

Judge Rejects Motion to Dismiss Firefighter Suit

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A Los Angeles judge is refusing to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a firefighter who claimed racial harassment after his colleagues laced his spaghetti with dog food. City attorneys argued in court papers that Tennie Pierce "has

failed to produce sufficient admissible evidence to demonstrate that his (allegations) should proceed to trial." But the judge says the case can proceed.

Pierce filed his suit against the city in November 2005, claiming other firefighters fed him dog food in October 2004.

Pierce, who is black, said the dog food incident "was part of a pattern of incidents" at the Westchester fire station "that were done to dehumanize black men." Firefighters called it a prank.

The judge scheduled a September 24th trial date.

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