

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 26-1550

Mitchell S. Sanderson

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Walsh County Sheriff, Ron Jurgens

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from United States District Court
for the District of North Dakota - Eastern

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Before STRAS, KOBES, and JUSTIN D. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Mitchell Sanderson alleged that he was prevented from commenting on the Walsh County Sheriff Office's Facebook page. We affirm the district court's¹ grant

¹The Honorable Peter D. Welte, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, adopting the report and recommendations of the

of summary judgment to Sheriff Ron Jurgens. *See Bedford v. Doe*, 880 F.3d 993, 996 (8th Cir. 2018) (reviewing summary judgment de novo).

He is entitled to it in his individual capacity because there is no evidence that he was “personal[ly] involve[d]” in the decision to block Sanderson. *Davis v. City of Little Rock*, 122 F.4th 326, 331 (8th Cir. 2024) (“To prevail on a § 1983 claim, a plaintiff must show each individual defendant’s personal involvement in the alleged violation.” (citation omitted)). Nor was there proof that an official policy, practice, or failure to train was to blame, which takes care of the official-capacity claim. *See Atkinson v. City of Mountain View*, 709 F.3d 1201, 1214 (8th Cir. 2013) (identifying the grounds for municipal liability and explaining that “solely . . . employ[ing] a tortfeasor” is not enough (citation omitted)). As for the district court’s refusal to wait for additional discovery before granting summary judgment, Sanderson could not show that “the facts [he] sought exist[ed].” *Anzaldúa v. Ne. Ambulance & Fire Prot. Dist.*, 793 F.3d 822, 837 (8th Cir. 2015) (citation omitted); *see id.* at 836 (emphasizing the district court’s “wide discretion” (citation omitted)).

We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court. *See* 8th Cir. R. 47B.

Honorable Alice R. Senechal, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of North Dakota.