

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY  
AT OWENSBORO**

**RICKY DOTSON**

**PLAINTIFF**

v.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:13CV-P56-M**

**HOPKINS COUNTY JAILER**

**DEFENDANT**


**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Plaintiff filed the instant *pro se* action alleging denial of medical treatment at the Hopkins County Jail. Upon filing the instant action, he assumed the responsibility of keeping this Court advised of his current address and to actively litigate his claims. *See* LR 5.2(d) (“All *pro se* litigants must provide written notice of a change of 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 Clerk of Court sent a mailing to Plaintiff on May 21, 2013. That mailing was returned by the United States Postal Service marked “Return to Sender, Not Deliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward” on May 29, 2013. Plaintiff has not advised the Court of a change of address. Therefore, neither notices from this Court nor filings by Defendant 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: July 5, 2013

  
**Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Chief Judge**  
**United States District Court**

cc: Plaintiff, *pro se*  
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