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LOGAN, Utah – Yesterday, Judge Angela Fonnesbeck summarily dismissed a lawsuit filed by the law firm Daines, Thomas, and Smith against Cache County Sheriff Chad Jensen. The court's ruling brings a swift end to a legal challenge that sought to characterize the detention of a criminal defendant as unlawful based on the claim that the Cache County Attorney's Office has lacked the legal authority to prosecute crimes going back to January 2025.

In her decision, Judge Fonnesbeck found the claims made to be "frivolous," finding their legal theory to be "factually and legally baseless under a plain reading of the Utah Code and the Cache County Code."

The lawsuit, originally filed on March 1, 2026, argued that the Sheriff was unlawfully detaining the firm's client because the Cache County Attorney's Office supposedly lacked prosecutorial authority. The court's dismissal reinforces the well-established legal framework that governs the County Attorney's Office authority to prosecute crime.

The frivolous arguments presented in this case, and repeatedly echoed in public forums by a partner at Daines, Thomas, and Smith, are prejudicial to the administration of justice and serve only to undermine public trust in the Cache County criminal justice system. This ruling should reassure the public that the Cache County Attorney's Office possesses clear legal authority to prosecute crime, which is its core mission.

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