

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

ANDRE LAVEL WEBSTER, #159444,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:05-CV-948-F
)	[WO]
)	
BOB RILEY, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This is a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action in which Andre Lavel Webster [“Webster”], a state inmate, challenges the conditions of confinement within the Alabama prison system. The plaintiff seeks to proceed before this court in a class action. *Plaintiff’s Complaint* at 5. The court therefore construes the complaint to contain a motion for class certification under Rule 23, *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*. *See Court Doc. No. 3*. Upon review of the motion for class certification, the court concludes that this motion is due to be denied.

The plaintiff is an inmate who seeks to represent the interests of all inmates confined within correctional facilities operated by the Alabama Department of Corrections. Among the requirements which litigants must meet in order to maintain an action as a class action is that the “representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.” Rule 23(a)(4), *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*. The court concludes that the *pro se* prisoner plaintiff is not an adequate class representative able to fairly represent the class. *See*

Oxendine v. Williams, 509 F.2d 1405 (4th Cir. 1975); *Hummer v. Dalton*, 657 F.2d 621 (4th Cir. 1981); *Ethnic Awareness Organization v. Gagnon*, 568 F.Supp. 1186 (E.D. Wis. 1983); *Inmates, Washington County Jail v. England*, 516 F.Supp. 132 (E.D. Tenn. 1980), *affirmed*, 659 F.2d 1081 (6th Cir. 1981). Class certification in this case is therefore improper. Thus, the plaintiff's motion for class certification is due to be denied.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that:

1. The plaintiff's motion for class certification be DENIED.
2. This case be referred back to the undersigned for appropriate proceedings.

It is further

ORDERED that on or before October 21, 2005 the parties may file objections to the Recommendation. Any objections filed must specifically identify the findings in the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation to which the party is objecting. Frivolous, conclusive or general objections will not be considered by the District Court. The parties are advised that this Recommendation is not a final order of the court and, therefore, it is not appealable.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and advisements in the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation shall bar the party from a de novo determination by the District Court of issues covered in the Recommendation and shall bar the party from

attacking on appeal factual findings in the Recommendation accepted or adopted by the District Court except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. *Nettles v. Wainwright*, 677 F.2d 404 (5th Cir. 1982). *See Stein v. Reynolds Securities, Inc.*, 667 F.2d 33 (11th Cir. 1982). *See also Bonner v. City of Prichard*, 661 F.2d 1206 (11th Cir. 1981, *en banc*), adopting as binding precedent all of the decisions of the former Fifth Circuit handed down prior to the close of business on September 30, 1981.

Done this 7th day of October, 2005.

/s/ Vanzetta Penn McPherson
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE