

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

KEITH WARD)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AUTOZONERS, LLC)
Defendant.)

JUDGMENT
No. 7:15-CV-164-FL

Decision by Court and Jury.

That this action came before The Honorable Louise W. Flanagan, United States District Judge, for consideration of defendant’s motion for partial judgment as a matter of law. Subsequent to the court’s ruling as to this motion, the claims in this action were tried by a jury with The Honorable Louise W. Flanagan presiding, and the jury rendered a verdict fully favorable to the plaintiff.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff DID establish by a preponderance of the evidence that Christina Atkinson’s conduct toward him created a hostile working environment on the basis of his sex, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that defendant knew or should have known of Christina Atkinson’s conduct toward him, and that defendant failed to take prompt and adequate action to stop Christian Atkinson’s conduct toward him. Plaintiff is entitled to recover \$100,000.00 in damages on his sexual harrasment claim.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff is entitled to recover \$600,000.00 in punitive damages on his sexual harrasment claim.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff DID NOT establish by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant failed to promote him to a full-time position because he made complaints of sexual harrasment, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff DID establish by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant intentionally inflicted severe emotional distress on plaintiff by ratifying Christina Atkinson’s conduct. Plaintiff is entitled to recover \$150,000.00 in damages on his intentional infliction of emotional distress claim.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff DID establish by clear and convincing evidence that defendant’s intentional infliction of emotional distress was accompanied by fraud, malice, or willful and wanton conduct and that plaintiff is entitled to recover \$60,000.00 on his intentional infliction of emotional distress claim.

This Judgment Filed and Entered on May 4, 2018, and Copies To:

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May 4, 2018

PETER A MOORE, JR., CLERK

/s/ Sandra K. Collins

(By) Sandra K. Collins, Deputy Clerk