

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
NO. 5:14-CV-369-BO

FELICITY M. VEASEY and SECOND)	
AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, INC.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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BRINDELL B. WILKINS, JR. in his official)	
Capacity as Sheriff of Granville County, North)	
Carolina, <i>et al.</i>)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on plaintiffs’ motion for attorney’s fees, which is ripe for adjudication. For the following reasons, plaintiffs’ motion is granted.

BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs Felicity Veasey and the Second Amendment Foundation filed suit in this Court via 42 U.S.C. § 1983, to challenge the constitutionality of North Carolina General Statute § 14.415–12 (the Statute), which required a person to demonstrate American citizenship prior to obtaining a concealed carry permit in North Carolina. In April 2015, the Court granted plaintiff’s motion for a preliminary injunction and preliminarily enjoined defendants from, *inter alia*, enforcing the citizenship requirement of NCGS 14–415.12(a)(1) against lawful permanent residents. Defendants did not appeal, which is unsurprising, given that Sheriff Wilkins conceded that the Statute was unconstitutional at the hearing on the preliminary injunction.

Plaintiff applied for her concealed carry permit on May 1, 2015. Sheriff Wilkins granted the permit on June 9, 2015. On August 5, 2015, Governor McCrory signed House Bill 562, which amended the Statute to eliminate its citizenship requirement, into law. Two days later, Sheriff Wilkins filed a motion to dismiss the instant lawsuit as moot. The Court granted the

