JA'RELL PATTON

Claimant,

-VS-

NOTICE OF CLAIM

COUNTY OF ERIE 95 Franklin Street, Room 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

ERIE COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY A DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE 95 Franklin Street, Room 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

ERIE COUNTY DIVISION OF SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT A DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE 95 Franklin Street, Room 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 A DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE 95 Franklin Street, Room 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING, A DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE 95 Franklin Street, Room 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY 295 Main Street Room 350 Buffalo, NY 14203

Respondents

TO:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Claimant claims damages against the Respondents in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law § 50-e and states as follows:

1. The name and address of Claimant is:

JA'RELL PATTON

2. The Claimant is represented herein by:

Shaw & Shaw, P.C. Blake Zaccagnino, Esq., of counsel 4819 South Park Avenue Hamburg, NY 14075

LEGAL THEORY/CAUSE OF ACTION CLAIMED:

- 3. This is a claim founded in negligence, and is for personal injuries.
- 4. This is a claim for money damages for personal injuries sustained by the Claimant, when he was caused to fall on property and premises and, more specifically, on the grass adjacent to the curbline at 712 Mount Vernon Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14215.

Upon information and belief, that property was under the possession, control and ownership of the Respondents.

TIME AND LOCATION AND MANNER IN WHICH THE CLAIM AROSE:

5. The time when the claim arose and the time when injuries and damages herein alleged were sustained was on or about December 3, 2021 at 7:22PM.

NATURE AND BASIS FOR THIS CLAIM:

6. Attached as **Exhibit A**, please find the deed for 712 Mount Vernon Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14215.

7. As Claimant walked, he was caused to trip and fall over dangerous condition in the area described above. More specifically, the Claimant fell/stepped into a hole in the grass. When he fell, he came into contact with the ground, seriously injuring himself.

Upon information and belief, the hole was caused/created in part as a result of the property owner's sewer lateral.

Attached as **Exhibit B**, please find a photograph of the general area where the Claimant fell. Attached as **Exhibit C**, please find photographs of what caused the Claimant's fall, taken on the date he fell.

Upon information and belief, the hole was caused/created in part as a result of the property's sewer lateral.

LEGAL THEORY/CAUSE OF ACTION CLAIMED:

- 8. The above mentioned incident and the injuries and damages occurring therefrom occurred by reason of the fault, neglect, and carelessness of the Respondents, their agents, servants, and/or employees. The negligence of the Respondents, their agents, servants and/or employees includes but is not limited to:
 - Failure to properly, adequately, and safely maintain the aforesaid premises;
 - Failure to properly and adequately supervise and control the area where the Claimant fell on the date of the incident;
 - Carelessly and negligently designing the area on said premises where the incident occurred;

- Failure to take the necessary steps to fill in holes and/or indentations made, upon information and belief, by the Respondents' agents, servants and/or employees;
- Failure to give attention to uneven, unlevel, un-filled walking surfaces on the property;
- Failure to give attention to holes in the grass on the property;
- Failure to take the necessary steps and make the necessary observations, which, if taken or made, would have avoided the said incident;
- Failing to act reasonable under the circumstances;
- Failing to take precautionary measures to protect the Claimant from the incident after weighing the probability and gravity of the harm against the burden of precaution;
- Failing to take precautionary measures to the protect the Claimant from the incident when they had ownership, occupancy, control, and or special use of the property on the date of the fall;

- The Respondents' negligence was the proximate cause of the Claimant's fall and serious injuries;
- The Respondents' negligence was a substantial factor in bringing about the Claimant's injuries in that a reasonable person would regard it as a cause of his injuries;
- They failed in their duty to use reasonable care to keep their property in a reasonably safe condition for the protection of the Claimant whose presence was reasonably foreseeable on the date of the fall;
- The Respondents created the condition that caused the Claimant 's fall;
- The Respondents either actually knew, or in the use of reasonable care, should have known that the condition that caused the Claimant's fall long enough before the fall to have allowed them, in the use of reasonable care to correct it or to take other suitable precautions;
- The Respondents failed to warn the Claimant about the dangerous condition before his fall;

- in having actual and constructive notice of the dangerous condition;
- in creating the dangerous condition;
- in that the defect was visible and apparent and existed for a sufficient length of time prior to the fall to permit Respondents to discovery and remedy it but they failed to do so;
- upon information and belief, receiving prior written notice of the defect;
- in creating the defect or hazard through an affirmative act of negligence;
- upon information and belief, in having special use of the location of the incident providing a special benefit upon the Respondents;
- and in that the Respondents, its agents, servants and/or employees were otherwise careless and negligent.

