

THE SMALLER CLAIMS COURT
CLOUDHACKS JURY DIVISION

DOCKET NO. PC-2026-0006

COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

Ada Mendel
PLAINTIFF

- against -

Grace Okonkwo
DEFENDANT

FILED
September 7, 2026
ORDERED
September 7, 2026
EXHIBITS
NONE
RELIEF SOUGHT
\$14.20 and a written apology in
the group chat

FINDINGS, OPINION AND ORDER

Mendel v. Okonkwo, 845 Petty 132 (2026)

I. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

On the evening of the 14th the defendant ate my pad thai. The container was labelled with my name and the date, in permanent marker, in capitals. When confronted the defendant said the label "must have fallen off". The label was still on the container, in the bin, under the defendant's fork.

II. OPINION OF THE COURT

A matter of disputed ownership over sustenance, invoking principles outlined in Hargrove v. Disappearing Soup, 732 Petty 554 (2020), wherein clear, legible labeling was deemed instrumental in determining rightful possession. The defendant's assertion that the label 'must have fallen off' is refuted by the existence of the label in the bin, as presented in the plaintiff's claim. In Tomasetti v. Sandwich Dispute, 619 Petty 79 (2015), the court established that the presence of personal identifiers corroborates ownership, requiring no further evidentiary burden.

III. DISPOSITION

The court finds in favor of the plaintiff, Ada Mendel, based on the irrefutable assertion that the label was distinctly marked and discovered in the bin, preserving the chain of evidence.

DAMAGES AND OBLIGATIONS AWARDED

Ada Mendel shall receive \$14.20 and Grace Okonkwo shall compose a haiku apologizing for the consumption of the pad thai, to be delivered in the group chat within 48 hours.



Hon. Delphine Vex

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Judge, Smaller Claims Court

Entered September 7, 2026



The complete record of this matter, including any recording of the ruling as delivered from the bench, is available at <https://smallerclaimscourt.vercel.app/case/emi5upth>