

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
28TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, GIBSON COUNTY
PANEL**

**STEPHEN L. HUGHES,
DUNCAN O'MARA,
ELAINE KEHEL,
GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA, INC. and
GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**BILL LEE, in his official capacity as the
Governor for the State of Tennessee,
JOHNATHAN SKRMETTI, in his official
capacity as the Attorney General for the
State of Tennessee,
JEFF LONG, in his official capacity as the
Commissioner of the Tennessee
Department of Safety and Homeland
Security,
DAVID SALYERS, in his official capacity
as the Commissioner of the Tennessee
Department of Environment and
Conservation,
PAUL THOMAS, in his official capacity as
the Sheriff of Gibson County, Tennessee,
FREDERICK AGEE, in his official
capacity as the District Attorney for
Crockett, Gibson and Haywood Counties,
and
The STATE OF TENNESSEE**

Notice of Entry Requested

Civil No: 24475

Chancellor Mansfield, Chief Judge

Judge Burk

Judge Rice

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STIPULATION

Counsel for Plaintiffs Stephen L. Hughes, Duncan O'Mara, Elaine Kehel, Gun Owners of America, Inc., and Gun Owners Foundation and counsel for Sheriff Paul Thomas have reached an agreement and joint stipulation as follows:

1. Sheriff Paul Thomas has been duly served with process in this matter and raises no objections to service of process. Sheriff Thomas consents, for purposes of this action, to this

Court's personal jurisdiction over him and the Court's subject matter jurisdiction over the claims raised in the Amended Complaint.

2. Sheriff Thomas waives the right to file an answer, dispositive motions or any other responsive pleadings in this action.

3. Sheriff Thomas waives the requirement that further pleadings in this action be served on him or his counsel. Provided, however, that if the Plaintiffs file an amended complaint which includes any additional claims or causes of action against him and/or if the other Defendants elect to file any claims against Sheriff Thomas in this action, then Sheriff Paul Thomas shall have the right to timely notice of those pleadings and the opportunity to respond to those pleadings.

4. Sheriff Thomas consents to whatever ultimate disposition the Court may enter in this action.

5. In light of the foregoing consent and subject to the reservation contained in Paragraph 3, Plaintiffs agree that they will not require or move to have Sheriff Thomas file an answer or other responsive pleading in this action.

ORDERED.

Entered this 19th day of September, 2023.



[Signature]
Chancellor Michael L. Mansfield, Chief Judge

I, Katelyn Orgain, Clerk and Master of Gibson County, Tennessee, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original, which appears of record in my office in Minute Book _____ Page _____

This September 19, 2023
Katelyn Orgain, Clerk & Master

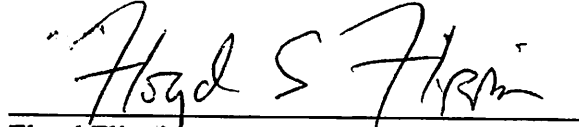
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