

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

ISHMAEL HASSAN OBAMA
ADC #145160

PLAINTIFF

V. **NO: 5:10CV00202 BSM/HDY**

ANTONIO PRICE *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

Consolidated With:

ISHMAEL HASSAN OBAMA
ADC #145160

PLAINTIFF

V. **NO: 5:10CV00207 SWW/JTK**

RAY HOBBS *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiff Ishmael Hassan Obama is a state inmate incarcerated at the Cummins Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction (“ADC”), and he has filed these two complaints pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Having reviewed the allegations in these cases, consolidation of the two actions is appropriate. In accordance with the practice of the Eastern District of Arkansas, the first-filed case (*Obama v. Price et al.*, 5:10CV202 BSM/HDY) is hereby designated the lead case and all future pleadings shall be filed in the lead case.

Because plaintiff has already been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in case 5:10CV202, his pending motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in case 5:10CV207 is moot. Plaintiff’s second case includes additional defendants, so service is appropriate on them.

Accordingly, the cases of *Obama v. Price*, 5:10CV00202 BSM/HDY, and *Obama v. Hobbs et al.*, 5:10CV00207 SWW/JTK, are hereby CONSOLIDATED. Obama's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (5:10cv00207 SWW/JTK, docket entry #2) is DENIED AS MOOT. The clerk is hereby directed to add as Michael Mosley and Kyron Mothershed as defendants in case number 5:10CV00202 BSM/HDY. Service is appropriate on defendants Mosley and Mothershed, and the United States Marshal is directed to serve a copy of the complaint (5:10CV00202 BSM/HDY, docket entry #2), this order, and summons, upon them, without prepayment of fees and costs or security therefor.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22nd day of July, 2010.

Brian S. Miller
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE