Caddo Correctional Inmate Deaths

From January 1st, 2020, until Present

Date of Death	Name	Cause of Death	Location Pronounced Deceased
02/22/2020	Dennis Ray Moore	Natural Causes	CCC
08/30/2020	Cory Jones	Medical Emergency	Local Hospital
03/08/2021	Edmond Black Jr.	Natural Causes	CCC
03/16/2021	Casey Simpson	Chronic Illness/Natural Causes	Local Hospital
07/08/2021	Curtis Shermell Edwards Sr.	Chronic Illness/Natural Causes	Local Hospital
08/02/2021	Bobby Guy Goleman	Chronic Illness/Natural Causes	Local Hospital
02/08/2023	Charvas Thompson	Suicide	CCC
05/07/2023	Joseph Mullings	Natural Causes	CCC
01/24/2024	Arnold Pouncy	Natural Causes	Local Hospital
06/13/2024	David Drake	Chronic Illness/Natural Causes	Local Hospital
06/22/2024	Michael Massaro	Suicide	CCC
07/27/2024	Kevin Dunehew	Suicide	Local Hospital

Moore, Dennis Ray
Warrant Date: 01/05/1990
Greenwood, LA 71033
Age: 79 Sex:M Height: 0 Weight: 0

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Angela SMITH v. Steve PRATOR, et al.

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MEMORANDUM RULING

S. MAURICE HICKS, JR., CHIEF JUDGE

Before the Court is a Motion to Dismiss (Record Document 65) filed by Defendants David Nelson ("Dr. Nelson") and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport ("LSUHSC-S") (collectively "Defendants"). Plaintiff Angela Smith ("Smith") did not file an opposition to this motion. Having reviewed Smith's Third Amended Complaint and applicable law, the Motion to Dismiss will be **GRANTED.**

I. Factual Background

Plaintiff Smith is the surviving daughter of Dennis Ray Moore ("Moore"), a pretrial detainee who died while in custody at the Caddo Correctional Center ("CCC") in Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 22, 2020. See Record Document 39 at 2, 12, 34. Moore's death was due to respiratory failure secondary to necrotizing pneumonia, and Smith alleges that his death was proximately caused by both inadequate medical care and withholding of timely medical treatment by medical and corrections staff at CCC. See id. at 12, 29. Smith also alleges that these acts and omissions were part of a pattern and practice of inadequate medical care and staffing at CCC, and therefore brings accompanying claims of supervisory and policymaker liability against
305 several defendants. See id. at 13-17. *305

Although this case involves roughly a dozen defendants, the movants in the motion to dismiss under consideration here are Dr. Nelson and his employer LSUHSC-S. See Record Document 65. Dr. Nelson was the treating physician at CCC who prescribed medication for Moore when he arrived at the CCC medical facility; Dr. Nelson is also alleged to be the supervisor of other medical personnel at CCC. See Record Document 39 at 6. LSUHSC-S is "the entity contracted by Sheriff Prator to provide medical services to prisoners and detainees at CCC, and did employ Dr. Nelson." See id. at 8. Defendants move to dismiss all claims against them primarily because (1) LSUHSC-S is entitled to sovereign immunity as an arm of the state, (2) the pleadings fail to demonstrate deliberate indifference, (3) Dr. Nelson is entitled