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February 21, 2011

The Honorable N. Lorrin Freeman Wake County Clerk of Superior Court PO Box 351 Raleigh, NC 27602-0351

RE:

Rodney Dale Class v. Dallas Police Department, et al

Wake County File No.: 11 CVS 1559

Dear Ms. Freeman:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Respondent Dallas Police Department's Motion to Dismiss to be filed in the above-referenced matter. It would be appreciated if you would file the original and copy and return the second copy to me with the filing date stamped thereon. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Please contact me should you have any questions or need additional information. Thank for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pennie M. Thrower Town Attorney Town of Dallas, NC

Enclosures

cc:

Rodney Dale Class, Petitioner

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NC Department of Transportation

William P. Hart, Jr., Asst. Attorney General

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 11 CVS 1559

RODNEY-DALE; CLASS,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.))	MOTION TO DISMISS
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al., Respondents.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·)))	
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NOW COMES Respondent Dallas Police Department, by and through its counsel Pennie M. Thrower, Town Attorney, and moves to dismiss this matter as follows:

MOTION TO DISMISS LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Respondent Town of Dallas moves to dismiss this matter for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

Petitioner seeks review of a final agency decision pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-43, et. seq. Under N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-51(d), this Court is expressly permitted to enter "any order allowed by G.S. 1A-1, Rule 12(c) or Rule 56" since Petitioner's petition was dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction by Administrative Law Judge J. Randall May.

The Dallas Police Department, as a division of the Town of Dallas, a local unit of government, is defined as "not an agency" subject to the contested case provisions of Chapter 150-B of the North Carolina General Statutes. See N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-1 which states that the purpose of this Chapter is to establish a uniform system of administrative rule making and adjudicatory procedures for agencies, read with N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-2(1a) which states that a local unit of government is not an agency.

Because there is no subject matter jurisdiction over Respondent under the contested case provisions of Chapter 150B, this Court similarly cannot exercise jurisdiction over Respondent under Petitioner's appeal. Accordingly, the Respondent Dallas Police Department respectfully requests this Court dismiss this matter with prejudice.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully prays for the following:

- 1. That this matter be dismissed with prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.
- 2. That further proceedings under the Administrative Procedure Act be stayed pending a ruling on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss.
- 3. That the costs of this action be taxed to Petitioner.
- 4. Any other or further relief which is deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 21st day of February, 2011.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing MOTION TO DISMISS on Petitioner and all other parties in this matter by depositing a copy in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to him as follows:

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This is the 21st day of February, 2011.

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