

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

TORRENCE BELCHER,

Plaintiff,

v.

LINDSEY MILLIGAN, LYDIA BLOOM,  
and K. READ,

Defendants.

CAUSE NO. 3:23CV650-PPS/MGG

OPINION AND ORDER

Torrence Belcher, a prisoner without a lawyer, filed an amended complaint alleging he has received three falsified conduct reports for sexual conduct. ECF 18. “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, under 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.

Belcher alleges each of the defendants falsely accused him of sexual conduct at the prison. In each instance, he alleges he was found guilty during a prison disciplinary hearing and lost earned credit time. In *Edwards v. Balisok*, 520 U.S. 641 (1997), the United States Supreme Court made clear that the principles of *Heck v. Humphrey*, 512 U.S. 477,

