

**United States Court of Appeals**  
**For the Eighth Circuit**

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No. 15-2706

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John W. Arnzen, III

*Plaintiff - Appellant*

Cory West; Danny Roe; David Whetstone; Derek Blaise

*Plaintiffs*

v.

Superintendent John R. Baldwin; Gail Huckins; Jill Hubbard; Brad Hoenig; Beth Barnhill; Jim Felker; Leta Hasier; Jeff Crane; Jerry Bartruff; Barry Anderson; Kathy Khommanyvong; Sonya Sellmeyer; Matt Carlson

*Defendants - Appellees*

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Appeal from United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Iowa - Sioux City

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Before GRUENDER, BENTON, and KELLY, Circuit Judges

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PER CURIAM.

Iowa civil detainee John W. Arnzen, III appeals the district court's<sup>1</sup> preservice dismissal of his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action challenging his commitment to the Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders, and arguing he should have been released on supervision. Having jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, this court affirms.

This court finds no reversible error upon de novo review. *See Moore v. Sims*, 200 F.3d 1170, 1171 (8th Cir. 2000) (per curiam). The district court did not abuse its discretion in denying appointed counsel. *See Phillips v. Jasper Cty. Jail*, 437 F.3d 791, 794 (8th Cir. 2006) (no right to appointed counsel in civil cases).

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

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Donald E. O'Brien, late a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.