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

ROBERT ROSS BANKS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No. 13-cv-559-JPG-PMF

ALOK KALE, PRESTON HUMPHREY Esq. LLC and ABC INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court for case management purposes. Plaintiff Robert Ross

Banks filed his complaint on December 26, 2013. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure

4(m), a plaintiff must serve a defendant within 120 days of filing the complaint. If the plaintiff

fails to obtain service within that time frame, "the court – on motion or on its own motion after

notice to the plaintiff – must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order

that service be made within a specified time." Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Here, clearly more than 120

days have elapsed since Banks filed his complaint and he has yet to properly effectuate service

on defendants Alok Kale and ABC Insurance Company. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** 

Banks to SHOW CAUSE on or before August 8, 2014, why his failure to properly serve

defendants Alok Kale and ABC Insurance Company should not result in dismissal of his action

against those defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**DATED:** July 10, 2014

s/ J. Phil Gilbert J. PHIL GILBERT DISTRICT JUDGE