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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF INDIANA

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MASHIANA PARADISE PLAZA, INC.,
d/b/a PARADISE PLAZA TRUCK STOP

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

3:04CV 233RM

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and to provide appropriate relief to Daysha Jungels. The Commission alleges that Defendant terminated Daysha Jungels because of her pregnancy and thereby discriminated against her because of her sex, in violation of Title VII.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 706 (f)(1) and (3) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 e-5(f)(1) and (3) ("Title VII") and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a.

2. The employment practice alleged to be unlawful was committed within the jurisdiction of the United States Court for the Northern District of Indiana, South Bend Division.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII, and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706 (f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5 (f) (1) and (3).

4. At all relevant times, Defendant, Mashiana Paradise Plaza, Inc., d/b/a Paradise Plaza Truck Stop, (the "Employer"), has continuously been an Indiana corporation, doing business in the State of Indiana and the City of Rochester, and has continuously had at least 15 employees.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant Employer has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e(b), (g) and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Daysha Jungels filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant Employer. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

7. Since at least July 27, 2003, Defendant Employer has engaged in unlawful employment practices at its Rochester, Indiana facility, in violation of Section 703(a) (1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-2(a) (1). The unlawful practice includes discharging Daysha Jungels because of her pregnancy.

8. The effect of the practice complained of in paragraph 7 above has been to deprive Daysha Jungels of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee, because of her sex.

9. The unlawful employment practice complained of in paragraph 7 above was intentional.

10. The unlawful employment practice complained of in paragraph 7 above was done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Daysha Jungels.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant Employer, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from discharging employees because of their sex and pregnancy and any other employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex.

B. Order Defendant Employer to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for women, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.

C. Order Defendant Employers to make whole Daysha Jungels by providing appropriate backpay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices, including but not limited to rightful place reinstatement or in the alternative an award of front pay to Daysha Jungels.

D. Order Defendant Employer to make whole Daysha Jungels by providing

compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7 above, including but not limited to out of pocket expenses, plus prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial.

E. Order Defendant Employer to make whole Daysha Jungels by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful practices complained of in paragraph 7 above, including but not limited to physical and emotional pain and suffering, mental anguish, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

F. Order Defendant Employer to pay Daysha Jungels punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct described in paragraph 7 above, in amounts to be determined at trial.

G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.

H. Award the Commission its costs of this action.

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The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its complaint.

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