

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
PINE BLUFF DIVISION**

JAMES C. FUDGE  
ADC #78875

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO: 5:07CV00280 WRW/HDY

JUDITH BRANTLEY *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

**PROPOSED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The following recommended disposition has been sent to United States District Judge William R. Wilson, Jr. Any party may serve and file written objections to this recommendation. Objections should be specific and should include the factual or legal basis for the objection. If the objection is to a factual finding, specifically identify that finding and the evidence that supports your objection. An original and one copy of your objections must be received in the office of the United States District Court Clerk no later than eleven (11) days from the date of the findings and recommendations. The copy will be furnished to the opposing party. Failure to file timely objections may result in waiver of the right to appeal questions of fact.

If you are objecting to the recommendation and also desire to submit new, different, or additional evidence, and to have a hearing for this purpose before the District Judge, you must, at the same time that you file your written objections, include the following:

1. Why the record made before the Magistrate Judge is inadequate.
2. Why the evidence proffered at the hearing before the District Judge (if such a hearing is granted) was not offered at the hearing before the Magistrate Judge.

3. The detail of any testimony desired to be introduced at the hearing before the District Judge in the form of an offer of proof, and a copy, or the original, of any documentary or other non-testimonial evidence desired to be introduced at the hearing before the District Judge.

From this submission, the District Judge will determine the necessity for an additional evidentiary hearing, either before the Magistrate Judge or before the District Judge.

Mail your objections and “Statement of Necessity” to:

Clerk, United States District Court  
Eastern District of Arkansas  
600 West Capitol Avenue, Suite A149  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3325

#### **DISPOSITION**

On April 24, 2009, the Court entered an order scheduling a pre-jury evidentiary hearing for November 16, 2009 (docket entry #75). That order also directed Plaintiff to submit a statement of his intent to continue with the prosecution of this case, along with a list of any proposed witnesses, no later than May 25, 2009. Plaintiff was warned that his failure to respond to the order within 30 days could result in the dismissal of his complaint. Plaintiff failed to respond to the order, and, on September 22, 2009, the Court entered an order directing Plaintiff to submit a statement of his intent to continue with the case, and list of any proposed witnesses, within 11 days. That order warned Plaintiff that his failure to respond would result in the recommended dismissal of his complaint. More than 11 days has passed, and Plaintiff has not responded to the order. Under these circumstances, the Court concludes that Plaintiff’s complaint should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2), and for failure respond to the Court’s order. *See Miller v. Benson*, 51 F.3d 166, 168 (8th Cir. 1995) (District courts have inherent power to dismiss

*sua sponte* a case for failure to prosecute, and exercise of that power is reviewed for abuse of discretion).

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's complaint be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for failure to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2), and for failure to respond to the Court's order.

2. The Court certify that an *in forma pauperis* appeal taken from the order and judgment dismissing this action is considered frivolous and not in good faith.

DATED this 9 day of October, 2009.



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE