

Otis Owens
PLAINTIFF(S)

County Of Aiken et al
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy;
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded;
 Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

Defendant's Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding the Verdict (JNOV) is GRANTED in part, and DENIED in part: the Defendant's motion to dismiss Aiken County as a co-defendant is GRANTED; all other motions related to JNOV are DENIED.

Defendant's Motion for Nisi Remittur is DENIED.

Defendant's Motion for a New Trial is DENIED.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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Aiken Common Pleas

Case Caption: Otis Owens VS County Of Aiken , defendant, et al

Case Number: 2017CP0201413

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So Ordered

The Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF AIKEN)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Otis Owens,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)

CASE NO.: 2017-CP-02-01413

JURY VERDICT FORM

Michael Hunt, in his official capacity)
as Sheriff of Aiken County, Aiken)
County Sheriff's Office, Aiken)
County Detention Center, and Aiken)
County.,)
Defendant.)

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1. Do you find, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the Defendants were grossly negligent in their supervision and confinement of the Plaintiff?

YES
 NO

2. If you answered "YES" to Question 1, then we, the Jury, find actual damages in favor of the Plaintiff, Otis Owens, as follows:

DAMAGES: \$ 150,000

I, DANNY GREEN, Jury Foreperson, certify that the above verdict reflects a **Unanimous** verdict in this case.

Danny Green
Jury Foreperson

November 4, 2022

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Robert J. White CMP
C.C.P. & G.S.

Charla Rouse
Deputy Clerk