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

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER COX)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.) (Case No. 17-cv-338-JPG
WILLIAM TRUE,)	
KATHERINE SIEREVELD,)	
ANGELA DUNBAR,)	
KATHY HILL,)	
GARY BURGESS,)	
R. BLYTHE,)	
R. BASKERVILLE,)	
C. KRAWCYZK, and)	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF IMPENDING DISMISSAL

GILBERT, District Judge:

Plaintiff Francis Schaeffer Cox filed this action pursuant to *Bivens v. Six Unknown Agents of the Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) alleging that employees of Marion United States Penitentiary have violated the Constitution. (Doc. 1). In his Complaint, Plaintiff seeks monetary damages, injunctive relief, and declarative relief. (Doc. 1).

On April 3, 2017, this case was opened in the Southern District of Illinois without payment of a filing fee or the filing of a Motion and Affidavit to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs ("IFP Motion"). (Doc. 1) (Doc. 4). Plaintiff submitted a notice to the Court indicating that he had authorized the prison to pay the filing fee in this case out of his funds. (Doc. 3). On April 3, 2017, the Clerk of Court sent Plaintiff a letter (Doc. 4) advising him that he must prepay the filing fee of \$400.00 or file an IFP Motion within thirty (30) days (*i.e.*, by May 3, 2017). Plaintiff was clearly warned that failure to prepay the full filing fee or file

an IFP Motion by May 3, 2017, would result in dismissal of this case. *Id.* Document 4 was

mailed to Plaintiff at the address listed on the complaint and on file with the Clerk's Office in

this action at the time - USP Marion. Attached to this letter was a form IFP Motion. Given

Plaintiff's representation that the fee was forthcoming, the Court departed from its usual practice

and waited an additional 2 weeks past the May 3 deadline, but still no fee has been forthcoming.

The Court has received no further correspondence from Plaintiff.

To date, Plaintiff has not paid the \$400.00 filing fee for the action or filed a properly

completed IFP Motion. The Court cannot allow this matter to linger indefinitely. The deadline

set in Document 4 remains in effect.

Plaintiff is hereby **ORDERED** to provide the Court with a filing fee of \$400.00 or a

properly completed IFP Motion on or before June 8, 2017. The Clerk is DIRECTED send

Plaintiff another form IFP motion.

Plaintiff is again ADVISED of his continuing obligation to keep the Clerk and each

opposing party informed of any change in his address. The Court will not independently

investigate Plaintiff's whereabouts. This shall be done in writing and not later than 7 days after a

transfer or other change in address occurs.

Failure to comply with this Order shall result in dismissal of this action for want of

prosecution and/or for failure to comply with a court order under Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED May 17, 2017.

<u>s/J. Phil Gilbert</u>

United States District Judge

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