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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – CIVIL PART
ATLANTIC COUNTY

DEVON TYLER BARBER,
Plaintiff, Pro Se,

v.

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,

OFFICER EDWARD RUIZ, Badge No. 0132,
OFFICER B. MERRITT (or MERIT), Badge No. unknown,
SERGEANT GULDEN (or GLUDEN), Badge No. unknown,

JOHN DOE POLICE OFFICERS 1–10,
JANE DOE POLICE OFFICERS 1–10,
JOHN DOE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 1–10,

Defendants.

Docket No.:

ATL-L-003252-25

**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I, Devon Tyler Barber, of full age, hereby certify as follows:

On this date, I served a true and correct copy of the **Notice of Amendment to Clarify and Name Defendants** in the matter of *Barber v. Township of Hamilton, et al.*, Docket No. **ATL-L-003252-25**, by the following methods:

1. **Electronic filing through JEDS**, which provides service upon all parties registered for electronic service in this matter; and
2. **Email service** to appropriate municipal offices and officials of the Township of Hamilton using publicly listed official email addresses, including:
 - the **Township Clerk of the Township of Hamilton**, and

- the **Hamilton Township Police Department**, including Internal Affairs, command staff, and records units, which have previously been used for service and correspondence and which are reasonably believed to route such filings to appropriate municipal representatives and counsel, if any.

At the time of service, no appearance by counsel for the Township of Hamilton has been formally identified to Plaintiff. This service is made in good faith to provide notice to the municipality and its agents.

Service by the foregoing methods is believed to be proper and effective pursuant to the New Jersey Rules of Court.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: 12/16/2025

/s/ Devon Tyler Barber
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**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
TO CLARIFY AND NAME
DEFENDANTS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff hereby amends the pleadings pursuant to Rule 4:9-1 and Rule 4:26-4 of the New Jersey Rules of Court to clarify the proper municipal defendant and to identify known individual defendants previously designated as John and Jane Does, based on information presently available.

1. The Township of Hamilton is named as the proper jural municipal entity responsible for the actions, policies, supervision, training, and ratification of its police officers and agents.
2. The Hamilton Township Police Department is referenced solely as an operational arm of the Township of Hamilton and not as a separate legal entity.

3. The following individual defendants are identified and named, each sued in their individual and official capacities:
 - (a) Officer Edward Ruiz, Badge No. 0132;
 - (b) Officer B. Merritt (or Merit), Badge No. unknown;
 - (c) Sergeant Gulden (or Gluden), Badge No. unknown.
4. John Doe Police Officers 1–10, Jane Doe Police Officers 1–10, and John Doe Supervisory Personnel 1–10 remain named to preserve claims against additional officers, supervisors, agents, or policymakers whose identities are not yet fully known.
5. This amendment is made in good faith to clarify party identity and defendant capacities only. No substantive claims are added or removed, and the underlying factual allegations remain unchanged.
6. Plaintiff expressly reserves the right to correct the spelling of individual defendants' names, badge numbers, titles, and roles upon receipt of discovery or official confirmation, and to substitute additional John or Jane Doe defendants as their identities become known, pursuant to Rule 4:26-4.

CERTIFICATION

I, Devon Tyler Barber, of full age, hereby certify as follows:

1. The identities listed herein are stated based upon information presently known to me and are subject to confirmation, clarification, or supplementation through discovery.
2. The spellings and badge numbers stated above are provided to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. This amendment is made in good faith to identify known defendants and to clarify the proper municipal defendant and the capacities in which defendants are sued.
4. No party is prejudiced by this amendment.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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/s/ Devon Tyler Barber
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CC Mayor@hamiltonatlnj.gov, info@tillerstead.com
Date Tuesday, December 16th, 2025 at 8:27 AM

Subject: Barber v. Township of Hamilton, et al.

Docket No. ATL-L-003252-25 – Service of Notice of Amendment

Good Morning,

Please be advised that today I will file, via JEDS, a **Notice of Amendment to Clarify and Name Defendants** in the above-captioned matter.

A true and correct copy of the Notice to be simultaneously filed is attached for your records. This amendment clarifies the proper municipal defendant and identifies known individual defendants based on information presently available. No new claims are asserted.

This email is sent for notice and service purposes only.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Devon Tyler Barber

Plaintiff, Pro Se

Atlantic County, New Jersey

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

308.40 KB 2 files attached

Notice of Amendment to Clarify and Name Defendants.pdf 135.92 KB

Certificate of Service for Notice of Amendment.pdf 172.48 KB

