

**U.S. District Court
Alabama Middle District (Dothan)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:15-cv-00425-WKW-TFM**

Cooper v. The City of Dothan (JOINT ASSIGN)
Assigned to: Honorable Judge William Keith Watkins
Referred to: Honorable Judge Terry F. Moorer
Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 06/16/2015
Date Terminated: 04/13/2016
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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*individually, and on behalf of a class of
similarly situated people*

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/16/2015	<u>1</u>	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT against The City of Dothan (Filing fee \$ 400.00 receipt number 4602037212.), filed by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> fee receipt)(djy,) (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/16/2015	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order, or in the alternative MOTION for Preliminary Injunction ; MOTION (REQUEST) for Expedited Hearing by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(djy,) (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/16/2015	<u>3</u>	MOTION to Certify Class by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(djy,) (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/16/2015	<u>4</u>	Motion for Alec Karakatsanis to Appear Pro Hac Vice (Filing fee \$ 50.00 receipt number 4602037213.) by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> fee receipt)(djy,) (Additional attachment(s) added on 6/23/2015: # <u>3</u> USDC Certificate of Good Standing) (wcl,). Modified on 6/23/2015 to attach a PDF document of the required US District Court certificate of good standing which was previously omitted in error (wcl,). (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/17/2015	<u>5</u>	Summons Issued as to The City of Dothan and mailed CMRRR with copies of complaint and various motions to the defendant. (djy,) (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/17/2015	<u>6</u>	Supplemental MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order <i>without oral or written notice</i> by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit)(McGuire, Joseph) (Entered: 06/17/2015)
06/18/2015	<u>7</u>	(DISSOLVED PURSUANT TO THE COURT'S <u>25</u> ORDER) ORDER GRANTING plf's <u>2</u> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order insofar as the City is ORDERED to release plf Anthony Cooper immediately either on his own recognizance or subject to an unsecured bond or other reasonable and lawful non-financial conditions; (2) plf's <u>2</u> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order is DENIED in all other respects; (3) a hearing to determine whether to convert this temporary restraining order into a preliminary injunction is set for Evidentiary Hearing on 6/26/2015 @ 10:00 AM before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins, at the Federal Bldg & US Courthouse, 100 West Troy Street, Dothan, AL; (4) By 12:00 p.m., Monday, 6/22/2015, Def is DIRECTED to respond to the motion for a preliminary injunction; (5) By 12:00 p.m., Thursday, 6/25/2015, Plf may file a reply to Def's response; (6) Plf is DIRECTED to serve Def with a copy of this Order, and the Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to fax to Def a copy of this Order. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/18/15 @ 10:00 a.m. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> civil appeals checklist). FAXED, to Dothan City Attorney, as directed.(djy,) Modified on 6/26/2015 (wcl,). (Entered: 06/18/2015)
06/19/2015	<u>8</u>	ORDERED that the evidentiary hearing currently set for 6/26/2015, at 10:00 AM, at the Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 100 West Troy Street, Dothan, Alabama, is RESET for June 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at the Frank M. Johnson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse, One Church Street, Courtroom 2-B, Montgomery, Alabama; DIRECTING the Clerk to fax to Dft a copy of this Order. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/19/2015. (furn: calendar, ar) (FAXED, to Dothan City Attorney, as directed.) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/19/2015)

