

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-40138

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Fifth Circuit

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SOFIA KENNEDY,

Plaintiff—Appellant,

versus

PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT;
JESSE ZAMBRANO; ALEJANDRO ELIAS,

Defendants—Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 7:24-CV-39

Before STEWART, GRAVES, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

This case concerns an allegedly unlawful misappropriation of federal funds by the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (“the District”). Sofia Kennedy, a former employee of the District, sued the District in Texas state court. The District removed the suit to federal court. Multiple amended complaints later, Kennedy now brings three claims: (1) a

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state retaliation claim against the District under the Texas Whistleblower Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 554.002, (2) a federal retaliation claim against the District under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(h), and (3) a claim that the District and two individuals violated her First and Fourteenth Amendment rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The district court dismissed Kennedy's claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) for lack of jurisdiction and 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim. After reviewing the parties' briefs and the record, we find no reversible error. AFFIRMED.