

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

BLAINE COLEMAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action No. 11-CV-15207  
HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

ANN ARBOR TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY**

Pursuant to the Court's June 26, 2012 Order (Dkt. 37), Plaintiff and Defendant Ann Arbor Transportation Authority submitted memoranda regarding the propriety of Plaintiff's Request No. 6. Having reviewed those submissions, the Court orders that Defendants produce all documents responsive to the request on or before July 5, 2012. The request is relevant to Plaintiff's claim because it seeks documents that may bear on the reason for the rejection of Plaintiff's ad. As such, the request is reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1). The discovery rules are to be read broadly to facilitate discovery of information that will assist a party in prosecuting its claim or mounting its defenses. See Great Lakes Anesthesia, PLLC v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., Nos. 11-10658, 11-11003, 11-11855, 2011 WL 4507417, at \*4 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2011) (noting in evaluating relevancy question in discovery context that "[t]he standard for relevancy is 'extremely liberal'"). Plaintiff's request is in compliance with this broad discovery standard. To the extent Defendants believe that Plaintiff should bear the burden of locating such documents, they are free to file a motion seeking a ruling

on that issue. See, e.g., D’Onofrio v. SFX Sports Group, Inc., 254 F.R.D. 129, 134 (D.D.C. 2008) (“the Court may shift a portion of the costs to the requesting party in the event that the discovery request would unduly burden the producing party”).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 29, 2012  
Flint, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith  
MARK A. GOLDSMITH  
United States District Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or First Class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on June 29, 2012.

s/Deborah J. Goltz  
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