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## CASE SUMMARY

FROM ASA: Edward M. Brener DATE: October 28, 2025

CASE NAME: Seaberry v. Dart, et al

**CASE NUMBER:** 24-cv-10640 **LEGISTAR NUMBER:** 25-4340

**OPPOSING COUNSEL:** John K. Kennedy, Kennedy Watkins LLP.

**COURT/JUDGE:** U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Honorable Judge Joan B. Gottschall

## **FACTS AND NATURE OF INJURY:**

On September 24, 2024, Plaintiff was driving in the south suburbs when he was curbed by defendant CCSPD officers Hayes-Hoy and Welch. Plaintiff did not have a driver's license on him but provided his name to the officers. The officers relayed the information to their dispatch and after a short delay, dispatch informed the officers that "Curtis Seaberry" was an alias for a man with a warrant for his arrest. The officers then returned to Plaintiff's vehicle and placed him under arrest. Plaintiff protested that he did not have a warrant for his arrest and insisted it was another man. He told the officers that this had happened to him "2 to 3 times" previously. The officers proceeded with the arrest and drove him to the Maywood CCSPD station. Along the way, dispatch provided officer Hayes-Hoy with an image of the arrest warrant which was directed to a man named Kelly E. Brown. It is undisputed that Plaintiff and Mr. Brown are not the same individual, and that Plaintiff was arrested on a warrant intended for someone else. Plaintiff sued, claiming that the CCSO violated his Fourth Amendment rights and committed various state law torts against him. Settlement will mitigate discovery costs, avoid the risk of losing this case on summary judgment or at trial, and will provide cost certainty. The client opposes this settlement.

SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: \$5,000.00