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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Michelle Rodriguez-Gray,

Plaintiff,

v.

Aaron J. Devries,

Defendant.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

*Jury Trial Demanded Under
Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b)*

Michelle Rodriguez-Gray, by her attorneys, Strang Bradley, LLC, for her complaint against Defendant Aaron J. Devries states:

INTRODUCTION

1. On August 20, 2025, Mohave County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Devries pulled over Rodriguez-Gray for speeding. After confirming her license, registration, and proof of insurance, Devries gave Rodriguez-Gray a written warning for speeding.

1 2. After completing the mission for the traffic stop, Devries then wanted
2 to search Rodriguez-Gray's vehicle. When she refused to agree to consent to a
3 search of her vehicle, Devries placed her in handcuffs, put her in the back of a
4 squad car, and then proceeded to search her vehicle.

5 3. After finding no contraband in Rodriguez-Gray's vehicle, after
6 prolonging her detention by more than 42 minutes, Devries told Rodriguez-Gray
7 she was free to leave.

8 4. This is a lawsuit for money damages brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §
9 1983 to redress the deprivation under color of law of Rodriguez-Gray's
10 constitutional right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure in violation of
11 the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
14 1331 (federal question jurisdiction), and § 1343(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. §1983 jurisdiction).

15 6. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because the events or
16 omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred within this judicial
17 district. And, upon information and belief, Defendant Devries lives in this district.

18 **PARTIES**

19 7. Plaintiff, Michell Rodriguez-Gray, is an adult resident of the State of
20 Oklahoma.

21 8. Defendant Aaron Devries was, at the time of this occurrence,
22 employed as a deputy sheriff in the Mohave County Sheriff's Office. At all times
23 relevant to this action, Defendant Devries engaged in the conduct complained of
24 while he was a duly appointed and sworn deputy sheriff and was acting in his
25 individual capacity, under color of state law, and within the scope of his
26 employment with Mohave County. Devries is sued in his individual capacity.

FACTS

9. On August 20, 2025, Mohave County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Devries observed Rodriguez-Gray speeding on the highway and conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle she was driving.

10. Devries told Rodriguez-Gray that he was not going to give her a ticket for speeding, just a warning, and asked Rodriguez-Gray to step out of her vehicle to talk to him.

11. Rodriguez-Gray stepped out of her vehicle, leaving her 5-year-old son and dog inside the vehicle.

12. Rodriguez-Gray provided Devries her license, registration, and proof of insurance.

13. After completing the written warning, Devries gave Rodriguez-Gray her license, registration, and proof of insurance back along with the written warning.

14. Devries asked Rodriguez-Gray whether she had anything illegal in her car and Rodriguez-Gray said no.

15. Devries asked Rodriguez-Gray whether he could search her vehicle. She initially said that he could search her vehicle if he wanted, but she then asked Devries whether he needed to and then told Devries no.

16. Devries asked Rodriguez-Gray whether he could run his K-9 around her vehicle.

17. Rodriguez-Gray asked Devries whether he had a reason to run his K-9 around her vehicle and then told Devries that he did not have a valid reason to run his K-9 around her vehicle.

18. Devries then ordered Rodriguez-Gray to stand outside her vehicle while he ran his K-9 around her vehicle.

19. Rodriguez-Gray told Devries that he had no legal right to search her vehicle and that she was refusing his request to do so.

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