

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

THOMAS RIDGEWAY

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:12CV-P149-R

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Plaintiff Thomas Ridgeway initiated this civil action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. 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(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 February 14, 2013. On February 25, 2013, that mailing was returned by the United States Postal Service marked “Return to Sender, Unable to Forward.” Plaintiff has not advised the Court of a change of address. Therefore, 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 that Plaintiff has abandoned any interest in prosecution of this case, the Court will dismiss the case by separate Order.

Date: April 16, 2013

cc: Plaintiff, *pro se*
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas B. Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a circular seal of the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

**Thomas B. Russell, Senior Judge
United States District Court**