

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 26-20165
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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JOHN E. HALL,

Plaintiff—Appellant,

versus

KEITH P. ELLISON, *in his official capacity as United States District Judge
for the Southern District of Texas*; CITY OF HOUSTON; UNKNOWN
HOUSTON POLICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATORS,

Defendants—Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:25-CV-2000

Before SMITH, SOUTHWICK, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM: *

John Hall retired from the Houston Police Department in 2004. Since then, Hall has brought numerous suits against the City of Houston and various individuals for an alleged “secret investigation” against him. *See, e.g., Hall v. City of Houston*, No. 21-20451, 2022 WL 3031306 (5th Cir. Aug. 1,

* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.

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2022); *Hall v. Experian Info. Sols., Inc.*, No. 25-20068, 2025 WL 3175972 (5th Cir. Nov. 13, 2025). In this case, Hall again sued the City and various municipal officials—and this time, he added claims against United States District Judge Keith P. Ellison. The various defendants filed motions to dismiss. Hall never responded. More than six months after the motions to dismiss were filed, the district court granted them and dismissed all of Hall’s claims with prejudice. Seeing no reversible error, we AFFIRM.