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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Carl David Fulton,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. CV 12-658-PHX-GMS (MHB)

**ORDER**

Plaintiff Carl David Fulton, who is confined in the Arizona State Prison Complex-Alhambra, has filed a *pro se* civil rights Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. The Court will dismiss the Complaint with leave to amend.

**I. Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* and Filing Fee**

Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* will be granted. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Plaintiff must pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). The Court will assess an initial partial filing fee of \$7.16. The remainder of the fee will be collected monthly in payments of 20% of the previous month's income each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2). The Court will enter a separate Order requiring the appropriate government agency to collect and forward the fees according to the statutory formula.

**II. Statutory Screening of Prisoner Complaints**

The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against

1 a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C.  
2 § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff has raised  
3 claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which relief may  
4 be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.  
5 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2).

6 A pleading must contain a “short and plain statement of the claim *showing* that the  
7 pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2) (emphasis added). While Rule 8 does not  
8 demand detailed factual allegations, “it demands more than an unadorned, the-defendant-  
9 unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009).  
10 “Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory  
11 statements, do not suffice.” Id.

12 “[A] complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a  
13 claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’” Id. (quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly,  
14 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). A claim is plausible “when the plaintiff pleads factual content  
15 that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the  
16 misconduct alleged.” Id. “Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for  
17 relief [is] . . . a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial  
18 experience and common sense.” Id. at 1950. Thus, although a plaintiff’s specific factual  
19 allegations may be consistent with a constitutional claim, a court must assess whether there  
20 are other “more likely explanations” for a defendant’s conduct. Id. at 1951.

21 But as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has instructed, courts  
22 must “continue to construe *pro se* filings liberally.” Hebbe v. Pliler, 627 F.3d 338, 342 (9th  
23 Cir. 2010). A “complaint [filed by a *pro se* prisoner] ‘must be held to less stringent standards  
24 than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.’” Id. (quoting Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89,  
25 94 (2007) (*per curiam*)).

26 If the Court determines that a pleading could be cured by the allegation of other facts,  
27 a *pro se* litigant is entitled to an opportunity to amend a complaint before dismissal of the  
28 action. See Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127-29 (9th Cir. 2000) (*en banc*). The Court

1 should not, however, advise the litigant how to cure the defects. This type of advice “would  
2 undermine district judges’ role as impartial decisionmakers.” Pliler v. Ford, 542 U.S. 225,  
3 231 (2004); see also Lopez, 203 F.3d at 1131 n.13 (declining to decide whether the court was  
4 required to inform a litigant of deficiencies). The Court will dismiss Plaintiff’s Complaint  
5 for failure to state a claim, but because the Complaint may possibly be saved by amendment,  
6 will dismiss the Complaint with leave to amend.

### 7 **III. Complaint**

8 Plaintiff names the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Officer Hargrove  
9 as Defendants in the Complaint.

10 Plaintiff raises three claims for relief. In Count I, Plaintiff claims Defendant Hargrove  
11 violated his Eighth Amendment rights. Plaintiff alleges that he was “defending [him]self  
12 from an[other] inmate.” Plaintiff claims that he was backing away from the other inmate and  
13 put his hands and arms out to the side when Defendant Hargrove came through the door and,  
14 without any instructions or notice, shot Plaintiff with his taser. Plaintiff claims that he flew  
15 back and hit his head on a metal table.

16 In Count II, Plaintiff claims his Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights were  
17 violated when detention officers harassed him by making sexual comments and asking for  
18 sexual favors, and when Plaintiff was housed in the same cell as a known sex offender.  
19 Plaintiff states that at the time, he was awaiting psychological evaluation.

20 In Count III, Plaintiff claims that his Eighth Amendment rights were violated when  
21 during his incarceration at the Maricopa County Jail, he was placed in ankle chains and  
22 locks. Plaintiff claims the chains were painful and caused him to trip.

23 Plaintiff seeks money damages.

### 24 **IV. Failure to State a Claim**

#### 25 **A. Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office**

26 The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office is not a proper defendant. In Arizona, the  
27 responsibility of operating jails and caring for prisoners is placed by law upon the sheriff.  
28 See Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 11-441(A)(5); Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 31-101. A sheriff’s office is simply

1 an administrative creation of the county sheriff to allow him to carry out his statutory duties  
2 and not a “person” amenable to suit pursuant to § 1983. Accordingly, the Maricopa County  
3 Sheriff’s Office will be dismissed from this action.

