

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

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LORI BENSON,

Petitioner,

v.

PER MAR SECURITY; DALE STEFFINS; and  
GARY PEPPIN,

Respondents.  
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ORDER

06-C-198-C

Petitioner Lori Benson, a resident of Monticello, Wisconsin, seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this civil action. In her complaint, petitioner alleges that a co-worker, respondent Gary Peppin, subjected her to sexual harassment on the job. She alleges that after she went to her supervisors to complain about Peppin, she was told she would not have to work with him again. In addition, respondent Dale Steffins, Per Mar's General Manager, gave Peppin a written warning as soon as he learned of the harassment. Later, despite the promise she would not be scheduled to work with Peppin again, she was told to work with him on the same shift. She became so anxious she had to be taken to the emergency room. When she was released from the hospital, she was given a three-day leave from her job. Petitioner apparently quit her job, however, because she complains that the circumstances resulted in her constructive discharge.

Unfortunately, petitioner's affidavit of indigency in support of her request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis do not contain sufficient information to allow the court to determine whether she qualifies for indigent status. Petitioner avers that she is expecting a child in May, that she does not work, has not been employed since December 2005, and has no money in a checking or savings account. She claims she is married, but owns no assets, such as a car or a home. From these statements, it is not possible to tell how petitioner provides for her basic necessities, such as food, clothing and shelter.

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that a decision is STAYED on petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this action. Petitioner may have until April 27, 2006, in which to submit a supplement to her affidavit of indigency in which she explains how she provides for food, clothing and shelter. If, by April 27, 2006, petitioner fails to submit the necessary supplement, then I will deny her request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this action.

Entered this 13th day of April, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge