

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

DANIEL BOONE NEWMAN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CAUSE NO. 3:17-CV-692-JD-MGG
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MICHAEL D. GRZEGOREK, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Daniel Boone Newman, a prisoner without a lawyer, has filed a complaint. “A document filed pro se is to be liberally construed, and a pro se complaint, however inartfully pleaded, must be held to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.” *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007). Nevertheless, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, the court must review the merits of a prisoner complaint and dismiss it if the action is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. In order to state a claim under [42 U.S.C.] § 1983 a plaintiff must allege: (1) that defendants deprived him of a federal constitutional right; and (2) that the defendants acted under color of state law.” *Savory v. Lyons*, 469 F.3d 667, 670 (7th Cir. 2006).

Newman alleges that he is housed as a pretrial detainee in the medical wing at the St. Joseph County Jail, where he is locked in his cell for 23 hours per day. He alleges that the St. Joseph County Jail’s policies discriminate against physically disabled inmates by denying them privileges afforded to other inmates. This is not the only time Newman has filed a claim regarding such policies at the St. Joseph County Jail. He is currently proceeding on similar claims in *Newman v.*

