

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

USA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 13-cv-476 JPG/SCW
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MELINDA J. EBEL,)	
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Defendant.)	
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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Notice of Dismissal (Doc.14) pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i) filed by plaintiff USA. Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) allows a plaintiff to dismiss an action without a court order at any time before the opposing party serves an answer or a motion for summary judgment. The defendant Melinda J. Ebel has not served an answer or motion for summary judgment in this case. Because the plaintiff has an absolute right to dismiss this case at the present time, the Court finds the claims against defendant Melinda J. Ebel are **DISMISSED without prejudice** and **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to close this case.

DATED: June 2, 2014

s/ J. Phil Gilbert

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE