

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

TANISHA ROSS-PAIGE, Respondent,)	No. ED101747
)	
vs.)	
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
SAINT LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE)	the City of St. Louis
DEPARTMENT, STEVEN A. GORI,)	
MICHAEL A. DEEBA, SR., SAINT LOUIS)	
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS,)	Honorable Timothy J. Wilson
RICHARD H. GRAY, BETTYE BATTLE)	
TURNER, THOMAS J. IRWIN and)	
FRANCIS G. SLAY, Appellants.)	Filed: June 30, 2015

The St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners (Board) appeals the Circuit Court judgment in favor of Tanisha Ross-Paige (Plaintiff) on her claim that the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) retaliated against her, in violation of the Missouri Human Rights Act (MHRA), after she filed an internal complaint of sexual harassment and retaliation with the SLMPD. The Board asserts that the trial court erred in: (1) submitting instruction No. 8 to the jury; and (2) overruling the Board's motion for a new trial on the issue of punitive damages due to juror misconduct.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: With respect to Instruction No. 8, the Board failed to raise at trial the error it asserts on appeal and therefore failed to preserve its challenge. As to the Board's claim of juror misconduct, the trial court did not err in finding that the juror's independent, outside internet research did not reveal extrinsic, evidentiary facts creating a presumption of prejudice and requiring a new trial on the issue of punitive damages.

Opinion by: Patricia L. Cohen, P.J.
Roy L. Richter, J., and Robert M. Clayton III., J., concur.

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