

complaint setting forth his claims. Moreover, the issues in this case – that the defendants exercised excessive force against the plaintiff or failed to protect him from that force – appear at this stage to be straightforward and uncomplicated. Therefore, at this juncture, given the nature of the case, it appears that the plaintiff is competent to litigate this case himself. Accordingly, the plaintiff's motion for assistance with recruiting counsel [dkt 23] will be **denied**. If the plaintiff wishes to renew his motion, he may consider using the enclosed Motion for Assistance with Recruiting Counsel form.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana