

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Springfield Division

LUKE A. THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HOLLY J. HENZE, in her official capacity only;
JERRY J. HOOKER, in his official capacity only;
DEVRON OHRN, in his official and individual
capacities;
JUSTIN OLIVER, in his official and individual
capacities;
GWENDOLYN M. THOMAS, in her official and
Individual capacities;
GEORGEANNE OSMER, individually;
JOHN D. OSMER, individually;
CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS;
JOHN DOES 1–10, individually and in their official
capacities (as applicable)

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF FILING SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT D7(8)

Civil Action No. 26-CV-0319

Notice of Filing Supplemental
Exhibit D7

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, Luke A. Thomas, hereby files the attached in
support of the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order currently pending before this Court.

Supplemental Exhibit: Plaintiff Exhibit D7-Electronic Correspondence to/from Plaintiff
to Olmsted County Housing Stability Team dated May 29-30, 2024, following return to
Rochester, MN after denial to retrieve property awarded (Gun Auction March 2024).

Purpose: Plaintiff hereby files Supplemental Exhibit D7: Contemporaneous Record of Financial Destitution and Housing Instability (May 2024). This document—an email sent to/from the Olmsted County Housing Stability Team—serves as a contemporary record of the Plaintiff's acute financial distress, including the loss of his vehicle and personal belongings. Defendants were holding the proceeds from the gun sale at this time and Defendant, Gwendolyn Thomas, had also refused to allow Plaintiff to retrieve assets awarded previously.

This evidence is submitted to demonstrate that the Defendants' systemic deprivation of Plaintiff's assets has resulted in immediate, irreparable harm, leaving him unable to secure basic housing or sustain the costs of litigation.

The document(s) which comprise this exhibit are true and correct copies of the originals. Each exhibit has been redacted in accordance with Local Rule 5.11 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

Executed this 11th day of July, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Luke A. Thomas

LUKE A. THOMAS
PLAINTIFF, pro se
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Illinois ARDC No.: 6278591

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of July, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois using the CM/ECF system.

I further certify that I have served the following parties with the foregoing document via email as indicated below:

Cass County, Illinois c/o Cass County State's Attorney Craig Miller
statesattorney@co.cass.il.us

Cass County Sheriff Devron Ohrn (Official Capacity) c/o Cass County State's Attorney
Craig Miller statesattorney@co.cass.il.us

Holly J. Henze (Official Capacity Only) c/o Ms. Sharon Main, Trial Court Administrator for the
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Dated: July 11, 2026

By: /s/Luke A. Thomas

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Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

RE: Help

1 message

More Larry <larry.more@olmstedcounty.gov>
To: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Thu, May 30, 2024 at 8:41 AM

Hello, Luke.

I am responding to your email on behalf of the Housing Stability Team of Olmsted County. From reading your email, it sounds like you and your son are going through a lot with your medical needs and trying to stabilize your housing situation. Finding affordable housing is definitely a challenge.

I have worked in housing for many years, and I am going to give you some information to help you navigate the housing assistance programs in the area. When you are basically homeless, you are going to want to get into the Coordinated Entry System. This is especially important if you are applying at area agencies for help with a deposit and/or rent and trying to get into a rent subsidized unit. When you apply at a housing assistance program such as Three Rivers Community Action, Salvation Army, etc. one of the first questions they will likely ask is whether or not you are on the Coordinated Entry System. The Coordinated Entry System (or CES, for short) is a required priority-based referral system for housing assistance for agencies receiving housing assistance funds from HUD (Federal) or Minnesota Housing (State). When agencies have funding available to use for housing assistance, they are required to reach out to CES to make requests for more referrals. It is not a first-come, first-serve system. <https://www.rivervalleyscoc.org/how-ce-works.html>

To be entered into the Coordinated Entry System you must meet the definitions of homelessness, whether it is literal or imminently homeless. Literal means that the household is experiencing homelessness and is currently staying at a shelter, vehicle, or a place not meant for habitation. Imminent homelessness is a household that is couch-hopping, doubled up, or will be losing housing within two weeks or less. Without meeting either of these definitions, many housing assistance programs may disqualify a household from being entered into CES.

Other housing assistance options would be through the county housing authority (HRA), which provides housing vouchers such as Section 8 or public housing. Generally, there is a long waitlist, which is only opened once every couple of years. HRA has told us that they do not know when the waitlist will be opened again. Here is a link to that department: <https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/housing-redevelopment-authority-hra>

You apply at income-based housing units in the area, but they generally have wait lists that are long.

For more immediate temporary shelter there are a few options to check into. These options include:

Dorothy Day 507-282-5172

Warming Center 507-458-1223

Family Promise 507-281-3122

A last option to try is a local church group called St. Vincent de Paul. They only take six calls per day and usually start at 10 am. Their number is 507-216-7370. They try to help the community by paying for things that other programs cannot.

I am including a housing list and resource guide to this email that may assist you in locating future housing. If you have further questions, feel free to reach out.

Larry More, LSW (he/him)

Guiding Partners to Solutions (GPS)

Family Service Rochester

2117 Campus Dr. SE

Rochester, MN 55904

(GPS Intake) 507-328-6325

(Desk) 507-328-6678

www.familyservicerochester.org



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From: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 6:52 PM

To: Housing Stability Team <housingstability@olmstedcounty.gov>

Subject: Help

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

I have tried many sources seeking assistance for me and my son. We are hoping your department can finally be our source of help.

I moved to Rochester in June, 2023 and obtained employment at Mayo clinic primarily to rejoin the workforce after a Stage IIIb rectal cancer diagnosis and treatment from 2019-2021. My son joined me in November, 2023 to restart treatment for his Type-1 diabetes and related complications. While my employment provided me and my children with much needed health insurance coverage, we have been living in hotels since moving here.

With the cost of co-pays for insulin and glucose monitoring equipment, coupled with the cost of living, we have continuously found ourselves living paycheck to paycheck, with bouts of having only my vehicle for shelter at times.

On March 29, 2024, the City towed my vehicle for unpaid parking tickets. They mistakenly destroyed my vehicle and all of our belongings, which included many items of value that we typically would use to pawn so that we would have shelter.

My son is enrolled in MNVS and the school year ends 6/15. Given my son's condition and multiple doctor's appointments, the next few weeks are especially crucial so that he can complete his coursework and finals.

I am hoping we can obtain temporary housing with further assistance in obtaining permanency. Given my medical absence caused me to financial issues, my credit score is currently such that finding places to lease have been very difficult.

While being employed should be a positive, the formulas used for need based assistance apparently only consider gross income, without considering the cost of insurance, out of pocket medical/prescription expense and that my wages are being garnished for medical related expenses dating back almost 4 years.

Please let me know if/how you can help. We are running very low on funds and will not be able to afford I ur hotel stay until my next payday on 6/7.

Email is the best way to reach me but I can return calls 507-910-1605.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Luke Thomas

2 attachments

 **TRCA LL Resources.pdf**
74K

 **2023 Greenbook.pdf**
367K