STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

DAVENALDIANA JONES, individually and as personal representative of the estate of LAREZ MCKNIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000028-MZ

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendant.
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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Plaintiff has filed suit against the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. The jurisdiction of the Court of Claims is limited to claims "against the state or any of its departments or officers." MCL 600.6419(1)(a). A county is not "the state or any of its departments or officers," and the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider claims against county agencies. Accordingly, the Court DISMISSES plaintiff's complaint without prejudice and without limiting plaintiff's ability to file suit in the circuit court. This is a final order resolving all issues in this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: February 13, 2026

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims