

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

JACOB LYNN HARDIN
ADC #141231

PLAINTIFF

V.

4:10CV001073 JTR

AARON DUVALL, Sheriff,
Pope County Jail, et al.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

On March 8, 2011, Defendants filed a Motion for Summary Judgment, a Brief in Support, and a Statement of Undisputed Facts. *See* docket entries #33, #34, and #35. The Court concludes that a Response from Plaintiff would be helpful to the resolution of that Motion.

At the summary judgment stage, a plaintiff cannot rest upon mere allegations and, instead, must meet proof with proof. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e). This means that Plaintiff's Response must include his legal arguments, as well as affidavits,¹ prison records, or other evidence establishing that there is a genuine issue of material fact that must be resolved at a hearing or trial.

Furthermore, pursuant to Local Rule 56.1, Plaintiff must *also separately* file a Statement of Disputed Material Facts, which lists: (a) any disagreement he has with the specifically numbered factual assertions contained in Defendants' Statement of Undisputed Facts (docket entry #35); and (b) any other disputed facts that he believes must be resolved at a hearing or trial.²

¹ The affidavit must be based upon the personal knowledge of the person executing the affidavit *and must be either*: (1) sworn and subscribed to by a notary public; or (2) executed under penalty of perjury, as provided for by 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

² Specifically, Defendants' Statement of Undisputed Facts contains 27 separately numbered paragraphs containing assertions of allegedly undisputed fact. *See* docket entry #35. Plaintiff's Statement of Disputed Facts must contain 27 separately numbered paragraphs that respond *directly*

Finally, Plaintiff is advised that if he intends to rely upon grievances or records that have been previously filed with the Court, he must specifically refer to those documents by docket number, page, date, and heading. The Court will not sift through the file to find support for Plaintiff's factual contentions. *See Crossley v. Georgia-Pacific, Corp.*, 355 F.3d 1112, 1113-14 (8th Cir. 2004) (affirming the grant of summary judgment because a plaintiff failed to properly refer to specific pages of the record that supported his position).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Plaintiff shall file, **within thirty days of the entry of the Order**, a Response and a Statement of Disputed Material Facts that comply with the Fed. R. Civ. P. 56, Local Rule 56.1, and the instructions set forth in this Order.

2. Plaintiff is advised that the failure to timely and properly comply with this Order will result in: (a) the dismissal of this action, without prejudice, pursuant to Local Rule 5.5(c)(2); or (b) all of the facts set forth in Defendants' summary judgment papers being deemed admitted by Plaintiff, pursuant to Local Rule 56.1(c).

Dated this 18th day of March, 2011.


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to each of Defendants' corresponding paragraphs. For instance, Plaintiff's paragraph 1 should state whether he agrees or disagrees (and why) with *only* the factual assertions contained in paragraph 1 of Defendants' Statement of Undisputed Facts. After Plaintiff has done so for *each* of Defendants' 27 separate paragraphs, Plaintiff may list (in separately numbered paragraphs starting with 28), any additional *disputed material* facts that he believes must be resolved at a hearing or trial.