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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 14-cv-01151-BNB

DAVID K. JENNER,

Plaintiff.

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SGT. WEST, C.C.F., individual capacity, and UNKNOWN JOHN/JANE DOE DEFENDANTS, from Centennial Correctional Facility and Colorado Department of Corrections Offender Services, all in individual capacity,

Defendants.

ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, David K. Jenner, is a prisoner in the custody of the Colorado

Department of Corrections. Mr. Jenner originally filed *pro* se a Prisoner Complaint (ECF No. 1) asserting three claims for relief. On April 21, 2014, the court entered an order (ECF No. 1-1) severing the claims against misjoined Defendants, which resulted in the commencement of this action against the Defendants listed in the caption of this order. In order to avoid any confusion regarding the claims in this action and the specific relief Mr. Jenner seeks with respect to those claims, Mr. Jenner will be directed to file an amended complaint limited to the claims he is asserting against the named Defendants.

Mr. Jenner must provide a short and plain statement of his claim showing he is entitled to relief as required pursuant to Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Nasious v. Two Unknown B.I.C.E. Agents, 492 F.3d 1158, 1163 (10th Cir. 2007) (noting that, to state a claim in federal court, "a complaint must explain what each

defendant did to him or her; when the defendant did it; how the defendant's action harmed him or her; and, what specific legal right the plaintiff believes the defendant violated"); see also Henry v. Storey, 658 F.3d 1235, 1241 (10th Cir. 2011) (allegations of "personal participation in the specific constitutional violation complained of [are] essential"). To state a cognizable retaliation claim Mr. Jenner must allege specific facts that demonstrate the "alleged retaliatory motives were the 'but for' cause of the defendants' actions." Peterson v. Shanks, 149 F.3d 1140, 1144 (10th Cir. 1998); see also Gee v. Pacheco, 627 F.3d 1178, 1189 (10th Cir. 2010) (discussing elements of a constitutional retaliation claim). With respect to Mr. Jenner's allegations of a conspiracy, he "must allege specific facts showing an agreement and concerted action because conclusory allegations of conspiracy are insufficient to state a valid § 1983 claim." Brooks v. Gaenzle, 614 F.3d 1213, 1228 (10th Cir. 2010) (internal quotation marks and alteration omitted).

Mr. Jenner may use fictitious names, such as John and Jane Doe, if he does not know the real names of the individuals he is suing, but he still must make clear how many John and Jane Does he is suing and he must provide sufficient information about each defendant so that he or she can be identified for purposes of service. Mr. Jenner also must provide an address where each Defendant may be served.

Finally, the court notes that Mr. Jenner has not paid the filing fee for this action. Therefore, Mr. Jenner will be directed either to pay filing and administrative fees totaling \$400.00 or to file a Prisoner's Motion and Affidavit for Leave to Proceed Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 along with a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement and an authorization to calculate and disburse filing fee payments. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, Mr. Jenner file an amended complaint that complies with this order and either pay filing and administrative fees totaling \$400.00 or file a Prisoner's Motion and Affidavit for Leave to Proceed Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 along with a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement and an authorization to calculate and disburse filing fee payments. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Jenner shall obtain the appropriate courtapproved Prisoner Complaint and Prisoner's Motion and Affidavit for Leave to Proceed Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 forms, along with the applicable instructions, at www.cod.uscourts.gov. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that, if Mr. Jenner fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed without further notice.

DATED April 23, 2014, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Boyd N. Boland
United States Magistrate Judge