

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA  
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

ANTHONY HICKEY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNNAMED,

Defendant.

No. C09-0134-LRR

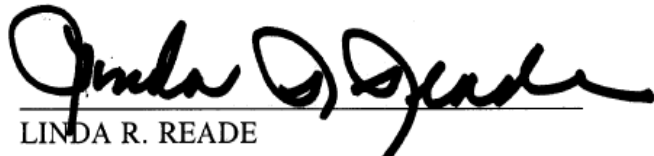
ORDER

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This matter is before the court on the submission of a letter (docket no. 1). The clerk's office filed such letter on September 15, 2009. A letter is insufficient to commence a civil action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 3 (indicating a civil action is commenced by filing a complaint); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (addressing general rules of pleading). Moreover, the plaintiff submits neither the filing fee nor an application to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) (requiring \$350.00 filing fee); 28 U.S.C. § 1915 (explaining proceedings in forma pauperis). Further, a cursory review of the plaintiff's contentions suggests that he should seek relief in the district where he is confined and the events he complains of occurred. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (addressing venue generally). Accordingly, this action is dismissed without prejudice. 28 U.S.C. § 1914; 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

**DATED** this 16th day of September, 2009.

  
LINDA R. READE  
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA