

## Richmond City Sheriff's Office Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.



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## JUDGE DISMISSES SHERIFF WOODY FROM LAWSUIT

Richmond, Virginia – A United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia dismissed Sheriff C.T. Woody in the matter of <u>Thomas Garcia Singleton vs. Dr. Emran, et. al.</u>. Thomas Singleton, a former resident of the old Richmond City Jail, filed a 42 U.S.C. 1983 complaint against Sheriff Woody and others, alleging that Sheriff Woody denied him adequate medical care during his incarceration at the Richmond City Jail.

Mr. Singleton, who was incarcerated for a period of time in 2013, filed the complaint after alleging improper medical care was provided to him on the part of medical staff and Sheriff Woody.

While Sheriff Woody was dismissed from the lawsuit, two (2) defendants remain, Correct Care Solutions and the physician.

"I appreciate that the Court looked at all the facts of this case and summarily dismissed me from the lawsuit," stated Sheriff Woody. "The health and safety of everyone at the Richmond City Justice Center, whether they be an employee, resident, or visitor, is important. I am sympathetic to Mr. Singleton's situation and his right to bring litigation, but I am grateful and happy to be dismissed from this matter."

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.

