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## CAUSE NO. 2018—DCL-06387-I

RICHARD GALVAN and	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SONIA GALVAN	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
vs.	§	
	§	CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
<b>BLAINE CREWS and HANNAH CREWS</b>	§	
Defendants	§	445th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## ORDER GRANTING DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES AND SANCTIONS

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 came to be heard Defendants' Blaine and Hannah Crews's Motion for Entry of Order of Dismissal with Prejudice and Award of Attorney's Fees and Sanctions Pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. and Rem. Code Section 27.09 and Tex. R. Civ. P. 13. After considering the parties motions, responses, the evidence and the arguments of counsel, the Court is of the opinion that the Defedants Motions are well founded and grant Defendants relief as follows:

- 1. The Court takes judicial notice of the opinion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals dated October 10, 2019 in Cause No. 13-19-00110-CV, the judgment of the 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals dated October 10, 2019 and the mandate issued to this Court on January 7, 2020.
- 2. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and for Entry of Dismissal with Prejudice Pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. and Rem. Code Chapter 27 is hereby granted as to all of the Plaintiffs' defamation claims and the defamation and defamation per se claims filed by Plaintiffs Richard Galvan and Sonia Galvan are hereby dismissed with prejudice to the refiling of same.
- 3. Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees and Sanctions Pursuant to Tex. Civ. Practices and Rem. Code Chapter 27 is hereby granted. Defendants are awarded the following:
  - a. Plaintiffs are hereby ordered to pay to Defendants reasonable and necessary attorney's fees in the sum of twenty-five thousand and eight hundred dollars and no cents (\$25,800.00);
  - b. Plaintiffs are ordered to pay to Defendants, as a sanction pursuant to *Tex. Civ. Prac. and Rem. Code Section 27.009*, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars and no cents (\$45,000.00);
  - c. Plaintiffs are ordered to pay to Defendants court costs in the amount of one thousand and forty-six dollar and fifty cents (\$1046.50); and
  - d. Plaintiffs are ordered to pay to Defendants expenses in the amount of five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$567.87).

4. Defendant's Motion for Sanctions pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 13 is hereby denied.

SIGNED on this the  $\_$  day of June, 2020.

FILED 2018-DCL-06387 June 18, 2020

2:55 pm

ELVIRA S. ORTIZ CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

BY:Garcia, Vilma

JUDGE PRESIDING

cc: 06/18/2020 Hon. Angela Patricia Nix Hon. C. Davis Chapman