STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

DEMARIO YORKER, EEOC Case No. 15D201400140

Petitioner, FCHR Case No. 2013-02102

v. DOAH Case No. 14-2482

GIRARD EQUIPMENT, INC., FCHR Order No. 15-011

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

Preliminary Matters

Petitioner DeMario Yorker filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, <u>Florida Statutes</u> (2013), alleging that Respondent Girard Equipment, Inc., committed an unlawful employment practice on the basis of Petitioner's race (African American) when it terminated Petitioner from employment.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on April 30, 2014, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was reasonable cause to believe that an unlawful employment practice had occurred.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Relief from an Unlawful Employment Practice, and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was held by video teleconference at sites in Port St. Lucie and Tallahassee, Florida, on October 22, 2014, before Administrative Law Judge Darren A. Schwartz.

Judge Schwartz issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated December 17, 2014.

The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

Exceptions

Neither of the parties filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Complaint of Discrimination are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this 12 day of 1 fact, 2015. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Gilbert M. Singer, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Onelia Fajardo-Garcia; and Commissioner Tony Jenkins

Filed this Aday of March in Tallahassee, Florida.

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