

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

CHARLES ROGERS

PLAINTIFF

v.

Civil No. 5:19-cv-05229

SHERIFF SHAWN HOLLOWAY;  
DETECTIVE MATTHEW CLINE; and  
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER

DEFENDANTS

**OPINION AND ORDER**

This is a civil rights action filed by the Plaintiff pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff proceeds *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff is incarcerated in the Benton County Detention Center.

By Order (ECF No. 3) entered on December 12, 2019, Plaintiff was directed to file an amended complaint. The amended complaint was to be filed by January 2, 2020. Plaintiff was advised that failure to comply with the Order “shall result” in the dismissal of the case.

Plaintiff failed to file an amended complaint. On January 14, 2020, a Show Cause Order (ECF No. 6) was issued. Plaintiff was given until January 30, 2020, to show cause why this action should not be dismissed based on Plaintiff’s failure to comply with the orders of the Court and his failure to prosecute this case.

To date, Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Plaintiff has not sought an extension of time to comply with the Order. No mail has been returned as undeliverable.

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure specifically contemplate dismissal of a case on the ground that the plaintiff failed to prosecute or failed to comply with an order of the court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Line v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962)(stating that the district court possesses the power to dismiss *sua sponte* under Rule 41(b)). Pursuant to Rule 41(b), a

district court has the power to dismiss an action based on “the plaintiff’s failure to comply with any court order.” *Brown v. Frey*, 806 F.2d 801, 803-04 (8th Cir. 1986)(emphasis added). Additionally, Rule 5.5(c)(2) of the Local Rules for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas requires parties appearing *pro se* to monitor the case, and to prosecute or defend the action diligently.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 41(b), this Complaint should be and hereby is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** based on Plaintiff’s failure to prosecute this case, his failure to obey the order of the Court, and his failure to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2).

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 6th day of February 2020.

*/s/ P. K. Holmes, III*

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P. K. HOLMES, III  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE