

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

**JOHNNY R. HOPE**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**No. 4:11-cv-797-DPM**

**PAUL MITCHELL, Mayor, City  
of Alexander, and CITY OF  
ALEXANDER**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER**

The Court notes the defendants' motion to compel Hope to answer their first set of interrogatories, propounded more than ten months ago. The Court's usual protocol for handling discovery disputes requires a joint report from parties rather than motion practice. *Document No. 13, at 3*. In the present circumstances, however, the Court concludes that is not the best procedure. The Court orders Hope to respond to the motion to compel by 11 March 2013. If he fails to do so, or respond to the discovery fully by that date, the Court will consider dismissing his complaint without prejudice. It appears that Hope may have abandoned this case.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.  
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United States District Judge

28 February 2013