

United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ROMEO EZIKE,	)	Case No. 4:08-cv-01867-SBA
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Plaintiff,	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	<b>GRANTING ILLINOIS STATE</b>
v.	)	<b>DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO</b>
	)	<b>DISMISS FOR LACK OF</b>
LAKSHMI MITTAL, et al.,	)	<b>PERSONAL JURISDICTION</b>
	)	
Defendants.	)	Date: June 23, 2009
	)	Time: 1:00 p.m.
	)	Courtroom: 3

This matter came before the Court pursuant to the Illinois State Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. The parties appeared in person or by counsel. Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. That the Illinois State Defendants' Motion to Dismiss is, in all respects, **GRANTED.**
2. That this matter be dismissed with prejudice against Plaintiff and in favor of defendants Elgin Mental Health Center, Julie Shopnitz, Anthony Nidea, Romulo Nazareno, Hargurmukh Singh, and Elizabeth Siazon.

**BASIS FOR DECISION**

Plaintiff Romeo Ezike has filed a lawsuit against a number of government and quasi-government entities, commercial businesses, organized labor, and individuals, including Elgin Mental Health Center, a mental health facility operated by the Illinois Department of Human Services, and individual defendants Shopnitz, Nidea, Nazareno, Singh, and Siazon, who are employed by the State of Illinois and work at

1 the Elgin facility. With respect to the Elgin Mental Health Center and its employees,  
2 Plaintiff alleges that he was “tortured.” Plaintiff does not provide any factual  
3 allegations with respect to Elgin Mental Health Center or to any of the individual  
4 defendants who worked at the Elgin facility (collectively “the Illinois State  
5 Defendants”). Instead, the allegations against the Illinois State Defendants are  
6 merely a list of conclusory statements asserting that Defendants violated Plaintiffs’  
7 rights under various amendment to the U.S. Constitution, intentionally inflicted  
8 emotional distress upon him, defamed his character, “engaged in prohibited activities  
9 to obstruct and retaliate against Plaintiff for engaging in a judicial proceeding”, and  
10 violated various provision of Title 18 of the U.S. Code relating to obstruction of  
11 justice, racketeering, and torture.

12 Because Plaintiff’s allegations are vague, conclusory, and lacking in factual  
13 support and because neither the Elgin Mental Health Center nor any of the other  
14 Illinois State Defendants who work there are alleged to have any presence in  
15 California, or are otherwise subject to nationwide jurisdiction under the anti-  
16 racketeering provisions of Title 18 U.S.C. Chapter 96, or the obstruction-of-justice  
17 provisions of 18 U.S.C. Chapter 73, the Court grants the Illinois State Defendants’  
18 motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil  
19 Procedure 12(b)(2). See *Asahi Metal Industry Co., Ltd. v. Superior Court of*  
20 *California*, 480 U.S. 102 (1987).

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22 BY THE COURT

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24 Dated: 6/10/09



25 Hon. Sandra B. Armstrong  
26 United States District Court Judge  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on June 15, 2009, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

Romeo Ezike  
P.O. Box 425126  
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Dated: June 15, 2009

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk