

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

JA-QURE AL-BUKHARI, :
Plaintiff, :
 :
v. : CASE NO. 3:16-cv-53 (SRU)
 :
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, *et al.*, :
Defendants. :

RULING AND ORDER

Plaintiff Ja-Qure Al-Bukhari seeks certification as a class action. (doc. 92) Class certification is governed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Specifically, Rule 23(a) identifies four prerequisites that must be met before a class action can be certified.

One or more members of a class may sue or be sued as representative parties on behalf of all members only if:

- (1) the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;
- (2) there are questions of law or fact common to the class;
- (3) the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class; and
- (4) the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

The party seeking to certify a class bears the burden of demonstrating that the requirements of Rule 23 have been met. *See Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156, 177–78 (1974). In addition, the Second Circuit has held that class certification is properly denied where the prospective relief requested by the individual plaintiff would benefit all members of the proposed class to the extent that class certification would provide no additional benefit. *See Davis v. Smith*, 607 F.2d 535, 540 (2d Cir. 1978). For example, class certification would not be

