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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CURTIS LEE MAYFIELD, III et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
)
 MARVIN HEIMAN, et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)

Civil Action File No. 2009-CV-166043

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DEPUTY CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
FULTON COUNTY, GA

ORDER ON SUSSEX’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Defendant Sussex Financial Group, Inc. (“Sussex”) moved for summary judgment on the claims brought by Curtis Lee Mayfield III (“Curtis Mayfield III”) against Sussex on the ground that the claims are barred by the four-year statute of limitations. Based on the motion, the briefs, and the record, the Court finds as follows:

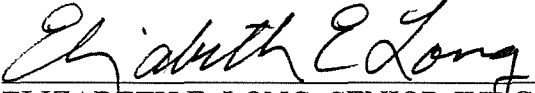
A court should grant a motion for summary judgment pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-56 when the moving party shows that no genuine issue of material fact remains to be tried and that the undisputed facts, viewed in the light most favorable to the non-movant, warrant summary judgment as a matter of law. Lau’s Corp., Inc. v. Haskins, 261 Ga. 491, 491 (1991). The moving party need only eliminate one essential element of a party’s claim to prevail on summary judgment. Real Estate Int’l Inc. v. Buggah, 220 Ga. App. 449, 451 (1996).

In an Order dated October 12, 2009, the Court denied Sussex’s Motion to Dismiss the claims by Curtis Mayfield III because “in an affidavit [he] says he did not learn of the claims until February, 2005.” Sussex now contends that the deposition testimonies of Curtis Mayfield III and Altheida Mayfield show that Curtis Mayfield III learned of the lawsuit against Marvin Heiman in 2002, not 2005. The 2002 lawsuit was against Marvin Heiman, not Sussex. Knowing about the lawsuit in 2002 does now show that he knew of claims against Sussex. Marvin Heiman and Sussex are separate entities. Similarly,

transmittal letters on Sussex letterhead from Marvin Heiman do not amount to knowledge of claims against Sussex. No where in Curtis Mayfield III's deposition does he say that he knew of the claims against Sussex in 2002.

Sussex's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby DENIED.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of January, 2011.


ELIZABETH E. LONG, SENIOR JUDGE
Superior Court of Fulton County
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

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