

- 1. This action originated with a discrimination charge filed by Louena Yelverton and Angela Reyes with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII). A copy of the charge is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 2. The EEOC investigated this charge and issued an administrative determination on August 20, 1998, finding reasonable cause to believe that Defendant, Wal-Mart, Inc. ("Wal-Mart" or "the Defendant") had discriminated against Louena Yelverton and Angela Reyes and a group of similarly situated females in violation of Title VII. A copy of the Letter of Determination is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
 - 3. The EEOC subsequently filed this lawsuit in the United States District Court for the

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Western District of Washington. The complaint was filed on September 29, 1998. Plaintiff alleged, *inter alia*, that Wal-Mart violated Title VII when it failed to provide employment applications to Yelverton and Reyes for cart-pusher positions because of their sex, female.

- 4. Defendant denied the allegations of discrimination in the EEOC's complaint.
- 5. The parties want to conclude fully and finally all claims arising out of EEOC's complaint and the charge of discrimination filed with EEOC by Louena Yelverton and Angela Reyes. They enter this Consent Decree to further the objectives of equal employment as set forth in Title VII.

NONADMISSION OF LIABILITY AND NONDETERMINATION BY THE COURT

6. This Consent Decree is not an adjudication or finding on the merits of this case and shall not be construed as an admission by Defendant of a violation of Title VII.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized pursuant to Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful in the complaint filed herein occurred within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

SETTLEMENT SCOPE

8. This Consent Decree effectuates the full, final and complete resolution of all allegations of unlawful employment practices encompassed by the complaint filed in this action and the charge of discrimination filed with the EEOC by Yelverton and Reyes. The resolution of this action includes all claims by all parties for attorney fees and costs.

MONETARY RELIEF

9. In settlement of this lawsuit, Wal-Mart agrees to pay Louena Yelverton \$4,000 and Angela Reyes \$1,500. Louena Yelverton and Angela Reyes will each execute an original Release of

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Port Orchard, WA 98366. Along with the settlement checks, Defendant will issue an IRS Form 1099 to Ms. Yelverton and Ms. Reyes reflecting this payment.

It is understood that Ms. Yelverton and Ms. Reyes each will be responsible for any withholding, taxes, or penalties on this amount. Wal-Mart will send copies to the EEOC of the settlement checks and Forms 1099 issued to Ms. Yelverton and Ms. Reyes.

AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER RELIEF

A. General Provisions

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- 10. Defendant reaffirms its ongoing commitment to comply with Title VII. In furtherance of this commitment, it will monitor the affirmative obligations of this Consent Decree.
- 11. Defendant will not retaliate against any person for making a charge of discrimination or for testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing associated with this action.
 - B. Anti-Discrimination Policies and Procedures
- 12. Wal-Mart has and shall continue to carry out anti-discrimination policies and procedures. Wal-Mart shall continue to provide equal employment opportunities for all employees. Wal-Mart shall continue to train all supervisors and management personnel in their Washington stores on its anti-discrimination policies in hiring. Training in Wal-Mart's anti-discrimination policies in hiring shall also continue to be provided to all employees. Defendant will evaluate and exercise reasonable care to prevent and correct promptly the practices of its employees in order to prevent discrimination in hiring. Wal-Mart will exercise reasonable care to insure that its employees understand its Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies and how those policies define and identify what constitutes discrimination.

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14. Wal-Mart shall continue to provide the following training: All Port Orchard store management employees will receive training on equal employment opportunity issues at least two times each year. All Port Orchard store non-management employees will receive training on equal employment opportunity during initial training or other training which may include, but is not

Wal-Mart will continue to post a Notice to Employees and a copy of its EEO policy at

- 15. Wal-Mart shall provide two (2) training sessions, one to be conducted in 1999 and another to be conducted in 2000, for its managers at the Port Orchard Wal-Mart store on how to investigate a complaint of discrimination.
- 16. Wal-Mart will use its best efforts to obtain from each employee who attends the training described in Paragraph 15, a completed and signed evaluation form following attendance at the training. Wal-Mart will notify the EEOC of the completion of the training and will specify the names and job titles of the employees who participated in and completed the training. Wal-Mart will also provide copies of all signed, post-training evaluation forms as part of its reporting to the EEOC.
 - D. Reporting
- 17. During the pendency of this Consent Decree, the Port Orchard Wal-Mart shall report in writing to the EEOC, beginning six (6) months from the date the Court enters this Consent Decree, and thereafter for the duration of the Decree the following information:
 - a. A list of attendees and copies of all training evaluation forms;
 - Confirm that its EEO policy has been distributed to all current and newly hired employees;
 - c. A list of any changes, modifications, revocations or revisions to its EEO policies and procedures which concern or affect the subject of discrimination based on sex;
 - d. A summary of all complaints of sex discrimination filed with a governmental agency,

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The parties are not bound by any provision of this Decree until it is signed by 21. authorized representatives of each party and entered by the Court.

