

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

MARKUS HUNTER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

**C.O. DUTTON,
et al.,**

Defendants.

No. 06-0444-DRH

ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

Pending before the Court is Hunter's motion for reconsideration of appointment of counsel (Doc. 54). It is now clear that Plaintiff has not been conducting his own litigation and is incapable of doing so. The Plaintiff has been relying on an inmate paralegal and prison staff for the bulk of the work load in prosecuting his case. Pursuant to ***Pruitt v. Mote*, 503 F.3d 647 (7th Cir. 2007)**, the Plaintiff, who has also made a diligent effort to obtain counsel to represent him, to no avail, should be appointed counsel and, therefore, the Court **GRANTS** the motion.

The Court **APPOINTS** Mr. David G. Waltrip of the law firm of Edwards, Singer et al., 120 South Central Avenue, Suite 1600, St. Louis, Missouri 63105 for the limited purposes of Final Pretrial Conference and Trial Proceedings only. Appointed counsel should comply with the undersigned's final pretrial conference

procedures found online at <http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/herndonpretrial.html>. Appointed counsel is also advised that pursuant to the Plan for the Administration of the District Court Fund, out-of-pocket expenses up to the sum of \$1000.00 may be requested and authorized for reimbursement. In light of the appointment of counsel, the Court advises Hunter that he may not, in the future, file any pleadings pro se in this matter. All further pleadings should be filed and signed by appointed counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2009.

/s/ David R. Herndon

**Chief Judge
United States District Court**