

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

VINCENT E. HARRELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 14-CV-92

LON BECHER, et al.,

Defendants.

MUTUAL RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made between Plaintiff Vincent E. Harrell ("Plaintiff"), and Defendants Lon Becher, Michael Baenen, Peter Ericksen, Hayley Pucker, Cathy Francois, Michael Mohr, Jeananne Zwiers, Richard Heidorn, Marilyn Vanderkinter, Kathy Lemens, Mark Lesatz, Todd Kazik, Scott Leurquin, Joseph Verdegan, Wayne Laufenberg, the State of Wisconsin ("the State"), Green Bay Correctional Institution ("GCB") and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections ("DOC"), and all employees of those entities (collectively, "Defendants").

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed a Complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin alleging that various DOC employees violated his constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, Case No. 14-cv-92 is currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and Defendants desire to settle this Action without the cost, expense, and uncertainty of trial and without admission of fault or liability;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the monies, mutual promises, and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **SETTLEMENT AMOUNT.** The State agrees to pay the amount of \$4,250.00 (the "Settlement Payment") within 30 days after execution of this Agreement. The Settlement Payment shall be in the form of two checks: a \$2,250.00 check payable to Vincent E. Harrell and a \$2,000.00 check payable to Glen Ann Harrell. The Plaintiff understands and agrees that he is responsible for any possible state or federal taxes that might later be determined to be owed on this payment.

2. **DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT.** The Plaintiff agrees to stipulate to and sign any documents necessary to withdraw and dismiss, with prejudice, the Action and any and all claims against the State, DOC and GBCI, including claims against former and current employees of those entities. This includes, but is not limited to, litigation in state and federal court, pending complaints with state or federal regulatory agencies or licensing boards, as may be applicable.

3. **RELEASE OF CLAIMS.** In exchange for the consideration listed above, Plaintiff releases and forever discharges the State, DOC, GBCI, the Defendants, and their officers, agents, employees, successors, personal representatives, and insurers (the "Released Parties") from any and all manner of action or actions (including cause or causes of action, suits, debts, covenants,

agreements, liabilities, rights, damages, costs, claims of interest, awards of attorney fees, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, in law or equity, whether based on State or Federal law), that relate to any action or inaction—of any State of Wisconsin, DOC or GBCI employee—that took place on any date before this agreement is fully executed.

4. **COVENANT NOT TO SUE.** This Agreement shall also be deemed a covenant by the Plaintiff not to sue any of the Released Parties for any of the matters released or discharged by this Agreement, not to file any appeal of any court decision in the Action, and not to file any new lawsuits, claims, or complaints in any court, or with any state or federal agency or licensing board against Defendants or their heirs, or against the State, the DOC, GBCI, its successors, agents, and assigns or any former or current employee of the State if such claims relate to any action or inaction—of any State of Wisconsin, DOC or GBCI employee—that took place on any date before this agreement is fully executed.

5. **COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES.** Each party will bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

6. **SCOPE OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall bind the Parties and the heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of the Parties.

7. **COMPROMISE OF DISPUTED CLAIM.** This Agreement is a full, final, and complete compromise of a disputed claim. It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that this settlement is the compromise of a disputed claim, that

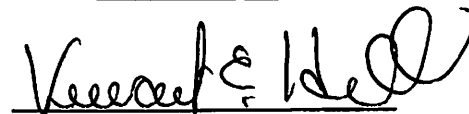
any payment made hereunder is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the Released Parties herein, and that said Released Parties deny liability or wrongdoing and intend merely to avoid litigation and buy their peace.

8. **EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

9. **REVIEW.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and may be modified only by written agreement of the parties.

THIS RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN READ AND UNDERSTOOD BY THE UNDERSIGNED BEFORE SIGNING

Date: Oct 6, 2015



Vincent E. Harrell, *pro se*

Date: _____, 2015

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