

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
JONESBORO DIVISION**

**THERON BLAKE SCOTT,
ADC #22711**

PLAINTIFF

V.

CASE NO. 3:17-CV-00153 JM/BD

DOES

DEFENDANTS

INITIAL ORDER FOR PRO SE PRISONER-PLAINTIFFS

You have filed this federal civil rights lawsuit pro se, that is, without the help of a lawyer. There are rules and procedures that you must follow in order to proceed with your lawsuit, even though you are not a lawyer.

First: Follow All Court Rules. You must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as well as Local Rules for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Copies of rules can be found in the jail library.

In particular, Local Rule 5.5(c)(2) explains requirements for plaintiffs, like you, who are not represented by a lawyer:

1. You must promptly notify the Clerk and the other parties in the case of any change in address. You must inform the court if you are transferred from one unit to another. Notifying the court of your change in address is especially important if you are released from custody while your lawsuit is pending. If you do not keep the court informed as to your current address, your lawsuit can be dismissed.
2. You must monitor the progress of your case and prosecute the case diligently.
3. You must sign all pleadings and other papers filed with the court, and each paper you file must include your current address.
4. If you fail to timely respond to a Court Order directing action on your part, the case may be dismissed, without prejudice.

Second: Pay the Filing Fee. Every civil case filed by a prisoner – including this one – requires the plaintiff to pay a filing fee, either at the beginning of the lawsuit or, if he cannot afford to pay the entire fee in a lump sum, by applying to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). You have not filed a complete application to proceed IFP. **Accordingly, your motion (docket entry #1) is DENIED.**

Mr. Scott states that he submitted the calculation sheet but Greene County Detention Facility staff failed to complete and return it. (#1) Therefore, the Clerk is directed to enclose a jail account information sheet along with a copy of this order and send it to Mr. Scott and the jail administrator at the Greene County Detention Facility. **The jail administrator must complete the jail account information sheet and return it to Mr. Scott so that he may submit it to the Court within 30 days of this order.**

Third: Provide Addresses for Service. All defendants must be served with the complaint and a summons within 90 days of the filing of a complaint. This includes “John/Jane Doe” defendants. Any defendant who is not served within 90 days can be dismissed, without prejudice, from the lawsuit. It is your responsibility to identify and serve defendants, including “Doe” defendants. Because you are proceeding IFP, the Court will order service of process on the defendants, but you are responsible for providing valid service addresses. You may send discovery requests, or use other means, to find valid service addresses for defendants.

Fourth: No Right to Appointed Counsel. This is a civil case. Unlike criminal cases, there is no right to have an appointed lawyer in a civil case. If your case proceeds to a trial, however, a lawyer may be appointed to assist you before trial.

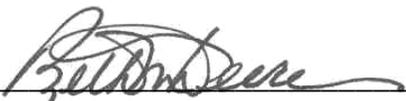
Fifth: Do Not File Your Discovery Requests. Discovery requests, such as interrogatories and requests for documents, are not to be filed with the court. Instead, discovery requests should be sent to counsel for the defendant (or directly to the defendant if he or she is not represented by a lawyer). No discovery should be sent to a defendant until after that defendant has been served with the complaint.

Sixth: Do Not Send Documents to Court Except in Two Situations. You may send documents or other evidence to the Court only if attached to a motion for summary judgment or in response to a motion for summary judgment; or if the court orders you to send documents or other evidence.

Seventh: Provide a Witness List. If your case is set for trial, as your trial date approaches, you will be asked to provide a witness list. After reviewing the witness list, the Court will subpoena necessary witnesses.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Administrator of the Greene County Detention Facility, 1809 North Rocking Chair Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 16th day of June, 2017.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE