United States Court of Appeals For the Eighth Circuit

No. 14-3880

Keith Walker, also known as Herevel Ben Kushi

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Iowa Department of Corrections; W. L. Kautzky, Director; Larry Brimeyer, Deputy Director; John Mathes, Warden; William Sperfslage, Deputy Warden; John Emmett, Security Director; Ronald Welder, Executive Assistant; Karen Woodley, Acting Grievance Officer; Dave Degrange, Investigator II; Paul A. Muller, Deputy Director; Bernard Eaves, Treatment Director; Debbie Nichols, Unit Manager Cell House 314; Delwin Vande Krol, Multi-Faith Chaplain

Defendants - Appellees

Appeal from United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa - Des Moines

> Submitted: August 4, 2015 Filed: August 7, 2015 [Unpublished]

Before WOLLMAN, SMITH, and GRUENDER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

In this action under the First Amendment and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc-1 to 2000cc-5, Iowa prisoner Herevel Ben-Kushi, also known as Keith Walker (Walker), appeals the district court's¹ order denying his post-judgment motion asking that the court hold defendants in contempt for violating a 2006 order. We conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying the contempt motion, see <u>Wycoff v. Hedgepeth</u>, 34 F.3d 614, 616 (8th Cir. 1994) (standard of review); in denying Walker's motion for reconsideration, see <u>Swope v. Siegel-Robert, Inc.</u>, 243 F.3d 486, 498 (8th Cir. 2001) (standard of review); or in denying appointed counsel, see <u>Phillips v. Jasper Cty. Jail</u>, 437 F.3d 791, 794 (8th Cir. 2006) (standard of review).

The judgment is affirmed. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

¹The Honorable James E. Gritzner, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.