DAMAGES CLAIMED:

9. By reason of the aforesaid occurrence, the Claimant sustained severe, painful and permanent injuries in and about his body, including, but not limited to, left ankle and knee injuries, all of which were and are severe, painful and permanent in nature including, shock to the

nerves and nervous system, circulatory system, traumatic injuries to nerves, tendons and muscular system with resultant impairment and/or loss of use of normal functions; was otherwise rendered sick, sore, lame and disabled and prevented him from performing his usual activities for a period of time subsequent to this incident, and has incurred, and may suffer and sustain loss of earnings and/or loss of future earning potential and/or capacity; has caused, or may incur, hospital expenses, medical expenses, physical therapy and/or rehabilitation and counseling expenses and/or other similar types of expenses as to past, present or future, as would relate to the care, treatment and attempted cure of the injuries sustained and/or the residual effects thereof; has been deprived of the ability to enjoy the life and lifestyle that he was able to participate in and enjoy prior to the happening of this incident, and has been caused to suffer emotional upset, anxiety and depression as a result of the pain and suffering associated with the injuries as to the past, present and, upon information and belief, into the future; and together with any other special and general damages as may manifest themselves subsequent to the date of this Notice of Claim.

The Claimant also makes a claim for any and all medical expenses incurred as to his care, treatment and attempted cure of the injuries sustain and/or the residual effects of the same herein as to the past, present, and or future.

WHEREFORE, Claimant respectfully prays and requests that these claims as set

forth herein be paid and allowed by the Respondents.

Dated: February 15, 2022 Hamburg, New York

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) SS..:
TOWN OF HAMBURG)

BLAKE ZACCAGNINO., ESQ., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That your deponent is the attorney of record for the Claimant in the above-stitled action, and as such I am filing the within Notice of Claim on behalf of the Claimant that your deponent has read the foregoing Claim, Notice and Statement, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters your deponent believes the same to be true; the source of your deponent's knowledge and information is an investigation of this matter, documents and writings in your deponent's possession and actual conversations with the Claimants

BLAKE ZACCAGNINO, ESQ

Subscribed and swom to before me this Say of FLOWAM 2022

Notary Public, State of New York

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ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



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Christopher L. Jacobs County Clerk Ecord + Retern to: Coma, lla Barnett 712 Mt. Vernon Rd Cheletowaga, NY 14215

WARRANTY DEED-LIEN COVENANT

This Indenture, made the 2nd day of Mout, 2013.

Between

Jennifer Rosen f/k/a Jennifer Katz

residing at 95 Belvoir, Williamsville, NY 14221

and

Grantor(s),

Omarlla S. Barnett

residing at 4 Jewett Parkway, Apt. #4, Buffalo, NY 14214

Grantee(s).

WITNESSETH, that the said Grantor(s), in consideration of ONE AND MORE dollars (\$1.00 and More) lawful money of the United States, paid by the Grantee(s), do hereby grant and release unto the Grantee(s), heirs and assigns forever.

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot 36, Township 11 and Range 7 of the Holland Land Company's Survey and according to map filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 1247 is known as Subdivision Lot No. 101.

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party(ies) of the first part in and to said premises,

To have and to hold, the above granted premises unto the said Grantee(s).

And the said Grantor(s) does/do covenant with said Grantee(s) as follows:

First, That the Grantee(s) shall quietly enjoy the said premises.

Second, That the Grantor(s) will forever WARRANT the title to said premises.

Third, Subject to the trust fund provisions of section thirteen of the lien law.

In witness whereof, The said Grantor(s) has/have hereunto set his hand(s) and seal(s) the day and year first written above.

In Presence of

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss.

On the ** day of !! , in the year ? o 12 , before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Jennifer Rosen f/k/a Jennifer Katz, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity(ies), and that by their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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CHERYL L. STEIN Notary Public, State of New York Registration #025T4953559 Qualified in Erie County My Commission Expires July 17, 205 Christy

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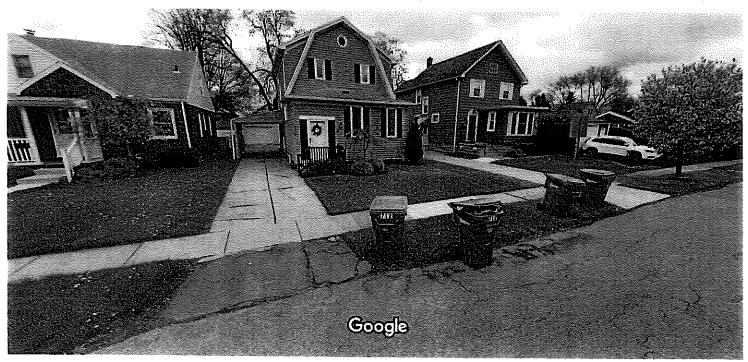


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