

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

DUSTIN MIDDENDORF,)	
#B85556,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Case No. 17-cv-00538-JPG
)	
ST. CLAIR COUNTY MEDICAL STAFF,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

GILBERT, District Judge:

Proceeding *pro se*, Plaintiff Dustin Middendorf filed the instant civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Doc. 1). In the Complaint, Plaintiff brought numerous unrelated claims against officials at St. Clair County Jail (“Jail”) for denying him medication for his mental illness, clean drinking water, access to the courts, and a nutritionally adequate diet, among other things. (Doc. 1, pp. 7-9). Plaintiff requested monetary damages. (Doc. 1, p. 10).

This Court screened the Complaint on August 25, 2017. (Doc. 13). It identified five claims and determined that four were subject to severance. *Id.* The Court screened the remaining claim (“Count 1”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A against the St. Clair County Medical Staff for denying Plaintiff psychotropic medication for his bipolar disorder. *Id.* Count 1 did not survive screening and was dismissed without prejudice. *Id.*

Plaintiff was granted leave to file a First Amended Complaint focusing only on Count 1 no later than September 22, 2017. (Doc. 13, pp. 12-13). He was warned that the action would be dismissed with prejudice, if he failed to file an amended complaint by the deadline. (Doc. 13, p. 12) (citing FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b); *Ladien v. Astrachan*, 128 F.3d 1051 (7th Cir. 1997); *Johnson v.*

Kamminga, 34 F.3d 466 (7th Cir. 1994)). Plaintiff was also warned that he would receive a “strike” pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). *Id.*

Despite these warnings, Plaintiff missed the deadline for filing the First Amended Complaint. More than a week has passed since the deadline expired. He has not requested an extension.

The Court will not allow this matter to linger indefinitely. Accordingly, this action shall be dismissed with prejudice based on Plaintiff’s failure to comply with an Order of this Court (Doc. 13, pp. 12-14) and failure to prosecute his claims. FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b). The dismissal will count as one of Plaintiff’s three allotted “strikes” within the meaning of § 1915(g).

Disposition

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is **DISMISSED** with prejudice, based on Plaintiff’s failure to comply with this Court’s Order to file an amended complaint on or before September 22, 2017. (Doc. 13). *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b); *Ladien v. Astrachan*, 128 F.3d 1051 (7th Cir. 1997); *Johnson v. Kamminga*, 34 F.3d 466 (7th Cir. 1994). The dismissal counts as one of Plaintiff’s three allotted “strikes” within the meaning of § 1915(g).

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that Plaintiff’s obligation to pay the filing fee for this action was incurred at the time the action was filed, regardless of subsequent developments in the case. Accordingly, the filing fee of \$350.00 remains due and payable. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1); *Lucien v. Jockisch*, 133 F.3d 464, 467 (7th Cir. 1998).

If Plaintiff wishes to appeal this Order, he may file a notice of appeal with this Court within thirty days of the entry of judgment. FED. R. APP. 4(A)(4). If Plaintiff does choose to appeal, he will be liable for the \$505.00 appellate filing fee irrespective of the outcome of the appeal. *See* FED. R. APP. 3(e); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2); *Ammons v. Gerlinger*, 547 F.3d 724, 725-

26 (7th Cir. 2008); *Sloan v. Lesza*, 181 F.3d 857, 858-59 (7th Cir. 1999); *Lucien*, 133 F.3d at 467. Moreover, if the appeal is found to be nonmeritorious, Plaintiff may also incur another “strike.” A proper and timely motion filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) may toll the 30-day appeal deadline. FED. R. APP. P. 4(a)(4). A Rule 59(e) motion must be filed no more than twenty-eight (28) days after the entry of judgment, and this 28-day deadline cannot be extended.

The Clerk’s Office is **DIRECTED** to close this case and enter judgment accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 4, 2017

s/ J. PHIL GILBERT
District Judge
United States District Judge