

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

DEMETRIUS J. JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

BRUCE ELLIOTT and DAVID
GLICKFIELD, JR.,

Defendants.

CAUSE NO. 3:19-CV-984-JD-MGG

OPINION AND ORDER

Demetrius J. Jackson, a prisoner without a lawyer, is suing Bruce Elliott and David Glickfield, Jr., the two public defenders who represent him in his State criminal case. “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) (quotation marks and citations omitted). 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 upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief.

Jackson is a State criminal defendant. Bruce Elliott and David Glickfield, Jr., are the appointed public defenders in his State criminal case. He alleges they are not properly representing him and are unresponsive to his requests. “In order to state a claim under [42 U.S.C.] § 1983 a plaintiff must allege: (1) that defendants deprived him

