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YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

STATEMENT REGARDING C.A. No. 1:20-cv-02370-YK: NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

On December 17, 2020, a complaint was filed in the Middle District Court of the United States alleging false arrest and unnecessary force. The allegations in this case were reported in local media outlets starting on December 23, 2020.

On February 9, 2021, the plaintiff filed a dismissal in this case. The dismissal states “plaintiff voluntarily dismisses and withdraws her complaint, with prejudice.” This dismissal means that the case was dismissed on its merit and cannot be refiled at a later date.

At the time the story was published, Springettsbury Township and the Springettsbury Township Police Department were not able to comment on the pending litigation. This case being dismissed now permits comment. Springettsbury Township and the Springettsbury Township Police Department are committed to treating all residents and visitors to the Township with the respect and dignity they deserve. It is Springettsbury Township Police policy that “All persons having contact with members of this department shall be treated in a nonpartisan, fair, equitable, and objective manner, in accordance with law, and without consideration of their race, color, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, socio-economic standing, genetic information or other individual characteristics or distinctions”. If we fail in this mission, we will hold accountable those responsible for the infraction. Conversely, when we abide by the law and our conduct is lawful and honorable, we will not tolerate false allegations and will pursue the truth and justice for our employees.

This complaint alleged several despicable actions taken by the officers involved. These allegations are false. At no point was the plaintiff knocked to the ground or struck by any Springettsbury Township Police officer. The police did not withdraw or dismiss charges due to having the wrong person in custody. The police did not maliciously arrest the plaintiff due to the color of her skin. Furthermore, it was alleged in the complaint that “It is believed and therefore averred that there are numerous prior complaints against Springettsbury Township Police Officers for arresting African-American citizens without evidence or probable cause and

continuing the prosecution against them despite their knowledge that the person did not commit the crime for which he or she was charged". The Springettsbury Township Police Department will never pursue charges against any individual without evidence or probable cause. There is no evidence of a history of complaints of this nature. Additionally, behavior by any officer who would falsely arrest an individual without evidence or probable cause will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

We hold the officers of the Springettsbury Township Police Department to very high standards. We were confident from the outset of this complaint that the evidence would show the officers acted in accordance with those standards.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LATOYA BATTY
324 REINECKE PL.
YORK, PA 17403

Plaintiff,

v.

WALMART, INC d/b/a
EAST SHORE WALMART
WALMART HEADQUARTERS
702 S.W. 8TH ST.
BENTONVILLE, AK 72716

AND

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
SPRINGETTSBURY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
1501 MT. ZION ROAD
YORK, PA 17402

AND

SPRINGETTSBURY POLICE OFFICER:
JAMIE MILLER
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AND

SPRINGETTSBURY POLICE OFFICER
LT. BRIAN WILBUR
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AND

SPRINGETTSBURY POLICE OFFICERS
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Defendants.

C.A. No. 1:20-cv-02370-YK

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The complaint in this matter having been filed on December 17, 2020 and, to date, no answer or responsive pleading having been filed by any defendant, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41 (a)(1)(A)(i), plaintiff voluntarily dismisses and withdraws her complaint, with prejudice.

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