4 **B. Count I**

5 The Fourteenth Amendment Due Process clause, not the Eighth Amendment, protects  
6 pretrial detainees from excessive force that amounts to punishment. Gibson v. County of  
7 Washoe, 290 F.3d 1175, 1197 (9th Cir. 2002). “[T]he Fourth Amendment sets the  
8 ‘applicable constitutional limitations’ for considering claims of excessive force during  
9 pretrial detention.” Id. (quoting Pierce v. Multnomah County, 76 F.3d 1032, 1043 (9th Cir.  
10 1996).

11 The Fourth Amendment does not prohibit the use of reasonable force. Tatum v. City  
12 & County of San Francisco, 441 F.3d 1090, 1095 (9th Cir. 2006). Whether the force was  
13 excessive depends on “whether the officers’ actions [were] ‘objectively reasonable’ in light  
14 of the facts and circumstances confronting them, without regard to their underlying intent or  
15 motivation.” Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386, 397 (1989); Tatum, 441 F.3d at 1095; Lolli  
16 v. County of Orange, 351 F.3d 410, 415 (9th Cir. 2003). The Court must balance the nature  
17 and quality of the intrusion against the countervailing governmental interests at stake.  
18 Graham, 490 U.S. at 396; Lolli, 351 F.3d at 415. Moreover,

19 [t]he “reasonableness” of a particular use of force must be  
20 judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene,  
21 rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight. . . . “Not every  
push or shove, even if it may later seem unnecessary in the  
peace of a judge’s chambers,” violates the Fourth Amendment.

22 Graham, 490 U.S. at 396 (citations omitted).

23 Plaintiff has not alleged facts sufficient to demonstrate that Defendant Hargrove’s  
24 actions were objectively unreasonable in light of the facts and circumstances of the situation.  
25 Plaintiff alleges that he was engaged in a physical confrontation with another inmate at the  
26 time that Defendant Hargrove entered the room; Plaintiff has not alleged facts showing why  
27 Defendant Hargrove’s actions were unreasonable in the context of that situation. Plaintiff  
28 has therefore failed to state a claim in Count I.

1           **C.       Counts II and III**

2           To state a valid claim under § 1983, plaintiffs must allege that they suffered a specific  
3 injury as a result of specific conduct of a defendant and show an affirmative link between the  
4 injury and the conduct of that defendant. See Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362, 371-72, 377  
5 (1976).

6           Further, a pretrial detainee’s claim for unconstitutional conditions of confinement  
7 arises from the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause rather than from the Eighth  
8 Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Bell v. Wolfish, 441 U.S.  
9 520, 535 and n.16 (1979). Nevertheless, the same standards are applied, requiring proof that  
10 the defendant acted with deliberate indifference. See Frost v. Agnos, 152 F.3d 1124, 1128  
11 (9th Cir. 1998).

12           Deliberate indifference is a higher standard than negligence or lack of ordinary due  
13 care for the prisoner’s safety. Id. at 835. To state a claim of deliberate indifference,  
14 plaintiffs must meet a two-part test. First, the alleged constitutional deprivation must be,  
15 objectively, “sufficiently serious”; the official’s act or omission must result in the denial of  
16 “the minimal civilized measure of life’s necessities.” Id. at 834. Second, the prison official  
17 must have a “sufficiently culpable state of mind,” *i.e.*, he must act with deliberate  
18 indifference to inmate health or safety. Id. In defining “deliberate indifference” in this  
19 context, the Supreme Court has imposed a subjective test: “the official must both be aware  
20 of facts from which the inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious harm  
21 exists, and he must also draw the inference.” Id. at 837 (emphasis added).

22           Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate that a specific, named Defendant was deliberately  
23 indifferent to a serious risk of harm to his health or safety. Accordingly, Plaintiff has failed  
24 to state a claim in Counts II and III.

25           **V.       Leave to Amend**

26           For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff’s Complaint will be dismissed for failure to state  
27 a claim upon which relief may be granted. Within 30 days, Plaintiff may submit a first  
28 amended complaint to cure the deficiencies outlined above. The Clerk of Court will mail

1 Plaintiff a court-approved form to use for filing a first amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails  
2 to use the court-approved form, the Court may strike the amended complaint and dismiss this  
3 action without further notice to Plaintiff.

4 If Plaintiff files an amended complaint, Plaintiff must write short, plain statements  
5 telling the Court: (1) the constitutional right Plaintiff believes was violated; (2) the name of  
6 the Defendant who violated the right; (3) exactly what that Defendant did or failed to do;  
7 (4) how the action or inaction of that Defendant is connected to the violation of Plaintiff's  
8 constitutional right; and (5) what specific injury Plaintiff suffered because of that  
9 Defendant's conduct. See Rizzo, 423 U.S. at 371-72, 377.

10 Plaintiff must repeat this process for each person he names as a Defendant. If Plaintiff  
11 fails to affirmatively link the conduct of each named Defendant with the specific injury  
12 suffered by Plaintiff, the allegations against that Defendant will be dismissed for failure to  
13 state a claim. **Conclusory allegations that a Defendant or group of Defendants have  
14 violated a constitutional right are not acceptable and will be dismissed.**

15 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the "First  
16 Amended Complaint." The first amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its  
17 entirety on the court-approved form and may not incorporate any part of the original  
18 Complaint by reference. Plaintiff may include only one claim per count.

19 A first amended complaint supersedes the original complaint. Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963  
20 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542,  
21 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat an original complaint as  
22 nonexistent. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that was raised in the original  
23 complaint is waived if it is not raised in a first amended complaint. King v. Atiyeh, 814 F.2d  
24 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

## 25 **VI. Warnings**

### 26 **A. Release**

27 Plaintiff must pay the unpaid balance of the filing fee within 120 days of his release.  
28 Also, within 30 days of his release, he must either (1) notify the Court that he intends to pay

1 the balance or (2) show good cause, in writing, why he cannot. Failure to comply may result  
2 in dismissal of this action.

3 **B. Address Changes**

4 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule  
5 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion for other  
6 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this  
7 action.

8 **C. Copies**

9 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. See  
10 LRCiv 5.4. Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice  
11 to Plaintiff.

12 **D. Possible “Strike”**

13 Because the Complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a claim, if Plaintiff fails  
14 to file an amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified in this Order, the  
15 dismissal may count as a “strike” under the “3-strikes” provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).  
16 Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring a civil action or appeal a civil  
17 judgment *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 “if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior  
18 occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a  
19 court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious,  
20 or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under  
21 imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

22 **E. Possible Dismissal**

23 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these  
24 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at  
25 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the  
26 Court).

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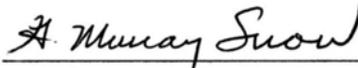
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**IT IS ORDERED:**

- (1) Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 2) is **granted**.
- (2) As required by the accompanying Order to the appropriate government agency, Plaintiff must pay the \$350.00 filing fee and is assessed an initial partial filing fee of \$7.16.
- (3) The Complaint (Doc. 1) is **dismissed** for failure to state a claim. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date this Order is filed to file a first amended complaint in compliance with this Order.
- (4) If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with prejudice that states that the dismissal may count as a "strike" under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).
- (5) The Clerk of Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing a civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2012.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
G. Murray Snow  
United States District Judge

**Instructions for a Prisoner Filing a Civil Rights Complaint  
in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona**

1. Who May Use This Form. The civil rights complaint form is designed to help incarcerated persons prepare a complaint seeking relief for a violation of their federal civil rights. These complaints typically concern, but are not limited to, conditions of confinement. **This form should not be used to challenge your conviction or sentence.** If you want to challenge a state conviction or sentence, you should file a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. If you want to challenge a federal conviction or sentence, you should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate sentence in the federal court that entered the judgment.
  
2. The Form. **Local Rule of Civil Procedure (LRCiv) 3.4(a) provides that complaints by incarcerated persons must be filed on the court-approved form.** The form must be typed or neatly handwritten. The form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the appropriate space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages, **but no more than fifteen additional pages**, of standard letter-sized paper. You must identify which part of the complaint is being continued and number all pages. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or corrected information, which may delay the processing of your action. You do not need to cite law.
  
3. Your Signature. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
  
4. The Filing Fee. The filing fee for this action is \$350.00. If you are unable to immediately pay the filing fee, you may request leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Please review the “Information for Prisoners Seeking Leave to Proceed with a (Non-Habeas) Civil Action in Federal Court *In Forma Pauperis* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915” for additional instructions.
  
5. Original and Judge’s Copy. You must send an **original plus one copy** of your complaint and of any other documents submitted to the Court. You must send one additional copy to the Court if you wish to have a file-stamped copy of the document returned to you. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.
  
6. Where to File. You should file your complaint in the division **where you were confined when your rights were allegedly violated.** See LRCiv 5.1(a) and 77.1(a). If you were confined in Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, La Paz, or Gila County, file in the Phoenix Division. If you were confined in Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, or Yavapai County, file in the Prescott Division. If you were confined in Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham, or Greenlee County, file in the Tucson Division. **Mail the original and one copy of the complaint with the \$350 filing fee or the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* to:**

Phoenix & Prescott Divisions:  
U.S. District Court Clerk  
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 130  
401 West Washington Street, SPC 10  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2119

**OR**

Tucson Division:  
U.S. District Court Clerk  
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 1500  
405 West Congress Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85701-5010

7. Change of Address. You must immediately notify the Court and the defendants in writing of any change in your mailing address. **Failure to notify the Court of any change in your mailing address may result in the dismissal of your case.**

8. Certificate of Service. You must furnish the defendants with a copy of any document you submit to the Court (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*). Each original document (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*) must include a certificate of service on the last page of the document stating the date a copy of the document was mailed to the defendants and the address to which it was mailed. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a), (d). Any document received by the Court that does not include a certificate of service may be stricken. A certificate of service should be in the following form:

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed  
this \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year) to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for Defendant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

9. Amended Complaint. If you need to change any of the information in the initial complaint, you must file an amended complaint. The amended complaint must be written on the court-approved civil rights complaint form. You may file one amended complaint without leave (permission) of Court before any defendant has answered your original complaint. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). After any defendant has filed an answer, you must file a motion for leave to amend and lodge (submit) a proposed amended complaint. LRCiv 15.1. In addition, an amended complaint may not incorporate by reference any part of your prior complaint. LRCiv 15.1(a)(2). **Any allegations or defendants not included in the amended complaint are considered dismissed.** All amended complaints are subject to screening under the Prison Litigation Reform Act; screening your amendment will take additional processing time.

10. Exhibits. You should not submit exhibits with the complaint or amended complaint. Instead, the relevant information should be paraphrased. You should keep the exhibits to use to support or oppose a motion to dismiss, a motion for summary judgment, or at trial.

11. Letters and Motions. It is generally inappropriate to write a letter to any judge or the staff of any judge. The only appropriate way to communicate with the Court is by filing a written pleading or motion.

## 12. Completing the Civil Rights Complaint Form.

### **HEADING:**

1. Your Name. Print your name, prison or inmate number, and institutional mailing address on the lines provided.
2. Defendants. If there are **four or fewer** defendants, print the name of each. If you name **more than four** defendants, print the name of the first defendant on the first line, write the words “and others” on the second line, and attach an additional page listing the names of **all** of the defendants. Insert the additional page after page 1 and number it “1-A” at the bottom.
3. Jury Demand. If you want a jury trial, you must write “JURY TRIAL DEMANDED” in the space below “CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT BY A PRISONER.” Failure to do so may result in the loss of the right to a jury trial. A jury trial is not available if you are seeking only injunctive relief.

### **Part A. JURISDICTION:**

1. Nature of Suit. Mark whether you are filing the complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for state, county, or city defendants; “Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents” for federal defendants; or “other.” If you mark “other,” identify the source of that authority.
2. Location. Identify the institution and city where the alleged violation of your rights occurred.
3. Defendants. Print all of the requested information about each of the defendants in the spaces provided. If you are naming more than four defendants, you must provide the necessary information about each additional defendant on separate pages labeled “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom. Insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

### **Part B. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:**

You must identify any other lawsuit you have filed in either state or federal court while you were a prisoner. Print all of the requested information about each lawsuit in the spaces provided. If you have filed more than three lawsuits, you must provide the necessary information about each additional lawsuit on a separate page. Label the page(s) as “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom of the page and insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

### **Part C. CAUSE OF ACTION:**

You must identify what rights each defendant violated. The form provides space to allege three separate counts (**one violation per count**). If you are alleging more than three counts, you must provide the necessary information about each additional count on a separate page. Number the additional pages “5-A,” “5-B,” etc., and insert them immediately behind page 5. Remember that you are limited to a total of fifteen additional pages.

