

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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SUZANNE SHELL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

OHIO FAMILY RIGHTS, et al.,

Defendants.  
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CASE NO. 15-cv-1757

OPINION AND ORDER  
[Resolving Doc. [37](#)]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Defendant Ray Lautenschlager moves for an extension of time to file an answer.<sup>1</sup>

Lautenschlager says that Plaintiff Suzanne Shell has not served him with all of the documents filed in this case and so cannot “adequately prepare a defense.”<sup>2</sup>

However, Defendant does not need all of these documents in order to file an answer. All Defendant needs is a properly served copy of the operative complaint and summons.<sup>3</sup> This Court already determined that Plaintiff Shell perfected service of her first amended complaint on Defendant Lautenschlager.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, Defendant Lautenschlager can and must answer the complaint.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. [37](#).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> [Fed. R. Civ. P. 12\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(i\)](#) (“A defendant must serve an answer [] within 21 days after being served with the summons and complaint”).

<sup>4</sup> Doc. [35](#) at 3.

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This Court **ORDERS** that Defendant Lautenschlager file an answer to the complaint by April 13, 2016, or risk an entry of default judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 5, 2016

*s/ James S. Gwin*  
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JAMES S. GWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE