

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JEREMY BLACK,

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Relator/Plaintiff,

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v.

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No. 37651-III

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SHERIFF C.J. BALL,

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Respondent/Defendant.

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COCKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

FILED

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JUL 14 2026

at

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Kristy L. Nease, Clerk

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter came before the Court on July 14, 2026, for a hearing on the Motion to Dismiss filed on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent. The day prior to the hearing, the Relator/Plaintiff filed a Motion to Continue, but the Court finds no valid basis to continue the hearing and the Motion to Continue is denied.

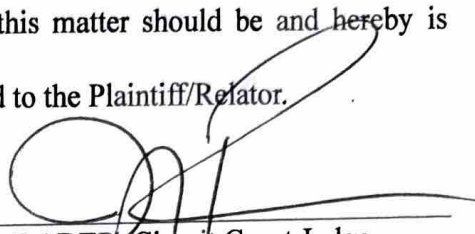
Based Motion to Dismiss filed and the arguments at the hearing, the Court finds that this action should be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction inasmuch as the Relator/Plaintiff, Jeremy Black, lacks standing to bring this action. The Relator/Plaintiff has filed this action *pro se* for ouster pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-47-101, et. seq. However, the Relator/Plaintiff is not authorized to bring an ouster action. Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-47-102 specifies the individuals that are authorized to institute an ouster suit. Alternatively, Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-47-110 specifies that an ouster suit can be instituted in the name of the State of Tennessee upon relation of certain individuals. However, if a citizen seeks to bring an ouster lawsuit it can only be brought "upon the relation of ten (10) or more citizens and freeholders of

the state, county, or city, as the case may be, upon giving the usual security for costs." The ouster suit filed by Mr. Black fails to satisfy the statutory requirements.

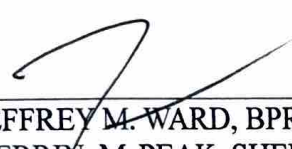
WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter should be and hereby is dismissed with prejudice. Court costs in this action are taxed to the Plaintiff/Relator.

ENTER:

7/14/20


JEFF D. RADER, Circuit Court Judge

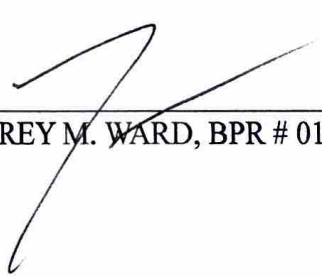
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Order has been served upon the *pro se* Plaintiff/Relator by hand-delivery or by electronic mail to:

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