

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department

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CA 24-00515

PRESENT: LINDLEY, J.P., CURRAN, BANNISTER, SMITH, AND NOWAK, JJ.

WAYNE JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF CELESTINE CHANEY, DECEASED,
PLAINTIFF-RESPONDENT,

V

OPINION AND ORDER

MEAN LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,
ALPHABET, INC., GOOGLE, LLC, YOUTUBE, LLC, AND
REDDIT, INC., DEFENDANTS-APPELLANTS.
(APPEAL NO. 2.)

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Appeals from an order of the Supreme Court, Erie County (Paula L. Feroletto, J.), entered March 18, 2024. The order denied the motions of defendants-appellants to dismiss the complaint against them.

It is hereby ORDERED that said appeals are unanimously dismissed without costs.

Same opinion as in *Patterson v Meta Platforms, Inc.* ([appeal No. 1] – AD3d – [July 25, 2025] [4th Dept 2025]).

Entered: July 25, 2025

Ann Dillon Flynn
Clerk of the Court