

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JONATHON H. BEDFORD,

Petitioner,

v.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS, INC.;
KATHY LEMKE, MEGAN LEMKE,
MAUREEN QUINTEN, KIM GENICH,
SID SARINOUPOLIS, ELLEN BACKUS,

Respondents.

ORDER

04-C-244-C

Petitioner requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this civil action for money damages and other relief brought pursuant to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e. In his complaint, petitioner appears to be alleging that he was fired from his job at defendant Neighborhood Connections, Inc. because of his race and perhaps his sex.

As an initial matter, I note that as petitioner's former employer, respondent Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is the proper respondent for plaintiff's Title VII claim. 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(b); Mateu-Anderegg v. School District of Whitefish Bay, 304 F.3d 618, 623

(7th Cir. 2002). Therefore, the individual respondents, who petitioner alleges are employees of Neighborhood Connections, Inc., will be dismissed from the case. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

From petitioner's affidavit of indigency, I find that he qualifies for indigent status.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

1. Petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis against respondent Neighborhood Connection, Inc. is GRANTED.

2. Respondents Kathy Lemke, Megan Lemke, Maureen Quinten, Kim Genich, Sid Sarinoupolis and Ellen Backus are DISMISSED as improper respondents in a Title VII action.

3. The court will forward a copy of petitioner's complaint to the United States Marshal for service on respondent Neighborhood Connection, Inc.

4. For the remainder of this lawsuit, petitioner must send respondent a copy of every paper or document that he files with the court. Once petitioner learns the name of the lawyer that will be representing the respondent, he should serve the lawyer directly rather than respondent. The court will disregard documents petitioner submits that do not show on the court's copy that he has sent a copy to respondent or to respondent's attorney.

5. Petitioner should keep a copy of all documents for his own files. If he is unable to use a photocopy machine, he may send out identical handwritten or typed copies of his documents.

Entered this 22nd day of April, 2004.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge