

**United States District Court  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:01-cv-02162-BMS**

LANCASTER v. SEPTA, et al  
Assigned to: HONORABLE BERLE M. SCHILLER  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 05/02/2001  
Date Terminated: 02/15/2002  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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**Defendant**

**SERGEANT NATE BENTLEY**  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2001	1	Complaint. filing fee \$ 150 receipt # 760611 (tj) (Entered: 05/03/2001)
05/02/2001		Summons(es) 3 issued. Mailed to counsel on 5/3/01. (tj) (Entered: 05/03/2001)
05/02/2001		Demand for jury trial by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER. (tj) (Entered: 05/03/2001)
05/02/2001		Standard Case Management Track. (tj) (Entered: 05/03/2001)
05/08/2001	2	Affidavit of: MICHAEL H. DOYLE re: served summons and complaint upon Alfred Gavs on behalf of DEFENDANT SEPTA. Served by: Personal Service on 5/7/01. (mbh) (Entered: 05/08/2001)
05/08/2001	3	Affidavit of: MICHAEL H. DOYLE re: served summons and complaint upon Alfred Gavs on behalf of DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER. Served by: Personal Service on 5/7/01. (mbh) (Entered: 05/08/2001)
05/08/2001	4	Affidavit of: MICHAEL H. DOYLE re: served summons and complaint upon Alfred Gavs on behalf of DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY. Served by: Personal Service on 5/7/01. (mbh) (Entered: 05/08/2001)
05/24/2001	5	Stipulation extending time to answer the complaint. Answer due on 6/18/01 for NATE BENTLEY, for WARREN BANNISTER, for SEPTA, with Clerk's approval. (mbh) (Entered: 05/25/2001)
06/18/2001	6	Partial Answer to Complaint by DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY (Attorney JORDANA COOPER) with Affirmative Defenses, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 06/18/2001)
06/18/2001		ISSUE JOINED. (mbh) (Entered: 06/18/2001)
06/18/2001	7	PARTIAL MOTION by DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY TO DISMISS COMPLAINT , MEMORANDUM, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE. (mbh) (Entered: 06/18/2001)
06/18/2001	8	Answer by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER to MOTION TO DISMISS SUPPLEMENTAL STATE LAW CLAIMS AND TO STRIKE PUNITIVE DAMAGES, Memorandum, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 06/18/2001)

07/05/2001	9	ORDER THAT THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE LAW AND ALL PUNITIVE DAMAGES IS GRANTED; THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS BANNISTER AND BENTLEY IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE CLAIMS IS GRANTED; THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS BANNISTER AND BENTLEY IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES AS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE CLAIMS IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE; THE MOTION TO STRIKE CLAIMS FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES UNDER SEC. 1983 AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE CLAIMS AS AGAINST DEFENDANTS BANNISTER AND BENTLEY IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) 07/05/01 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS. (mbh) (Entered: 07/05/2001)
07/05/2001	10	ORDER THAT THE ORDER OF THIS COURT DATED 7/5/01 IS VACATED; THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANT SEPTA AS TO SUPPLEMENTAL STATE LAW CLAIMS AND ALL PUNITIVE DAMAGES IS GRANTED; THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS BANNISTER AND BENTLEY IN THE OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS TO SUPPLEMENTAL STATE LAW CLAIMS IS GRANTED; THE MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS BANNISTER AND BENTLEY IN THE INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES AS TO SUPPLEMENT STATE LAW CLAIMS IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE; THE MOTION TO STRIKE CLAIMS FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES AND SUPPLEMENT STATE LAW CLAIMS AGAINST BANNISTER AND BENTLY IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) 07/06/01 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS ON 07/05/01. (mbh) (Entered: 07/06/2001)
08/06/2001	11	Answer to Count II of Complaint by DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 08/06/2001)
08/15/2001	12	MOTION by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER TO COMPEL DISCOVERY AGAINST DEFENDANTS , MEMORANDUM, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE. (mbh) Modified on 08/15/2001 (Entered: 08/15/2001)
09/04/2001	13	CROSS MOTION by DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER , MEMORANDUM, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE. (mbh) (Entered: 09/04/2001)
09/06/2001	14	Response by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER to DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER, Memorandum, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 09/06/2001)
10/31/2001	15	Supplemental Memorandum by DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY in Further Support of Defendants' MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER BASED ON THE TESTIMONY OF PLAINTIFF AT HIS DEPOSITION, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 11/01/2001)
11/06/2001	16	ORDER THAT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY IS GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. DEFENDANTS' CROSS-MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER IS DENIED ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) 11/7/01 ENTERED AND COPIES MAILED AND FAXED BY 11/6/01. (mbh) (Entered: 11/07/2001)
11/07/2001	17	PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER THAT ANY MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE PLEADINGS OR JOIN OTHER PARTIES SHALL BE FILED BY 11/16/01; ALL DISCOVERY SHALL BE COMPLETED BY 4/26/02; ANY MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT SHALL BE FILED BY 4/26/02; A FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON 5/28/02 AT 8:30; JURY TRIAL IS SET FOR 6/3/02 ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER 11/8/01 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS ON 11/7/01. (mbh) (Entered: 11/08/2001)
11/15/2001	18	MOTION by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT , MEMORANDUM, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE.

