

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>EDWARD ANDERSON, <u>et al.</u></b>	:	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>
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v.	:	
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<b>FEATHER O. HOUSTON, <u>et al.</u></b>	:	<b>NO. 00-CV-4148</b>

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 31st day of March, 2005, upon consideration of the parties' joint settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the parties' representations at the settlement hearing held March 14, 2005, the Court finds as follows:

- (1) The parties published notice of the settlement hearing in the largest circulation newspapers serving each of the counties represented by Defendant county agencies as well as the largest circulation newspapers serving Pittsburgh, Allentown, Erie, Jamestown, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, York, and Harrisburg.
- (2) Members of the settlement class were given due notice and an opportunity to present their legal and factual arguments in opposition to the approval of the Settlement Agreement.
- (3) Members of the settlement class were given full opportunity to participate in the hearing held on March 14, 2005.
- (4) The Settlement Agreement constitutes a fair, reasonable and adequate resolution of the dispute for the members of the class.

Accordingly, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e) it is **ORDERED** that:

- (1) The Settlement Agreement is approved and confirmed as being fair, reasonable,

and adequate as to all members of the Class.

- (2) The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter this Order as a final judgment, and this case is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. 41(a)(2).

**BY THE COURT:**

**S/Bruce W. Kauffman**

**BRUCE W. KAUFFMAN, J.**