IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

THOMAS DEXTER JAKES,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-1608

v.

Hon. William S. Stickman IV

DUANE YOUNGBLOOD,

Defendants.

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this <u>25</u> day of April 2025, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Youngblood's Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Anti-SLAPP Statute (ECF No. 35) is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Youngblood's request to file a counterclaim against Jakes (ECF No. 35-2) is DENIED as moot, and Youngblood's motion to file a counterclaim against Jermaine Jakes, a non-party, (ECF No. 35-2) is DENIED without prejudice.

BY THE COURT:

WILLIAM S. STICKMAN IV

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE