputy Johnson confronted Sims about an alleged warrant but retreated to his patrol vehicle when Sims pointed out the Deputy had no reason or probable cause to interrogate him. After Mr. Sims finished pumping gas, he got into his car and was again confronted by Deputy Johnson. The altercation at that point was recorded on Sims' fiancée's cell phone and can be viewed [here](#) (3:28m).

During the confrontation with Sims, Deputy Tyler Johnson was suddenly assisted by a uniformed Nacogdoches County Employee who is pictured choking Mr. Sims.



“Most of our Texas Information Act requests are rejected and objected to by the County Attorney, John Fleming,” says Sims’ attorney Paul Anderson. “However, we did obtain the police report written by Deputy Johnson ([here](#)) which has created far more questions than answers about this incident.” Anderson alleges that none of the officers named in the report is the individual seen choking Mr. Sims. Anderson says they have made dozens of requests to the County attorney to identify the uniformed employee choking Mr. Sims but the County has refused to cooperate. “Until the County can account for, much less identify, the person choking Mr. Sims, this is a false police report,” asserts Anderson.

Mr. Sims' lawsuit also alleges that District Attorney Andrew Jones and Judge Edwin Klein communicated to Mr. Sims through his court appointed criminal defense attorney that that the video of his arrest was "disrespectful of law enforcement" and if Mr. Sims did not take down the video of his arrest from the internet and stop pursuing his civil rights claims and, he would receive a harsher jail sentence. (Sims' Affidavit [here](#))

"I believe that Deputy Johnson racially profiled Demetri Sims as a stereotypical threat, used excessive force for a dubious arrest, and then filed a false police report intentionally failing to identify an officer that was directly involved," says Anderson. "The lawsuit only became necessary because the County ignored repeated requests to work this one out and instead blatantly threatened my client with retaliation."

The County of Nacogdoches, Texas and Defendants Deputy Tyer Johnson and the "Unidentified Uniformed County Employee" have not yet answered the lawsuit.

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 on 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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