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## Lawsuit of juror who was fired is settled

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### The woman had claimed that she was fired because she served on jury duty.

A confidential settlement will resolve a lawsuit by a woman who said she lost her job because she served on jury duty in Tulsa County.

Jean Morrison sued her former Tulsa employer, A&A Radiator Warehouse Inc., on May 27, maintaining that she suffered lost wages, emotional distress and humiliation because of a "retaliatory discharge."

The suit "has been settled, the terms of which I can't disclose," said her attorney, Ed Lindsey.

Greg James, attorney for A&A Radiator Warehouse, confirmed Thursday that a settlement was reached.

The suit requested an unspecified amount of actual and punitive damages exceeding \$10,000.

Morrison alleged that after working 3 1/2 years for A&A Radiator Service, she was fired "in retaliation for her jury service."

In a July 7 reply, A&A contended that Morrison was an "at will" employee "whose employment could be terminated with or without cause."

Morrison was discharged "for nonretaliatory reasons," said the response by A&A.

Morrison's four days of jury duty prompted unusual court proceedings in April, when District Judge Tom Thornbrugh imposed a fine and community service obligation on Krystal West, a co-worker of Morrison's.

Thornbrugh cited West for contempt of court, linked to an allegation that she threatened Morrison's job.

West pleaded no contest to the contempt citation in May, and Thornbrugh fined her \$500 and ordered her to perform 80 hours of community service.

The judge made no finding of guilt, and West eventually could have the matter dismissed.

The civil suit said that while on jury duty, Morrison received a note from her "manager" -- West -- that instructed her to "tell them if you r not here tomorrow u have no job!"

The note, filed as a court document, had A&A's name on the stationery and West's hand-printed name. It also said to "tell them we r too (expletive) busy for u to be at jury duty . . . And I am serious."

In its response, A&A admitted that West composed a note "in jest" but denied that West "signed the note."

Morrison said she was informed -- by someone other than West -- that she lost her job because "business is slow."


Morrison, who handled warehouse and inventory clerical work and phone sales, previously said she was "real shook up" by the note and that "I did not think it was a joke at all."

She was a juror for a drug case that was dismissed in midtrial after Thornbrugh granted a defense motion to suppress evidence.

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