1. Counts. You must identify which civil right was violated. **You may allege the violation of only one civil right per count.**
2. Issue Involved. Check the box that most closely identifies the issue involved in your claim. **You may check only one box per count.** If you check the box marked “Other,” you must identify the specific issue involved.
3. Supporting Facts. After you have identified which civil right was violated, you must state the supporting facts. Be as specific as possible. You must state what each individual defendant did to violate your rights. If there is more than one defendant, you must identify which defendant did what act. You also should state the date(s) on which the act(s) occurred, if possible.
4. Injury. State precisely how you were injured by the alleged violation of your rights.
5. Administrative Remedies. You must exhaust any available administrative remedies before you file a civil rights complaint. See 42 U.S.C. § 1997e. Consequently, you should disclose whether you have exhausted the inmate grievance procedures or administrative appeals for each count in your complaint. If the grievance procedures were not available for any of your counts, fully explain why on the lines provided.

**Part D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF:**

Print the relief you are seeking in the space provided.

**SIGNATURE:**

You must sign your name and print the date you signed the complaint. Failure to sign the complaint will delay the processing of your action. Unless you are an attorney, you may not bring an action on behalf of anyone but yourself.

**FINAL NOTE**

You should follow these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may result in your complaint being stricken or dismissed. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number the pages.

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Name and Prisoner/Booking Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Confinement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

**(Failure to notify the Court of your change of address may result in dismissal of this action.)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Plaintiff) Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be supplied by the Clerk)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Defendant)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s).

Check if there are additional Defendants and attach page 1-A listing them.

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT  
BY A PRISONER**

- Original Complaint
- First Amended Complaint
- Second Amended Complaint

**A. JURISDICTION**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to:
  - 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1983
  - 28 U.S.C. § 1331; Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Institution/city where violation occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. DEFENDANTS

1. Name of first Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The first Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
2. Name of second Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The second Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
3. Name of third Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The third Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
4. Name of fourth Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The fourth Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)

If you name more than four Defendants, answer the questions listed above for each additional Defendant on a separate page.

## C. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS

1. Have you filed any other lawsuits while you were a prisoner?  Yes  No
2. If yes, how many lawsuits have you filed? \_\_\_\_\_. Describe the previous lawsuits:
  - a. First prior lawsuit:
    1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Second prior lawsuit:
    1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Third prior lawsuit:
    1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_

If you filed more than three lawsuits, answer the questions listed above for each additional lawsuit on a separate page.

**D. CAUSE OF ACTION**

**COUNT I**

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Count I.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.  
 Basic necessities                       Mail                       Access to the court                       Medical care  
 Disciplinary proceedings                       Property                       Exercise of religion                       Retaliation  
 Excessive force by an officer                       Threat to safety                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count I. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

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4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).  
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5. **Administrative Remedies:**  
a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution?                       Yes                       No  
b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count I?                       Yes                       No  
c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count I to the highest level?                       Yes                       No  
d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COUNT III**

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Count III.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.  
 Basic necessities                       Mail                       Access to the court                       Medical care  
 Disciplinary proceedings                       Property                       Exercise of religion                       Retaliation  
 Excessive force by an officer                       Threat to safety                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count III. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

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5. **Administrative Remedies.**  
a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution?                       Yes                       No  
b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count III?                       Yes                       No  
c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count III to the highest level?                       Yes                       No  
d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you assert more than three Counts, answer the questions listed above for each additional Count on a separate page.

**E. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

State the relief you are seeking:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Name and title of paralegal, legal assistant, or other person who helped prepare this complaint)

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(Signature of attorney, if any)

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(Attorney's address & telephone number)

**ADDITIONAL PAGES**

All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number all pages.