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**CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA**      **DOCKET NUMBER: C37937**

**VERSUS**      **10<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISCRICT COURT**

**SHERIFF STUART WRIGHT**,  
Individually and in his official  
capacity as Sheriff of Natchitoches  
Parish, Louisiana; **ROGER HENSON**,  
individually and in his official capacity as  
Warden of Natchitoches Parish Detention  
Center; and **LASALLE CORRECTIONS**,  
**L.L.C.**

**PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT**

**DIVISION: "B" JUDGE:**

**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

**NOW INTO COURT**, through undersigned counsel, comes **CITY OF NATCHITOCHE**, represented herein by Ronnie Williams, Mayor, duly authorized to act therefor, who respectfully moves this Honorable Court for issuance of a Rule to Show Cause, ordering Natchitoches Parish Detention Center to show cause why the Court should not Order it receive, house and provide medical care to a pretrial detainee accused of committing a felony offense within the boundaries of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and with respect thereto, avers as follows.

1.

Made Defendants herein are:

- A. **STUART WRIGHT**, individually and in his official capacity as Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana;
- B. **ROGER HESON**, individually and in his official capacity as Warden of Natchitoches Detention Center in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana;
- C. **LASALLE CORRECTIONS, L.L.C.**, A Louisiana Limited Liability Company organized and operating under the laws of the State of Louisiana;

2.

Petitioner **CITY OF NATCHITOCHE** is a municipal corporation organized and operating under its Home Rule Charter authorized under Article VI, Section 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

3.

Article I, Section 1.06 of the Natchitoches Municipal Charter grants Petitioner the authority to exercise general police power necessary to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, health, peace and good order of the is citizenry.

4.

In connection with said authority to exercise general police power, Petitioner has established Natchitoches City Police Department which provides for, inter alia, arrests of offenses committed within Petitioner's territorial jurisdiction

5.

Petitioner does not have a City Detention Center. Pretrial detainees accused of violation of City ordinances and offenses which are not punishable by imprisonment at hard labor committed within Petitioner's territorial jurisdiction are housed and cared for at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center pending prosecution by Natchitoches City Court.

6.

Article V, Section 16 of the Louisiana Constitution grants Natchitoches Parish Criminal District Court exclusive original jurisdiction in felony cases.

7.

Pretrial detainees accused of offenses which are punishable by imprisonment at hard labor committed within Petitioner's territorial jurisdiction are housed and cared for at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

8.

Article X Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution establishes Defendant **STUART WRIGHT** as the chief law enforcement officer in Natchitoches Parish.

9.

Defendant **STUART WRIGHT**, as Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish and Chief Officer (Keeper) of Natchitoches Detention Center, is required to accept and detain individuals arrested for suspected commission of felonies, provided that the facility has sufficient space to house the

arrestee, and provide medical care to detainees housed at Natchitoches Parish Detention Center

La. R.S. 15:705; R.S. 15: 831; La. R.S. 40:1384.

10.

Defendant **ROGER HENSON**, as Warden of Natchitoches Parish Detention Center, is also required to accept and detain and provide medical care for individuals arrested for suspected commission of felonies, provided that the facility has sufficient space to house the arrestee.

11.

Defendant **LASALLE CORRECTIONS, L.L.C.** as partner with Defendant **STUART WRIGHT** in the management and operation of Natchitoches Parish Detention Center, is also required to accept and detain and provide medical care for individuals arrested for suspected commission of felonies, provided that the facility has sufficient space to house the arrestee.

12.

On or about September 24, 2025 Natchitoches Police arrested Yupremina Washington (hereinafter referred to as "Washington") on the following charges:

- I. Possession of CDS Schedule II (crack cocaine) with the intent to distribute;
- II. Possession of CDS Schedule II (methamphetamine) with the intent to distribute;
- III. Possession of CDS Schedule I (MDMA) with the intent to distribute; and
- IV. Possession of CDS Schedule IV (Tramadol) with the intent to distribute

All to the charges levied against Washington by Natchitoches Police Department are felonies punishable by imprisonment at hard labor.

13.

Subsequent to Washington's arrest he was transported to Natchitoches Police Department and housed in a Natchitoches Police Department Holding Cell pending, in the ordinary course of business, transfer to Natchitoches Parish Detention Center for prosecution by the District Court.

14.

Upon initial questioning regarding Washington's general health, Natchitoches City Police Department personnel became aware that that Washington was suffering from Stage 4 cancer.

15.

In preparation for transport of Williams to Natchitoches Parish Detention for pretrial detainment, Natchitoches City Police Department personnel provided Natchitoches Parish Detention Center personnel with pertinent information regarding Washington's arrest and charge as well as preliminary health information, including information that Washington was suffering from stage 4 cancer.

16.

When provided pre-transfer information from Natchitoches City Police Department regarding Washington's arrest and general health information including information that Washington was suffering from stage 4 cancer, rather than accept receipt of Washington, as generally done in the ordinary course of business, Natchitoches Parish Detention Center personnel refused to accept Washington for pretrial detainment.

17.

Petitioner is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Natchitoches Parish Detention Center personnel's refusal to accept Washington for pretrial detainment was the ultimate determination by Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON and LASALE CORRECTIONS, LL.C.** personnel, or any one of same.

18.

Despite requests by Petitioner for Defendants to accept Washington as a felony pretrial detainee pending disposition of Washington's criminal case by the District Court, Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON and LASALE CORRECTIONS, LL.C.** personnel, or any one of same, have/has refused, and refuses to accept and detain Washington pending disposition by the District Court.

19.