		(mbh) (Entered: 11/16/2001)
11/16/2001	19	ORDER THAT PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT IS GRANTED ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) 11/19/01 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS. (mbh) (Entered: 11/19/2001)
11/21/2001	20	Amended Complaint by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER against JAMES REYNOLDS. (mbh) (Entered: 11/23/2001)
11/21/2001		1 Summons issued. Forwarded to: counsel on 11/23/01. (mbh) (Entered: 11/23/2001)
12/06/2001	21	Affidavit of: PAUL MESSING re: served summons and complaint upon Jordana Cooper, Esquire on behalf of DEFENDANT JAMES REYNOLDS. Served by: Personal Service on 12/4/01. (mbh) (Entered: 12/06/2001)
12/14/2001	22	ORDER THAT A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON 1/23/02 AT 10:00 ( SIGNED BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE JACOB P. HART ) 12/17/01 ENTERED AND COPIES MAILED AND FAXED BY CHAMBERS ON 12/14/01. (mbh) (Entered: 12/17/2001)
12/21/2001	23	Answer by SEPTA, WARREN BANNISTER, NATE BENTLEY, JAMES REYNOLDS to Amended Complaint with Affirmative Defenses, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 12/24/2001)
01/17/2002	24	FINAL PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER THAT A FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON 5/28/02 AT 8:30; FINAL PRETRIAL MOTIONS ARE DUE BY 5/21/02; A JURY TRIAL IS SET FOR 6/3/02 ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) 1/18/02 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS ON 1/17/02. (mbh) (Entered: 01/18/2002)
02/13/2002	25	Offer of Judgment of DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY, DEFENDANT JAMES REYNOLDS (mbh) (Entered: 02/14/2002)
02/13/2002	26	Acceptance of Offer of Judgment of PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER, Certificate of Service. (mbh) (Entered: 02/14/2002)
02/14/2002	27	ORDER THAT JUDGMENT IS ENTERED FOR WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER AGAINST SEPTA, WARREN BANNISTER, NATE BENTLEY, JAMES REYNOLDS for \$12,000.00 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AND COSTS. 2/14/02 ENTERED COPIES FAXED. ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) (mbh) (Entered: 02/14/2002)
02/15/2002	28	MOTION by DEFENDANT SEPTA, DEFENDANT WARREN BANNISTER, DEFENDANT NATE BENTLEY, DEFENDANT JAMES REYNOLDS TO AMEND JUDGMENT , MEMORANDUM, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE. (mbh) (Entered: 02/15/2002)
02/15/2002	29	AMENDED ORDER THAT JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF AND AGAINST DEFENDANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 INCLUDING COSTS NOW ACCRUED AND ATTORNEY'S FEES 2/19/02 ENTERED AND COPIES FAXED BY CHAMBERS ON 2/15/02. ( SIGNED BY JUDGE BERLE M. SCHILLER ) (mbh) (Entered: 02/19/2002)
02/15/2002		Case closed (kv) (Entered: 02/22/2002)
03/11/2002	30	Satisfaction of Judgment by PLAINTIFF WILLIAM BYARD LANCASTER (mbh) (Entered: 03/11/2002)