

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
JAMES "J.J." JONES, Sheriff of Knox County, )  
Tennessee, in his official and individual )  
capacities; RODNEY BIVENS, Assistant )  
Chief Deputy of the Knox County Sheriff's )  
Office, in his official and individual capacities; )  
and KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, )  
 )  
Defendants. )

No.: 3:15-CV-452-TAV-CCS

**ORDER**

This civil action is before the Court on the Motion of Defendants for Order Compelling Judicial Conference or Mediation and to Stay Proceedings Pending Same [Doc. 32] and Plaintiff's Motion to Stay Proceedings Pending Private Alternative Dispute Resolution and Response to Defendant's Motion Compelling Judicial Settlement Conference or Mediation and to Stay [Doc. 33]. According to plaintiff's submission, the parties all agree that the Court should stay this action so that they can engage in private mediation, but that the stay should not extend beyond March 31, 2016.

In light of the parties' agreement, the Court hereby **STAYS** this action until **March 31, 2016**, so that the parties may engage in mediation. Accordingly, the Motion of Defendants for Order Compelling Judicial Conference or Mediation and to Stay Proceedings Pending Same [Doc. 32] is hereby **GRANTED in part and DENIED in**

**part**, and Plaintiff's Motion to Stay Proceedings Pending Private Alternative Dispute Resolution and Response to Defendant's Motion Compelling Judicial Settlement Conference or Mediation and to Stay [Doc. 33] is **GRANTED**. All other pending motions are hereby **DENIED** with leave to refile upon the lifting of the stay. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to **LIFT** the stay on **April 1, 2016**. On or before **April 8, 2016**, the parties shall **FILE** a report consistent with Local Rule 16.4(m).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Thomas A. Varlan  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE