

IN THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

2 TOPEKA, KANSAS  
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4 JAMES L. BOLDEN, )  
----- Plaintiff, )  
5 )  
vs. ) Case No.  
6 ) 02-CV-2635

7 CITY OF TOPEKA, et al., )  
8 ----- Defendant. )

9 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE-RECORDED  
FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE  
10 BEFORE  
11 HONORABLE JAMES P. O'HARA  
12 on  
13 November 20, 2003

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But, Mr.  
14 Bolden, you ought to be aware of the fact that  
15 if these six defendants are ultimately  
16 dismissed from the case by Judge Vratil **that**  
17 **you would have certain remedies that you**  
**might**  
18 **want to discuss with another lawyer that**  
**you**  
19 **could exercise against Mr. Landrith, who's**  
20 **charged with responsibly and**  
**professionally**  
21 **representing you in this case.** And I-- I don't  
22 mean to be uncharitable to either of you, **but**  
23 **this case has been handled in an**  
**exceptionally**

24 **sloppy way.**  
25 **I'm not sure, Mr. Bolden, that you'd**  
**been**  
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1 **doing any worse if you were to represent**  
2 **yourself.** And I have a lot of folks in civil  
3 rights case that do represent themselves. **But**  
4 **this case, in this Court and based on what is**  
5 **of public record in the Kansas Court of**  
6 **Appeals, is disturbing to say the least.**