

undersigned. The Court had warned Plaintiff that his claim against Michael Dean would be dismissed with prejudice if he did not mail the motion to the Illinois Attorney General's Office. However, since Plaintiff filed this Motion, the Local Rules have been revised. Local Rule 55.1 no longer exists, and Plaintiff is not required to mail the motion via U.S. Postal Service. The Court declines to dismiss Plaintiff's claim based upon a defunct rule. Plaintiff may renew his Motion for Default Judgment after the liability of Defendants Stout and McDonald has been resolved, either through summary judgment or trial. *See In Re Uranium Antitrust Litigation*, 617 F.2d 1248, 1262 (7th Cir. 1980) (damages against defaulters should be determined at same time as answering defendants).

Motion for Preliminary Injunction

Plaintiff's claims in this case involve an altercation that occurred between him and Defendant Dean at Lawrence Correctional Center. Plaintiff alleges that after the altercation, Defendants Stout and McDonald used excessive force against him as they transported him to the healthcare unit and interfered with a nurse who was attempting to draw his blood in the health care unit. Plaintiff was then transferred to Pontiac Correctional Center, and subsequently transferred to Menard Correctional Center. Docs. 1, 49.

In his "Motion for Preliminary Injunction" (Doc. 51), Plaintiff contends that he was not receiving this Court's orders in a timely manner at Menard Correctional Center. Injunctive relief can only be granted if it involves "of the same character sought in the underlying suit, and deals with a matter presented in that underlying suit." *Devose v. Harrington*, 42 F.3d 470, 471 (8th Cir. 1994 (*per curiam*)). As Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief involves issues that are entirely unrelated to this lawsuit, his Motion is DENIED. Moreover, a review of the docket reflects that since filing his Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff generally complied with the Court's deadlines.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 26, 2024

s/ Reona J. Daly _____
Hon. Reona J. Daly
United States Magistrate Judge