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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO

SHAWN COOLEY, et. al.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOSEPH FOREMAN, et. al.

Defendants.

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CASE NO. CVH 2023 0069

**JONATHAN P. HEIN,
Judge by Assignment**

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JUDGMENT ENTRY - Jury Trial

This matter came before the Court on the 16th, 17th and 18th days of March, in the year of our Lord, 2026 for jury trial pursuant to Notice on the following counts in the Amended Complaint filed May 10, 2023: Count 3: Invasion of Privacy – false light publicity and Count 5: Defamation. Prior to jury selection, Plaintiffs dismissed Count 4: Invasion of Privacy.

The Plaintiffs were represented by Robert A. Klinger, Esq. and Natalie Gretzler, Esq.
Defendant Joseph Foreman was represented by David S. Osborne, Jr., Esq.

Thereafter, the Court and Counsel examined the prospective jurors under oath until a panel of eight (8) jurors and two (2) alternate jurors was selected. The Court then administered the oath to the jurors.

Counsel for both parties made opening statements. Plaintiffs then presented their case through 10 witnesses; numerous exhibits were admitted. Plaintiffs rested their case. A defense motion for directed verdict was overruled. Defendant presented his case through one witness and several exhibits. Rebuttal testimony was not offered by the Plaintiffs.

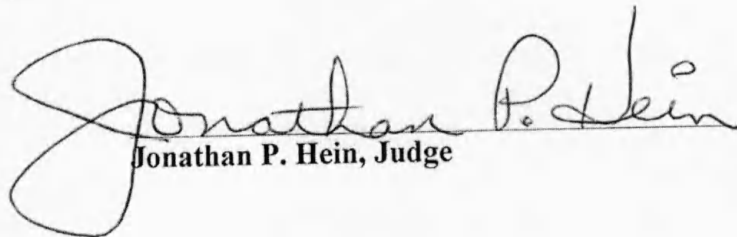
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Mr. Klingler and Mr. Osborne made closing arguments. The Court then instructed and charged the jury; the alternate jurors were excused. The jury retired to deliberate their verdict.

After approximately 6 and one-half hours of deliberations, the jury returned written and signed General Verdict Forms. On all claims against the Defendant, the jury found in favor of Defendant Foreman. The jury was then discharged.

Based on the verdicts, injunctive relief as requested in Count 6 cannot be granted since such relief is not a separate cause of action. *Collins v. State of Ohio*, 2025-Ohio-4347 (10th Dist.); *Veller v. K.B.*, 2025-Ohio-687 (6th Dist.). Therefore, this Count must be dismissed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED that judgment is entered on behalf of the Defendant. This matter is dismissed. Based upon the relative merits of the case and the justiciability of the claims, costs are divided one half to Plaintiffs and one-half to Defendant Foreman. Final Appealable Order.



Jonathan P. Hein, Judge

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