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State ex rel. Black v. East Cleveland

Supreme Court of Ohio - July 17, 2024 - N.E.3d - 2024 WL 3432409 - 2024-Ohio-2688

Relator brought action against city, seeking writ of mandamus compelling city to pay \$20 million in compensatory damages and \$5.2 million in prejudgment interest awarded in relator's prior action against city alleging improper arrest and injuries inflicted by police officers.

The Supreme Court held that relator was entitled to mandamus relief compelling payment of damages and interest.

Relator's evidence was sufficient to establish exact amount of money that city owed to him, i.e., \$20 million in compensatory damages and \$5.2 million in prejudgment interest awarded in relator's action against city arising from improper arrest of relator and injuries inflicted by police officers, thus supporting relator's clear legal right to relief in his subsequent mandamus action against city; relator submitted jury's verdict and amount of compensatory damages to be awarded, trial court's judgment entering the verdict in relator's favor and ordering city to pay relator the damages awarded, trial court's order awarding relator prejudgment interest, and court of appeals' judgment affirming jury's verdict and monetary awards.