DATED this 10th day of December

A. LUIS LUCERO, JR. Regional Attorney

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C. GREGORY STEWART General Counsel Designate

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Charge No. 380981023

Angela Reyes c/o 2753 S. W. Minterbrook Rd. Port Orchard, WA 98366 Charging Party

Wal*Mart Stores Inc. 702 S.W. 8th Street Bentonville, AR 72716-8095 Respondent

DETERMINATION

Under the authority vested in me by the Commission, I issue the following determination as to the merits of the subject charge filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VII).

All requirements for coverage have been met. Charging Party alleged that she was discriminated against in violation of Title VII in that she was denied an application for employment as cart pusher because of her gender, female.

During the investigation, all relevant, available witnesses were interviewed, and all relevant documents were reviewed. I have considered all the evidence disclosed during the investigation and have determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that there is a violation of the Title VII with regard to Charging Party's allegation that she was denied an application for employment as a cart pusher because of her gender, female.

Upon finding that there is reason to believe that violations have occurred, the Commission attempts to eliminate the alleged unlawful practices by informal methods of conciliation. Therefore, the Commission now invites the parties to join with it in reaching a just resolution of this matter. The Commission will also consider compensatory and punitive damages under

If the Respondent declines to discuss settlement or when, for any other reason, a settlement acceptable to the office Director is not obtained, the Director will inform the parties and advise them of the court enforcement alternatives available to aggrieved persons and the Commission. A Commission representative will contact each party in the near future to begin conciliation.

On behalf of the Commission

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JEANETTE M. LEINO DISTRICT DIRECTOR

RELEASE AGREEMENT

THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT ("agreement") is executed by Wal-Mart Stords, Inc. and Louena Yelverton.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings set forth herein, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

- Louena Yelverton, on her own behalf and for her successors and assigns, acknowledges receipt from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. of \$4,000.00, less applicable withholding required by law.
- 2. Louena Yelverton, on her own behalf and for her successors and assigns, and in accordance with the provisions of the settlement of the lawsuit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., hereby forever releases, acquits, and discharges the latter and their directors, officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, rights, or damages which she may have on behalf of herself or others, known or hereafter discovered by her, arising from the claims and allegations of discrimination contained in Charge Number 380980110, the Letter of Determination issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a result of that charge, and the Commission's resulting lawsuit.
- 3. Louena Yelverton understands that she has the right to consult an attorney of her choice and has consulted the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding this release and, knowing and understanding so, as her own act, she voluntarily accepts the above total amount of \$4,000, less applicable withholding required by law, as full settlement of the above claims and allegations without duress, coercion, or undue influence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed and executed this agreement this

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WAL-MART STORES, INC

LOUENA YELVERTON

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings set forth herein, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

- 1. Angela Reyes, on her own behalf and for her successors and assigns, acknowledges receipt from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. of \$1,500.00, less applicable withholding required by law.
- 2. Angela Reyes, on her own behalf and for her successors and assigns, and in accordance with the provisions of the settlement of the lawsuit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., hereby forever releases, acquits, and discharges the latter and their directors, officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, rights, or damages which she may have on behalf of herself or others, known or hereafter discovered by her, arising from the claims and allegations of discrimination contained in Charge Number 380981023, the Letter of Determination issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a result of that charge, and the Commission's resulting lawsuit.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing CONSENT DECREE AND ORDER DISMISSING ACTION on:

D. Michael Reilly LANE POWELL SPEARS LUBERSKY 1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100 Seattle, WA 98101

Linda A. Whittaker Corporate Litigation Counsel 702 SW 8th Street Bentonville, AR 72716

Attorneys for Defendant

by the following indicated method or methods:

- by mailing a copy thereof in a sealed, first-class postage-paid envelope, addressed to the attorney(s) listed above, and deposited with the United States Postal Service at Seattle, Washington, on the date set forth below.
- O by hand delivering a copy thereof to the attorneys for Defendant listed above, on the date set forth below.
- O by sending via overnight courier a copy thereof in a sealed, postage paid envelope, addressed to the attorney(s) listed above, on the date set forth below.
- O by **faxing** a copy thereof to the attorney(s) at the fax number(s) shown above, on the date set forth below.

DATED this 10 day of December, 1999.

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