

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

<b>JOSHUA HOSKINS,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	<b>CIVIL NO. 3:16-cv-00334-MJR</b>
<b>MR. DILDAY, et al.,</b>	)	<b>CIVIL NO. 3:16-cv-00335-MJR</b>
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

**REAGAN, Chief District Judge:**

This matter comes before the Court for case management. A review of the pleadings indicated that these cases are related. Cognizant of the Seventh Circuit’s position that related cases filed within the same U.S. District Court should be consolidated, *see, e.g. Smith v. Check-N-go of Illinois, Inc.* 200 F.3d 511, 513 n.1 (7th Cir. 1999); *Blair v. Equifax check Services, Inc.*, 181 F.3d 832, 839 (7th Cir. 1999), the Court **CONSOLIDATES** *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00334 and *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00335 for all further proceedings. *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00334 shall be the lead case. All future pleadings shall be filed in that case and contain case number 16-cv-00334.

Further, the Clerk is **INSTRUCTED** to refile both Doc. 1 in 16-cv-00334 and Doc. 1 in 16-cv-00335 in the newly consolidated case as a combined “First Amended Complaint.”

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED:** April 11, 2016

**s/ MICHAEL J. REAGAN**  
Michael J. Reagan  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court