

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RASHAD WALSTON, on behalf of  
himself and all others similarly situated,

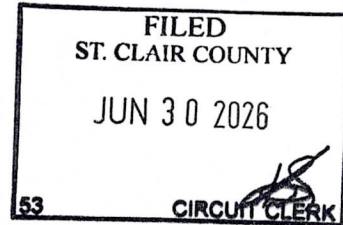
**Plaintiff,**

v.

NATIONAL RETAIL SOLUTIONS,  
INC. D/B/A NRS PAY,

**Defendant.**

Case No.: 2025 LA 001147



**ORDER FINALLY APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND  
CERTIFYING SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND AWARDING FEES, COSTS,  
AND SERVICE AWARD.**

WHEREAS, the Parties in the above-captioned litigation have settled the above-captioned litigation, the terms of which have been memorialized in a proposed settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement");

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2026, this Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, preliminarily certified the class, and ordered that notice of the Settlement be provided to class members;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has applied to this Court for fees, costs, and a service award through an unopposed motion timely filed on March 10, 2026;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has applied to this Court for final approval of the Settlement and final certification of the Settlement Class through an unopposed motion timely filed on May 14, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered both Motions, the points, authorities, and exhibits submitted therewith, the Settlement Agreement, and, after a hearing held in open court on **June 30, 2026**, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff's Motions are **GRANTED**;
2. The Court finds that it has personal jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members, subject matter jurisdiction over the claims asserted, and that venue is proper;
3. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, 802, and 806, the settlement, as memorialized in the Settlement Agreement and as modified in this Court's preliminary approval order dated January 14, 2026, is, for the reasons set forth in the Motion and stated on the record, approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class as a whole, considering the factual, legal, practical, and procedural issues raised. The Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference into this order, with capitalized terms carrying the same definition as set forth in the Agreement, unless otherwise noted.
4. The Court has specifically considered the factors outlined in *Chicago v. Korshak*, 206 Ill. App. 3d 968, 971-72 (1991):
  - (1) the strength of the case for plaintiffs on the merits, balanced against the money or other relief offered in settlement; (2) the defendant's ability to pay; (3) the complexity, length and expense of further litigation; (4) the amount of opposition to the settlement; (5) the presence of collusion in reaching a settlement; (6) the reaction of members of the class to the settlement; (7) the opinion of competent counsel; and (8) the stage of proceedings and the amount of discovery completed.
5. For the reasons stated in the Motion and on the record, the Court finds that each of the eight factors supported Preliminary Approval of the Settlement and again these enumerated *Korshak* factors are met on June 30, 2026, at the Final Approval hearing.

6. The Court finds that the Notice Plan as implemented and described in the Motion for Final Approval and the accompanying Declaration, was thoroughly executed, protected the best interests of the class, complied with all applicable laws, and satisfied Due Process.

7. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** final approval to the Settlement.

8. The Court finally appoints Rashad Walston as the "Class Representative" and Jeremy Glapion of Glapion Law Firm as "Class Counsel".

9. Further, by stipulation of the Parties and upon independent inquiry of the Court, for the purposes of settlement only, the Court hereby finally certifies the following Settlement Class:

Between January 8, 2020 and Final Approval, all persons in the United States who received on their cellular telephone a Ringless Voicemail sent by Defendant using VoiceLogic's services, or by VoiceLogic at Defendant's request on Defendant's behalf.

10. Excluded from the Settlement Class are NRS and any entities in which they have a controlling interest; NRS agents and employees; any Judge and Magistrate Judge to whom this action is or was assigned and any member of their staffs and immediate families, any of the Released Persons, Plaintiff's counsel, their employees, and their immediate family, and any claims for personal injury, wrongful death, and/or emotional distress.

11. The Court finds that certification is appropriate under 735 ILCS 5/2-801 because

- a. the Settlement Class, consisting of more than 50,000 members, is so numerous that individual joinder of all members is impractical;

- b. there are questions of law and fact common to the entire Settlement Class and these questions predominate over individual questions affecting only individual class members;
- c. Plaintiff Walston and his attorney Jeremy Glapion have and will continue to fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class;
- d. a class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the matter, considering the class and claim size.

12. Upon entry of this Order, the claims of Plaintiff and all Settlement Class Members who did not opt out of the Settlement are dismissed with prejudice, and all such Settlement Class Members shall have released their claims as set forth in Section 10 of the Settlement Agreement, and shall abide by all terms of the Settlement Agreement as it pertains to participation in any action regarding those Released Claims.

13. In addition, the Court further **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Award.

14. For the reasons set forth in the Motion, the Court finds that the percentage-of-the-fund method is the appropriate method of calculating fees in this case and that Class Counsel's request of approximately 26.5 percent of the fund is fair and reasonable considering the nature of the case, its novelty and difficulty, the skill of Class Counsel, the degree of responsibility required, the usual and customary charges for similar work, and the connection between the litigation and fee.

15. In addition, the Court has reviewed Class Counsel's costs and finds that Class Counsel's request of \$100,000 in costs is reasonable.

16. Class Counsel is awarded \$1,725,000 in fees and \$100,000 in costs.

17. The Court further finds that the nature and duration of Plaintiff Walston's participation and perseverance in this case in service to the Settlement Class justifies the requested service award.

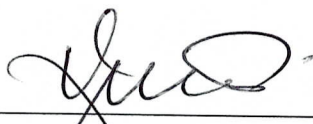
18. Accordingly, Plaintiff Walston is awarded \$35,000 for his service to the Class.

19. All amounts hereunder shall be paid in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and applicable laws.

20. The Parties are hereby authorized to implement the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Order.

21. The Court retains jurisdiction relating to the administration, consummation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Approval Order, the Judgment, and for any other necessary purpose. So ordered.

Dated: Tuesday, June 30, 2026.



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Circuit Judge Heinz Rudolf