UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY – CAMDEN VICINAGE

DEVON TYLER BARBER, *Plaintiff*, pro se,

JOSEPH HARDEMON, JR., et al., *Defendants*.

Civil Action No. 22-06206 (KMW-EAP)

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NOTICE OF MOTION TO REOPEN PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 60(b)(6)

MOTION TO REOPEN

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves this Court to reopen this matter.

- 1. This case was administratively terminated on November 3, 2023, and dismissed on December 20, 2023, for failure to update address under D.N.J. L. Civ. R. 10.1(a).
- 2. At that time, Plaintiff was under probation supervision, intermittently incarcerated, and without stable housing, preventing reliable receipt of court mail.
- **3.** The dismissal was purely procedural, not on the merits. Defendants were never served, and reopening causes no prejudice. Courts favor resolution on the merits. See *United States v.* \$55,518.05 in U.S. Currency, 728 F.2d 192, 194–95 (3d Cir. 1984).
- 4. Timeliness under Rule 60(c)(1). A motion under Rule 60(b) must be filed within a "reasonable time." Plaintiff acts promptly upon learning of the dismissal and seeks relief under Rule 60(b)(6) due to extraordinary circumstances, including lack of notice during custody and the non-merits nature of the dismissal. See Budget Blinds, Inc. v. White, 536 F.3d 244, 255 (3d Cir. 2008).
- 5. Plaintiff also submits PCR filings and employment records showing reliance on unreliable hearsay while disregarding exculpatory work history—underscoring the need for adjudication on the merits.

Dated: August 27, 2025

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court (a) reopen this case; (b) accept the updated mailing address; (c) grant leave to file an Amended Complaint within thirty (30) days; and (d) upon any grant of *in forma pauperis* status, direct the United States Marshals Service to effect service pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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