

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

JONATHON SHARKEY,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	
)	No. 1:09-cv-0517-JMS-DKL
MEGAN COCHRAN, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

Entry and Notice

I.

“The Court is unaware of any provisions of law that either prohibit or permit the filing of pleadings in languages other than English.” *Calderon v. Woodford*, 2009 WL 3381035 (E.D.Cal. Oct. 19, 2009). However, “[b]riefs should be written in the English language!” *Gottreich v. S.F. Inv. Corp.*, 552 F.2d 866, 867 n.2 (9th Cir. 1977), and it is certainly a litigant’s responsibility to present papers in an understandable fashion, as plaintiff Sharkey has done without apparent difficulty until recently. *See Aguiar-Carrasquillo v. Agosto-Alicea*, 445 F.3d 19, 24 (1st Cir. 2006) (“In the past, we have refused to consider materials submitted to the court in any language other than English, and we continue to do so.”).

There is more.

Motions require reasons. Rule 7(b)(1) states in relevant part, "An application to the court for an order shall be made by motion which, unless made during a hearing or trial, shall be made in writing, shall state with particularity the grounds therefor, and shall set forth the relief or order sought." **Fed.R.Civ.P.** 7(b)(1). In the Seventh Circuit, "particularity" has been interpreted to mean "reasonable specification." *Talano v. Northwestern Med. Faculty Found., Inc.*, 273 F.3d 757, 760 (7th Cir. 2001). Materials not presented in the English language and not accompanied by an appropriate translation of non-English materials fail to convey reasons for awarding any relief.

II.

The plaintiff's recent filings are little short of an open mockery. The plaintiff is reminded that "[t]he judicial forum is a place in which serious people attend to serious business." *Morris v. Jenkins*, 819 F.2d 678, 682 (7th Cir. 1987). The plaintiff chose to bring his claim in this forum, and that choice requires adherence to the foregoing and all other applicable rules that govern proceedings in this court.

Because the statements filed on June 7 and 8, 2012 [70 and 71], are not entirely in English, lack a translation, and lack a coherent statement of reasonable specification for the relief sought, any relief which may be sought in such statements is **denied**. Those filings will remain in the record, but are of no effect.

III.

The ruling of May 18, 2012, regarding the plaintiff's obligation to appear in person at the proceedings to be conducted on June 18, 2012, **remains in effect**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

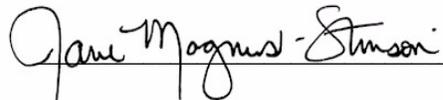
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