Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Appeal Docket Sheet

Docket Number: 32 MAP 2023

November 10, 2026

CAPTION

Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative and Educational Action, Landmark Firearms LLC, and James Stoker, Appellants

v.

Colonel Christopher Paris, Commissioner Pennsylvania State Police, Appellee

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Notice of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number: J-35-2024 May 14, 2024

Case Category: Administrative Agency Case Type(s): Equity

CONSOLIDATED CASES

RELATED CASES

Docket No / Reason	Type
94 MAP 2022	Related
Same Record Below	
Firearms Owners, et al v PA St Police Commissioner	

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SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

Appeal From: the Order of the Commonwealth Court at No. 218 MD 2022 dated March 6, 2023

Appeal Filed Below: 4/5/2023 12:00:00AM

Probable Jurisdiction Noted: July 13, 2023

Docketed Date: April 5, 2023

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted:

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.:

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order:

FEE INFORMATION

Fee Dt	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Receipt Dt	Receipt No	Receipt Amt
04/05/2023	Notice of Appeal	90.25	04/11/2023	2023-SUP-M-000929	90.25

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name:

Docket Number:

Date of Order:

Rearg/Recon Disp Date:

Rearg/Recon Disposition:

Judge(s):

Intermediate Appellate Court Action:

Referring Court:

AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

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Court Below: Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

County: Division: Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: March 6, 2023

Docket Number: 218 MD 2022

Judge(s): Ceisler, Ellen
Cohn Jubelirer, Renee
Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance

OTN:

Order Type: Order

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description
Part(s)	July 14, 2023	44

Record Remittal: **June 23, 2025**

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Appellant

Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action

Brief

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: December 4, 2023 Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Landmark Firearms, LLC

Brief

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: November 13, 2023 Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Stoker, James

Brief

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Appellee

Paris, Christopher

Brief

Due: October 25, 2023 Filed: October 25, 2023

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Journal Number: J-35-2024
Listed/Submitted Date: May 14, 2024
Consideration Type: Oral Argument Supreme Ct.

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No:	J-35-2024	Judgment Date:	May 30, 2025
Category:	Decided	Disposition Author:	Mundy, Sallie U.
Disposition:	Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded	Disposition Date:	May 30, 2025
Dispositional Filing:	**Majority Opinion**	Author:	Mundy, Sallie U.
Filed Date:	May 30, 2025		

Justice:	Donohue, Christine	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Dougherty, Kevin M.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Wecht, David N.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Brobson, P. Kevin	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	McCaffery, Daniel D.	Vote:	Joins

Dispositional Filing:	**Concurring/Dissenting Statement**	Author:	Todd, Debra
Filed Date:	May 30, 2025		

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
April 5, 2023	**Notice of Appeal**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
April 5, 2023	**Jurisdictional Statement**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
April 14, 2023	**Praecipe for Appearance**		
	Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
April 21, 2023	**No Answer Letter to Notice of Appeal & Jurisdictional Statement**		
		Appellee	Paris, Christopher

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July 13, 2023	**Probable Jurisdiction Noted**		
			Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 13th day of July, 2023, probable jurisdiction is noted.			
July 13, 2023	**Order Exited**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
July 14, 2023	**Commonwealth Court Record Received**		
			Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
August 21, 2023	**Appellant's Brief**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
August 21, 2023	**Appellant's Reproduced Record Filed**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
August 29, 2023	**Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - First Request**		
		Appellee	Paris, Christopher
August 29, 2023	**No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time to File Brief**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
August 31, 2023	**Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Appellee Brief**		
			Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 31st day of August, 2023, Appellee's application for extension of time is granted. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 25, 2023			
August 31, 2023	**Order Exited**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
October 25, 2023	**Appellee's Brief**		
		Appellee	Paris, Christopher

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November 10, 2023	**Application for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
November 13, 2023	**No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time to File Brief**		
		Appellee	Paris, Christopher
November 13, 2023	**Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Brief**		
			Dreibelbis, Amy

Comments:
AND NOW, this 13th day of November, 2023, Appellants' application for extension of time is granted. Appellants' Reply Brief shall be filed on or before December 4, 2023.

November 13, 2023	**Order Exited**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
December 4, 2023	**Appellant's Reply Brief**		
		Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
February 21, 2024	**Dispositional Memo Order**		
			Per Curiam

Comments:
AND NOW, this 21st day of February, 2024, oral argument is GRANTED. The issues, as stated by Appellants, are:

1. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its March 6, 2023 Opinion and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when in partially granting the Commissioner's preliminary objections:

a. It held that injunctive relief is barred by sovereign immunity, which is directly contrary to this Court's prior holding in [Allegheny County v. Commonwealth, 490 A.2d 402, 414 (Pa. 1985)] and which the court failed to address;
b. It held that the [Pennsylvania State Police's] duty of timeliness under the Uniform Firearms Act is not sufficiently defined as to be eligible for mandamus relief, and is discretionary, not mandatory, even though the court declared that "[i]t is thus clear that the General Assembly intended that background checks and their results be communicated to requesters as efficiently and promptly as reasonably possible"; and,
c. It held that declaratory relief is unavailable in the absence of specific statutory staffing and funding mandates [?]

2. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its April 4, 2023 Memorandum and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when it granted the Commissioner's request and vacated/dissolved the preliminary injunction[?]

3. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its April 4, 2023 Memorandum and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when it denied Appellants the ability to file an Amended Petition for Review[?]

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February 21, 2024	**Order Exited**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
March 20, 2024	**Praecipe for Withdrawal of Appearance**		
	Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Romano, Karen Mascio
March 20, 2024	**Acknowledgement of Argument Notice**		
	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
	Landmark Firearms, LLC	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
	Stoker, James	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
March 21, 2024	**Acknowledgement of Argument Notice**		
	Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 14, 2024	**Argued**		
	Landmark Firearms, LLC	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
	Stoker, James	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action	Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garet
	Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 30, 2025	**Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded**		
			Mundy, Sallie U.

Comments:
For the reasons given above, the orders of the Commonwealth Court are affirmed insofar as they denied injunctive and mandamus relief and dissolved the preliminary injunction. The order of the Commonwealth Court panel is reversed to the degree it denied declaratory relief, and the order denying leave to amend is vacated. The matter is remanded for further proceedings
consistent with this opinion.

Justices Donohue, Dougherty, Wecht, Brobson and McCaffery join the opinion.

Chief Justice Todd files a concurring and dissenting opinion.

May 30, 2025	**Judgment Entered**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	**Original Record Remitted to Commownealth Court**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	**Acknowledgement of Record Remittal**		
			Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

CROSS COURT ACTIONS

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