IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

JOSEPH LEE JONES,

Plaintiff,

v. **CASE NO. 17-3142-SAC-DJW**

(FNU) O'BERLING, et al.,

Defendants.

O R D E R

Plaintiff, Joseph Lee Jones, is a federal prisoner housed at Englewood–FCI in Littleton, Colorado. Plaintiff filed this Bivens action against a DEA Agent, the State of Kansas, Shawnee County, Kansas, the Topeka Police Department, and other defendants, alleging coercion, entrapment and loss of liberty.

The Court entered an Order (Doc. 3) denying Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, finding Plaintiff is subject to the "three-strikes" provision under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). The Court examined the Complaint and attachments and found no showing of imminent danger of serious physical injury. The Court also granted Plaintiff until September 15, 2017, to submit the $400.00 filing fee. The Court's order provided that "[t]he failure to submit the fee by that date will result in the dismissal of this matter without prejudice and without additional prior notice." (Doc. 3, at 2.) Plaintiff has failed to pay the filing fee by the deadline set forth in the order.

Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure "authorizes a district court, upon a defendant's motion, to order the dismissal of an action for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or 'a court order.'" *Young v. U.S.*, 316 F.

App'x 764, 771 (10th Cir. 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)). "This rule has been interpreted as permitting district courts to dismiss actions *sua sponte* when one of these conditions is met." *Id*. (citing *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962); *Olsen v. Mapes*, 333 F.3d 1199, 1204 n.3 (10th Cir. 2003)). "In addition, it is well established in this circuit that a district court is not obligated to follow any particular procedures when dismissing an action *without prejudice* under Rule 41(b)." *Young*, 316 F. App'x at 771–72 (citations omitted).

The time in which Plaintiff was required to submit the filing fee has passed without a response from Plaintiff. As a consequence, the Court dismisses this action without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(b) for failure to comply with court orders.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE COURT ORDERED that this action is **dismissed without prejudice** pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated on this 19th day of September, 2017, in Topeka, Kansas.

s/ Sam A. Crow
SAM A. CROW
U. S. Senior District Judge