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United States Court of Appeals
For the First Circuit

No. 06-2360

DAVID WATTLETON,
Plaintiff, Appellant,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, ET AL.,
Defendants, Appellees.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
[Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV, U.S. District Judge]

Before

Torruella, Circuit Judge,
Selya, Senior Circuit Judge,
and Lynch, Circuit Judge.

David Wattleton on brief pro se.
Gregg Shapiro, Assistant United States Attorney, and Michael
J. Sullivan, United States Attorney, on brief for appellees.

May 15, 2007

Per Curiam. After carefully considering the briefs and record on appeal, we affirm the judgment below.

District courts are empowered to dismiss suits when plaintiffs defy court orders. Angulo-Alvarez v. Aponte de le Torre, 170 F.3d 246 (1st Cir. 1999); HMG Prop. Investors, Inc. v. Parque Indus. Rio Canas, Inc., 847 F.2d 908 (1st Cir. 1988). The appellant makes no showing that the court abused its discretion in dismissing his action.

The appellant's argument that civilly committed inmates are not prisoners for certain purposes is beside the point. Moreover, the appellant fails adequately to address the district court's reasoning that § 1915(a)(1) has been held to require everyone seeking *in forma pauperis* status to disclose their assets.

Affirmed. See 1st Cir. R. 27.0(c).