

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY  
LOUISVILLE DIVISION

HERMAN HELM, Jr.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-P156-DJH

HARDIN COUNTY JAIL et al.,

Defendants.

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Upon filing the instant action, Plaintiff assumed the responsibility of keeping this Court advised of his current address and to actively litigate his claims. *See* LR 5.2(e) (“All pro se litigants must provide written notice of a change of residential address, and, if different, mailing address, to the Clerk and to the opposing party or the opposing party’s counsel. Failure to notify the Clerk of an address change may result in the dismissal of the litigant’s case or other appropriate sanctions.”).

The Court sent an Order to Plaintiff on April 19, 2018. That mailing was returned to the Court by the U.S. Postal Service marked “Return to Sender; Attempted Not Known, Unable to Forward.” Plaintiff has not advised the Court of his new address, and neither notices from this Court nor filings by Defendants in this action can be served on Plaintiff. In such situations, courts have an inherent power “acting on their own initiative, to clear their calendars of cases that have remained dormant because of the inaction or dilatoriness of the parties seeking relief.” *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630 (1962). Because it appears to this Court that

Plaintiff has abandoned any interest in prosecution of this case, the Court will dismiss the case by separate Order.

Date: June 22, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.J. Hale", is written over a faint circular seal of the United States District Court.

**David J. Hale, Judge  
United States District Court**

cc: Plaintiff, *pro se*  
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