STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MELVIN JONES, JR., and COLLEEN CONNORS,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 26-000192-MZ

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN and MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL,

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

Defendants.
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ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' 9/23/26 AND 9/24/26 MOTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit on September 4, 2026, but did not submit a summons when the complaint was filed. Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint and summons on September 9, 2026, and the issued summons was provided to plaintiffs the same day. The summons does not expire until December 4, 2026.

Also on September 9, plaintiffs moved for an order allowing alternative service of process. The Court entered an order denying plaintiffs' motion on September 21, 2026, and directed plaintiffs to serve the summons and amended complaint that was filed in response to a show-cause order on September 11, 2026, as provided in MCR 2.103 and 2.105.

In two separate motions filed on September 23 and 24, 2026, plaintiffs again requested an order for alternative service under MCR 2.105(J). Plaintiffs' motion does not demonstrate that service of process cannot be made under MCR 2.105. Plaintiffs do not assert that they attempted

to personally serve defendant or that they mailed the summons and amended complaint to defendant by certified mail.[1] They have not offered evidence, such as in the form of a receipt of mailing for certified mail, to demonstrate that they mailed the summons and amended complaint to defendant. They do not allege that defendant's location is unknown. They simply provide no evidence that they have taken some steps to serve defendant as provided in MCR 2.105. Plaintiffs' September 23 and 24 motions for alternative service are DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED. This is not a final order and does not close the case.

Date: September 24, 2026

Hon. Michael F. Gadola
Chief Judge, Court of Claims

[1] Service of process can be made by sending a copy of the summons and amended complaint by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.