06/22/2015	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Compliance and Release of Plaintiff by Anthony Cooper re <u>7</u> Order. (McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 6/22/2015 to clarify the docket text (wcl,). (Entered: 06/22/2015)
06/22/2015	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE to Motion re <u>2</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction MOTION for Hearing filed by The City of Dothan. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4)(White, Freddie) (Additional attachment(s) added on 6/22/2015 to redact personal information contained in original filing pursuant to the E-government rules: # <u>5</u> Exhibit 4 (Redacted)) (wcl,). Modified on 6/22/2015 (wcl,). (Entered: 06/22/2015)
06/22/2015		***Attorney Freddie Lenton White, II, Derel Kevan Kelly for The City of Dothan added pursuant to the <u>10</u> Response. (No pdf attached to this entry) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/22/2015)
06/22/2015	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Strike <i>Exhibit 10-4</i> by Anthony Cooper. (Karakatsanis, Alec) (Entered: 06/22/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Correction re <u>4</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice, to attach a PDF document of the required US District Court certificate of good standing which was previously omitted in error. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment PDF Document of USDC Certificate of Good Standing to Docket Entry <u>4</u>)(wcl,) (Entered: 06/23/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>13</u>	TEXT ORDER granting <u>4</u> Motion for Alec Karakatsanis to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/23/2015. (No pdf attached to this entry) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/23/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>14</u>	Return Receipt Card showing service of Summons and Complaint signed by D.C. for The City of Dothan served on 6/22/2015, answer due 7/13/2015. (wcl,) Modified on 6/23/2015 to correct the docket text to reflect the correct signature, the correct service date as 6/23/2015, and the correct answer deadline as 7/13/2015 (wcl,). (Entered: 06/23/2015)
06/23/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: The City of Dothan Answer due 7/13/2015. (No pdf attached to this entry) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/23/2015)
06/24/2015	<u>15</u>	ORDER denying as moot <u>11</u> Motion to Strike. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/24/2015. (wcl,) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/24/2015	<u>16</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>2</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Anthony Cooper. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on to clarify the docket text 6/24/2015 (wcl,). (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>17</u>	ORDERED that the hearing to determine whether to convert the temporary restraining order into a preliminary injunction remains set for 6/26/2015, at 10:00 AM, at the Frank M. Johnson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse, One Church Street, Courtroom 2-B, Montgomery, Alabama; The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to provide a court reporter for this hearing. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/25/2015. (furn: calendar, ar, wr) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/25/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Shannon Lynn Holliday on behalf of The City of Dothan (Holliday, Shannon) (Entered: 06/25/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee Hall Copeland on behalf of The City of Dothan (Copeland, Lee) (Entered: 06/25/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>20</u>	MOTION to Continue <i>or, in the Alternative, to Deny the Preliminary Injunction as Moot</i> by The City of Dothan. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2)(Holliday, Shannon) (Entered: 06/25/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>21</u>	ORDERED that a telephonic status conference is SET for 6/25/2015, at 4:30 PM; Counsel for Plf and Dft are DIRECTED to participate; Counsel for Dft is DIRECTED to take all necessary action to coordinate and commence the conference call. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/25/2015. (furn: calendar, ar, wr)(wcl,) (Entered: 06/25/2015)
06/25/2015	<u>22</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>20</u> MOTION to Continue <i>or, in the Alternative, to Deny the Preliminary Injunction as Moot</i> filed by Anthony Cooper. (Karakatsanis, Alec) (Entered: 06/25/2015)

