

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

JAMES REDDING,

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v.

* CIVIL ACTION NO. CCB-11-674

JUSTIA, INC., et al.,

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ORDER

James Redding has filed the instant complaint. ECF No. 1. Plaintiff has paid the filing fee for same and is now responsible for effecting service of process on Defendants. The Clerk shall prepare and issue summons to plaintiff, who must then serve a copy of the summons and the complaint on defendant.

Plaintiff may effectuate service by presenting summons to the Clerk for signature and seal and then serving a copy of the summons and complaint on defendants. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2), this service may be effected by any person who is not a party and who is at least 18 years of age. Plaintiff is reminded that under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(1), the person effecting service must promptly notify the court,¹ through an affidavit, that he or she has served defendants.

If there is no record in the court file that service was effected on defendants, plaintiff risks dismissal of his cause of action. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) and Local Rule 103.8a (D.Md. 2010), if a party demanding affirmative relief has not effected service of process within 120 days of filing the pleading seeking the affirmative relief (the complaint), the court may enter an order asking the party to show cause why the claims should not be dismissed. If the party fails to show cause with

¹ If Plaintiff does not use a private process server, and instead use certified mail, return receipt requested to make service, they must file with this Court the United States Post Office acknowledgement as proof of service. Service by mail must be made by "restricted delivery."

fourteen (14) days of the entry of the order or such other times as may be set by the court, the complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice.

Accordingly, it is this 10th day of June, 2011, by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Clerk SHALL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS to prepare and issue summons to plaintiff; and
2. The Clerk SHALL MAIL a copy of this Order to plaintiff.

_____/s/_____
Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge