

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

**RODNEY JOSEPH HAAG  
ADC #141760**

**PLAINTIFF**

**V.**

**4:10-cv-1970-DPM**

**BRANDY PEREZ, Parole Officer;  
DALE OWENS, Supervisor,  
Department of Community Correction;  
JAMES O. COX, Judge,  
Sebastian County; and  
DANIEL SHU, Prosecuting Attorney,  
Sebastian County**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER**

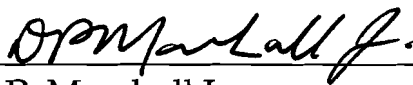
Plaintiff, Rodney Joseph Haag, a prisoner in the North Central Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction, filed a *pro se* § 1983 case alleging that Defendants violated his constitutional rights in filing criminal charges against him in Sebastian County, Arkansas. *Document No. 2.*

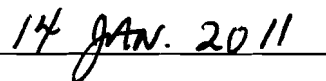
The federal venue statute provides that, in a case that is not based on diversity jurisdiction, venue is proper in the judicial district where “any defendant resides” or “a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) (West 2006). All the Defendants

in this action reside in Sebastian County. And all the events giving rise to Haag's claim occurred in Sebastian County.

Sebastian County is in the Fort Smith Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. The Court concludes that the interest of justice will best be served by transferring the case there. This case is therefore immediately transferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Fort Smith Division. 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) (West 2006).

So Ordered.

  
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D.P. Marshall Jr.  
United States District Judge

  
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14 JAN. 2011