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## 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

## Appellee

**Paris, Christopher  
Brief**

Due: October 25, 2023 Filed: October 25, 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

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## SESSION INFORMATION

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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:	<b>Majority Opinion</b>	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:	<b>Concurring/Dissenting Statement</b>	Author:	Todd, Debra
Filed Date:	May 30, 2025		

## DOCKET ENTRY

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

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Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
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  Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
August 21, 2023	Appellant's Reproduced Record Filed	Appellant  Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC 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  Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC 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
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	<b>Praecipe for Withdrawal of Appearance</b> Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Romano, Karen Mascio
March 20, 2024	<b>Acknowledgement of Argument Notice</b> Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett
March 21, 2024	<b>Acknowledgement of Argument Notice</b> Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 14, 2024	<b>Argued</b> Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Paris, Christopher	Appellant Appellant Appellant Appellee	Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 30, 2025	<b>Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded</b>		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	<b>Judgment Entered</b>		Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	<b>Original Record Remitted to Commonwealth Court</b>		Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	<b>Acknowledgement of Record Remittal</b>		Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

## CROSS COURT ACTIONS

Docket Number: 218 MD 2022  
Docket Number: 94 MAP 2022