

## Missouri Court of Appeals

Southern District

## Bivision One

Ronald L. Satterlee Private Citizen (28 U.S.C. 1746(1)) all rights reserved, c/o HC 71 Box 259-A Ava, Missouri, Non-Domestic, Missouri State,	) ) ) ) )
Appellant,	)
vs.	) ) No. SD31028
County of Douglas Assessor,	) Opinion filed: ) July 5, 2011
Respondent.	)

APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Honorable John G. Moody, Judge

(Before Barney, P.J., Lynch, J., and Burrell, J.)

## DISMISSED.

PER CURIAM. Ronald L. Satterlee ("Appellant"), who appears before this

Court pro se, appeals from the "JUDGMENT OF DISMISSAL" of his

"COMPLAINT UNDER RSMO 610 FOR WILLFUL FAILURE TO COMPLY" filed

against the Douglas County Assessor's Office ("Respondent").<sup>1</sup> Based on the pleadings and arguments before it, the trial court concluded that Appellant's "complaint fail[ed] to state a cause of action" and dismissed his case. Appellant thereafter filed this appeal.

Appellant's brief fails to comply with almost every applicable provision of Rule 84.04 which recites the form and content necessary for a brief in this Court.<sup>2</sup> His jurisdictional statement fails to comply with Rule 84.04(b); his statement of facts fails to comply with Rule 84.04(c); his points relied on fail to comply with Rule 84.04(d); his argument fails to comply with Rule 84.04(e); and his appendix fails to comply with Rule 84.04(h). "A failure to substantially comply with Rule 84.04 preserves nothing for appellate review." **Call v.** 

Branson Enterprises, L.L.C., 97 S.W.3d 541, 543 (Mo.App. 2003) (quoting

Brumfield v. Div. of Emp. Sec., 54 S.W.3d 741, 742 (Mo.App. 2001)).

While we are mindful that Appellant appears before this Court *pro se*, all parties, whether or not represented by an attorney, are bound by the same rules of procedure. *Elkins v. Elkins*, 257 S.W.3d 617, 618 (Mo.App. 2008); *see Brown v. Wheatley*, 306 S.W.3d 664, 665 (Mo.App. 2010). "It is not the function of this court to search the record to identify possible errors and to research issues so revealed." *Satterlee v. U.S.*, 862 S.W.2d 365, 366 (Mo.App.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent did not file a responsive brief in this matter, nor was it required to do so. "While there is no penalty prescribed for the failure to file a brief, we are required to decide the case without the benefit of that party's authorities and points of view." **Slaughter v. Dir. of Revenue**, 997 S.W.2d 132, 132 n.1 (Mo.App. 1999) (quoting **Fitzgerald v. Dir. of Revenue**, 922 S.W.2d 478, 479 n.3 (Mo.App. 1996)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All rule references are to Missouri Court Rules (2010).

1993). "Allegations of error not properly briefed shall not be considered in any civil appeal." *Call*, 97 S.W.3d at 543 (quoting *Brumfield*, 54 S.W.3d at 742) (internal quotation omitted); Rule 84.13(a). Appellant's brief fails to preserve anything for appellate review.

All pending motions are now denied as moot. The appeal is dismissed.

Appellant appears Pro Se Respondent's attorney: Christopher D. Wade