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United States District Court
Central District of California

ROBERT D. RICHMAN,
Plaintiff,

v.

ROB MOSHEIN,
Defendant.

Case No. 2:13-cv-07795-ODW(FFMx)

**ORDER DISMISSING ACTION FOR
FAILURE TO TIMELY SERVE
DEFENDANT**

On January 6, 2014, Plaintiff Robert Richman filed his First Amended Complaint (“FAC”) against Defendant Rob Moshein. (ECF No. 11.) Richman indicated that he “has not put Moshein on notice, presently though service, since he does not want Moshein to know his home address” (FAC ¶ 4.)

On January 13, 2014, the Court ordered Richman to show cause why he had not served Moshein within the 120 days provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m). (ECF No. 13.) The Court informed Richman that service of the Complaint was not optional, and warned Richman that failure to timely respond the Court’s Order would result in dismissal of the action. (*Id.*)

Richman responded to the Court’s Order to Show Cause in an ex parte communication—a letter postmarked April 30, 2014. Richman again informed the Court that he had not served Moshein, because he wanted no contact with Moshein

1 and requested an extension of time for service. Richman requested the extension so
2 that he could secure a P.O. Box.

3 On May 12, 2014, the Court continued its Order to Show Cause Re. Service.
4 (ECF No. 14.) In the Order, the Court warned Richman to refrain from ex parte
5 communications with the Court, which violate Local Rule 83-2.5. The Court directed
6 Richman to properly file his requests and responses to the Court with the Clerk's
7 office. The Court further ordered Richman to serve a copy of the Summons and
8 Complaint on Moshein no later than Monday, June 2, 2014. (*Id.*) The Court also
9 ordered Richman to update his address with the Clerk's office no later than Tuesday,
10 May 27, 2014. (*Id.*) To date, Richman has complied with neither of the Court's
11 Orders.

12 On May 15, 2014, the Court received another ex parte communication, this one
13 from "an interested observer." (ECF No. 15.) The letter condemned Richman's ex
14 parte communications with the Court and accused Richman of a litany of bad acts.
15 (*Id.*) The Court uploaded the letter to the docket to preserve the peculiar evolution of
16 the record in this action. (ECF No. 16.)

17 Ironically, Richman responded to the docketing of this interested-observer letter
18 in yet another ex parte communication—despite the Court's clear warnings against
19 such correspondence. In the June 17, 2014 letter, Richman accuses Moshein of
20 authoring the interested-observer letter and demands that the Court sanction Moshein.
21 Although Richman directs that, "This letter should not be construed, in any way, [sic]
22 an ex parte communication," that is precisely what the letter is. Richman has
23 repeatedly refused to abide by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules,
24 and this Court's own rules.

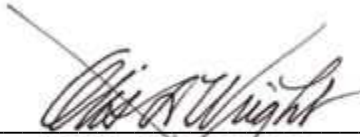
25 Although Richman states in his ex parte communication that he "do[es] not
26 want the case dismissed," this does not qualify as a response to the Court's Order to
27 Show Cause Re. Service. Richman is in violation of the Court's May 12, 2014 Order,
28 which required him to serve Moshein no later than Monday, June 2, 2014. And

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Richman provides no good cause for his failure. Accordingly, the Court **DISMISSES** this action against Defendant Rob Moshein **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to timely serve Moshein. Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 4(m) (“If a defendant is not served within 120 days after the complaint is filed, the court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff—must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant”). The Clerk of Court shall close this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 23, 2014



OTIS D. WRIGHT, II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE