

[Cite as *Johnson v. Ohio Dept. of Transp.*, 2005-Ohio-3652.]

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

TERRY A. JOHNSON :
Plaintiff :
v. : CASE NO. 2005-06066-AD
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF : ENTRY OF DISMISSAL
TRANSPORTATION :
Defendant :
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{¶ 1} On April 27, 2005, plaintiff filed a complaint against defendant, Department of Transportation. Plaintiff alleges on April 4, 2005, at approximately 11:00 a.m., while traveling southbound on State Route 23 approaching Interstate 270 the vehicle struck a pothole in the traveled portion of the roadway. Plaintiff seeks reimbursement for automotive repairs resulting from striking the pothole which amount to \$244.55. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee with the complaint.

{¶ 2} On May 27, 2005, defendant filed a motion to dismiss. In support of the motion to dismiss, defendant stated in pertinent part:

{¶ 3} "Defendant has performed an investigation of this site and Transportation Manager 2, Chuck Rumery, states that this area falls under the maintenance jurisdiction of the City of Columbus. (See Exhibit A and Attached Map). As such, this section of roadway is not within the maintenance jurisdiction of the defendant."

{¶4} Plaintiff has not responded to defendant's motion to dismiss. The site of plaintiff's incident was within the city limits of Columbus.

{¶ 5} R.C. 5501.31, in pertinent part states:

{¶ 6} "Except in the case of maintaining, repairing, erecting

traffic signs on, or pavement marking of state highways within villages, which is mandatory as required by section 5521.01 of the Revised Code, and except as provided in section 5501.49 of the Revised Code, no duty of constructing, reconstructing, widening, resurfacing, maintaining, or repairing state highways within municipal corporations, or the bridges and culverts thereon, shall attach to or rest upon the director . . ."

{¶7} The site of the damage-causing incident was not the maintenance responsibility of defendant. Consequently, plaintiff's case is dismissed.

{¶8} Having considered all the evidence in the claim file and, for the reasons set forth above, defendant's motion to dismiss is GRANTED. Plaintiff's case is DISMISSED. The court shall absorb the court costs of this case. The clerk shall serve upon all parties notice of this entry of dismissal and its date of entry upon the journal.

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