Washington's stage 4 cancer requires immediate, continuous, and aggressive medical treatment not available at Natchitoches City Detention Center. Most recently, Washington's medical condition required immediate and aggressive care treatment beyond the capabilities of Natchitoches City Detention Center which required transportation to the local hospital:

A. On two (2) occasions Friday, September 26, 2025;

B. On two (2) occasions Saturday, September 27, 2025; and

C. On one (1) occasion Sunday, September 28, 2025.

20.

Inasmuch as Natchitoches Police Department lacks the facilities, medical personnel and medical equipment to adequately provide the type of medical necessary for Washington, continued detainment of Washington despite knowledge of his condition and medical needs may seriously jeopardize Washington's health, create a life-threatening situation and give rise to claims against Natchitoches City Police Department and Petitioner.

21.

Petitioner is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that by common custom and practice Natchitoches Parish Detention Center houses detainees arrested by Natchitoches Police Department. Furthermore, Natchitoches Parish Detention Center has the wherewithal to house and provide needed medical treatment detainees including, but not limited to Washington pending disposition of Washington's matter by the District Court

22.

Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON and LASALE CORRECTIONS, LL.C.** or any of them, have not articulated reasonable bases for refusal to perform what Petitioner believes is their duty under law to accept, house and provide medical treatment to Washington during Washington's pre-disposition detention.

23.

As aforesaid, Defendants' refusal to accept and house Washington without reasonable bases therefor unduly threatens Washington's health and gives rise to potential claims against Natchitoches Police Department and Petitioner.

24.

Petitioner is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Petitioner is entitled to, and desires an Order of the Court directing Defendants to perform their statutory and generally accepted duty to accept, house and provide medical care to Washington pending disposition of his criminal proceedings by the District Court.

25.

It is necessary that a Rule To Show Cause issue herein, directed to Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON** and **LASALE CORRECTIONS, LL.C.**, commanding Defendants to appear before this Honorable Court, at a day and time set hereby, and show cause, if any they have, why the Court Should not Order Defendants to accept, house and provide medical care to Washington pending disposition of his criminal proceedings by the District Court.

**WHEREFORE, PETITIONER, CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA RESPECTFULLY PRAYS** that Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON** and **LASALE CORRECTIONS, LL.C.** be duly served with citation and copy hereof, and commanded to respond hereto under penalty of law.

**PETITIONER FURTHER PRAYS** that a Rule To Show Cause issue herein, directed to Defendants, commanding Defendants to appear before this Honorable Court, at a day and time set hereby, and show cause, if any they have, why the Court Should not Order Defendants to accept, house and provide medical care to Washington pending disposition of his criminal proceedings by the District Court.

**PETITIONER FURTHER PRAYS** that after all due proceedings be had, that this Honorable Court order Defendants to accept, house and provide medical care to Washington pending disposition of his criminal proceedings by the District Court.

**PETITIONER FURTHER PRAYS** for any and all additional relief to which it is entitled, general and specific, whether in law or equity.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA**

**DOCKET NUMBER: C37937**

**VERSUS**

**10<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISCRICT COURT**

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Center; and **LASALLE CORRECTIONS,**  
**L.L.C.**

**PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT**

**DIVISION: "B" JUDGE:**

**VERIFICATION**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF CADDO**

**BEFORE ME,** the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in the  
State and Parish aforesaid, personally came

**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.**

known by me, who, after first by me duly sworn, did depose and state:

He is the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Petitioner in the above and  
foregoing Petition for Rule to Show Cause;

He is duly authorized to execute petitions on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana;

He has read the above and foregoing Petition for Rule to Show Cause on behalf of City of  
Natchitoches, Louisiana; and all the allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best  
of his knowledge, information and belief.



**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.**

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA**

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**DIVISION: "B" JUDGE:**

**ORDER**

**FOREGOING CONSIDERED;**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendants **STUART WRIGHT, ROGER HENSON**  
and **LASALLE CORRECTIONS, L.L.C.** be duly served with citation and copy hereof, and  
commanded to respond hereto under penalty of law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a Rule Nisi issue herein, directed to Defendants,  
commanding that Defendants appear before this Court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2025 at  
2:00 o'clock, P.m. and show cause, if any they have why this Court should not Order  
Defendants to accept, house and provide medical care to Yupremina Washington at Natchitoches  
Parish Detention Center pending disposition of his criminal proceedings by the District Court.

**EXECUTED IN CHAMBERS** in the City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish,  
Louisiana this 29 day of September, 2025.

Lala B. Sylvester  
**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**  
Hon. Lala B. Sylvester

Done 9-30-25

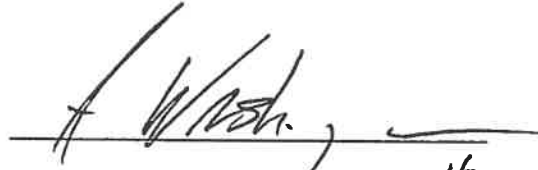
**PLEASE SERVE:**

1. **STUART WRIGHT**  
**Sheriff, Natchitoches, Parish, Louisiana**  
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**Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457**
  
2. **ROGER HENSON**  
**Warden, Natchitoches Parish Detention Center**  
**299 Edwina Dr.**  
**Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457**

**LASALLE CORRECTIONS, L.L.C.**  
**Via its Agent for Service of Process**  
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*City of Natchitoches versus Sheriff Stuart Wright, Roger Henson and Lasalle Corrections, L.L.C.*  
*Rule to Show Cause*  
*Verification*  
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*Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana*  
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**EXECUTED BEFORE ME**, Notary Public, in the City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches  
Parish, Louisiana this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC #26595