

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

PRISON LEGAL NEWS, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO: 09-7515

JACK A. STEPHENS, ET AL.

SECTION: "A" (1)

MINUTE ENTRY (JS-10: 15)

On Thursday, June 17, 2010, the Court held a telephonic status conference in which the following counsel participated: Mary E. Howell on behalf of Plaintiffs and Mary Ann Hand on behalf of Defendants. The conference was set so that the parties could inform the Court about the progress of their settlement discussions.

At the conference, counsel apprised the Court as to the status of the case. Counsel advised the Court that they had reached a tentative settlement agreement concerning damages and attorneys' fees, the only outstanding issues in the case. Defense counsel reported that the parties would be able to finalize settlement as soon as she received approval from the Louisiana Sheriff's Association.

Accordingly;

IT IS ORDERED that this action is hereby dismissed without prejudice to the right upon good cause shown, within sixty (60) days, to seek summary judgment enforcing the compromise if it is not consummated by that time. During this sixty day period, the Court retains jurisdiction for all purposes, including enforcing the settlement agreement entered into by the parties. The Court notes that this settlement is subject to the final approval of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association. If Defendants are unable to obtain approval from the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, the Court will reopen this action and set a trial date at the request of counsel.

COUNSEL ARE REMINDED THAT IF WITNESSES HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED, EVERY WITNESS MUST BE NOTIFIED BY COUNSEL NOT TO APPEAR.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the injunction previously issued in this case shall remain in full force and effect. *See* Consent Judgment for Injunctive Relief (Rec. Doc. 32).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall advise the Court of the decision of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association.

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Handwritten signature of J. C. Ziney in black ink.