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

DWAYNE MIDDLETON,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
CHET SHAFFER, NURSE ASHLEY R. HIESE, and OFFICER MARIE T,)
Defendants.)

Case No. 17-cv-00283-JPG-RJD

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motions [Docs. 24, 25] for Default Judgment. The Clerk of the Court entered a default order against defendants Chet Shaffer, R. Heise, and Officer Marie T on July 10, 2017, for failure to plead or otherwise defend in this case. Local Rule 55.1(a) states that the serving party shall give notice of the entry of the default to the defaulting party by regular mail sent to the last known address of the defaulted party and shall certify to the Court that notice has been sent.

Plaintiff has not certified to the Court that notice of the entry of the default was sent to defendants Chet Shaffer, R. Heise, and Officer Marie T. This Court has twice denied Plaintiff's motions for default judgment on these same grounds [Docs. 21, 23] and must do so again here. Plaintiff's Motions [Doc. 24, 25] for Default Judgment are **DENIED** without prejudice for failure to comply with Local Rule 55.1.

IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: September 12, 2017

> <u>s/ J. Phil Gilbert</u> J. PHIL GILBERT DISTRICT JUDGE