06/26/2015	<u>23</u>	ORDERED that the hearing set for 6/26/2015, is CANCELLED; further ORDERED that Dft's <u>20</u> Motion to Continue is DENIED as moot. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/26/2015. (furn: calendar, ar, wr) (wcl,) (Entered: 06/26/2015)
06/26/2015	<u>24</u>	ORDERED that an on-the-record Telephonic Status Conference is SET for 6/26/2015, at 01:00 PM; Counsel for Plf and Dft are DIRECTED to participate; Counsel for Dft is DIRECTED to take all necessary action to coordinate and commence the conference call. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/26/2015. (furn: calendar, ar, wr)(wcl,) (Entered: 06/26/2015)
06/26/2015	<u>25</u>	ORDERED that the City of Dothan and its employees, officers, and agents comply with the procedures set forth in the Nuncipal Court order (Doc. # <u>20</u> -1) issued on 6/25/2015, until settlement, final judgment, or further order of this court, as further set out in order; further ORDERED that the <u>7</u> Temporary Restraining Order heretofore entered is dissolved; If the case is not otherwise resolved by then, the parties shall file a joint status report on or before 7/24/2015. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/26/2015. (wcl,) (Entered: 06/26/2015)
06/29/2015		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins: Status Conference held on 6/29/2015 (PDF available for court use only). (ajr,) (Entered: 07/02/2015)
07/24/2015	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by The City of Dothan. (Holliday, Shannon) Modified on 7/27/2015 to clarify text to reflect as also filed on behalf of Anthony Cooper (qc/djy,). (Entered: 07/24/2015)
07/24/2015		Joint Status report considered to contain a MOTION to Continue by Anthony Cooper, The City of Dothan. (NO PDF document attached to this notice-See Docket Entry <u>26</u>). (djy,) (Entered: 07/27/2015)
07/27/2015	<u>27</u>	Notice of Deficiency requiring filing of Corporate Disclosure/Conflict Statement sent to The City of Dothan; Corporate Disclosures due by 8/6/2015. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> standing order and format)(djy,) (Entered: 07/27/2015)
07/27/2015	<u>28</u>	Notice of Deficiency requiring filing of Corporate Disclosure/Conflict Statement sent to Anthony Cooper; Corporate Disclosures due by 8/6/2015. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> standing order and format)(djy,) (Entered: 07/27/2015)
07/27/2015	<u>29</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by The City of Dothan re <u>27</u> Notice of Deficiency requiring filing of Corporate Disclosure/Conflict Statement. (Holliday, Shannon) (Entered: 07/27/2015)
07/27/2015	<u>30</u>	ORDER upon consideration of the <u>26</u> Joint Status report which contains a motion to continue; GRANTING MOTION to Continue to pursue settlement; if the case is not otherwise resolved the parties shall file a joint Status Report due by 8/24/2015. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 7/27/15. (djy,) (Entered: 07/27/2015)
07/29/2015	<u>31</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Anthony Cooper re <u>28</u> Notice of Deficiency requiring filing of Corporate Disclosure/Conflict Statement. (McGuire, Joseph) (Entered: 07/29/2015)
08/24/2015	<u>32</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>JOINT</i> by The City of Dothan. (Holliday, Shannon) (Entered: 08/24/2015)
01/06/2016	<u>33</u>	ORDER directing that the parties file a joint Status Report on or before 1/18/2016. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 1/6/16. (djy,) (Entered: 01/06/2016)
01/18/2016	<u>34</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>JOINT</i> by The City of Dothan. (Holliday, Shannon) Modified on 1/19/2016 to clarify text to reflect as also filed on behalf of Anthony Cooper (qc/djy,). (Entered: 01/18/2016)
01/19/2016	<u>35</u>	ORDER directing that the parties file a joint Status Report on or before 2/10/2016. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 1/19/16. (djy,) (Entered: 01/19/2016)
02/10/2016	<u>36</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by The City of Dothan, Anthony Cooper. (Holliday, Shannon) Modified on 2/11/2016 to add as also filed on behalf of the plf (wcl,). (Entered: 02/10/2016)

02/12/2016	<u>37</u>	ORDER directing that the parties shall file a joint stipulation of dismissal on or before 4/11/2016; further ORDERING that the <u>3</u> MOTION to Certify Class is DENIED as moot. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 2/12/16. (djy,) (Entered: 02/12/2016)
04/07/2016	<u>38</u>	Joint MOTION Entry of Consent Order by The City of Dothan. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Holliday, Shannon) (Entered: 04/07/2016)
04/13/2016	<u>39</u>	CONSENT DECREE GRANTING <u>38</u> Joint MOTION Entry of a consent decree, as further set out in order. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 4/13/16. (djy,) (Entered: 04/13/2016)
04/13/2016	<u>40</u>	FINAL JUDGMENT, in accordance with the Consent Decree entered this date, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that this case is DISMISSED with prejudice subject to this courts power to enforce the consent decree; directing the Clerk to enter this document on the civil docket as a final judgment pursuant to Rule 58 of the FRCP. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 4/13/16. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> civil appeals checklist)(djy,) (Entered: 04/13/2016)