

City of Gainesville

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CABLE NEWS NETWORK, INC. V. GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT; EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 2014-CA-703 (B)

The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to represent the City in the case styled Cable News Network, Inc. v. Gainesville Police Department; Eighth Judicial Circuit, Case No. 2014-CA-703.

On February 26, 2014, Cable News Network, Inc. (CNN) filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Complaint for Declaratory Relief against the City in the Circuit Court for the release of crime scene photographs from a shooting incident that occurred on September 30, 2007. The City was served on March 4, 2014. The Court entered an Alternative Writ of Mandamus/Process on February 28, 2014 scheduling a hearing for March 14, 2014. Plaintiffs are seeking a writ of mandamus from the Court compelling the City to disclose the photographs and pay CNN its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.