UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

KENYATTA TYRONE JAMES,) Plaintiff,) vs.) UNITED STATES BUREAU OF) ALCOHOL, TABACCO, FIREARM, AND) EXPLOSIVES (ATF) AGENCEY, et al.,) Defendants.)

No. 4:12-cv-50-TWP-DML

ENTRY

The motion for service of process by the United States Marshal on the defendant federal agency [Dkt. 41] is **denied**. The complaint, including the claim against the defendant agency, has not yet been screened as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b). Until that occurs, and only if the claim against the federal agency is not dismissed as legally insufficient, issuance of process to this defendant would be premature, and taking that step in this case would be particularly problematic. *See Lewis v. United States*, 492 F.3d 565, 572 (5th Cir. 2007)("In order to hale the federal government into a court proceeding, a plaintiff must show that there has been a valid waiver of sovereign immunity.").

IT IS SO ORDERED.

10/12/2012 Date: _____

Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Judge United States District Court Southern District of Indiana

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