

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

Ronnie Jackson; Joshua Jones; Shane
Kringen; Marvin Franco-Morales;
Mitchell Osterloh; and Jesse Plentyhorse,

Civ. No. 17-4278 (JRT/BRT)

Plaintiffs,

ORDER

v.

Sharlene Mike-Lopez; Diane Medchill;
Kathy Ried; Bruce Rieser; David Rieshus;
Tom Roy; and Michelle Smith,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Shane Kringen has requested appointment of counsel in this matter. *See* Doc. No. 42. “A pro se litigant has no statutory or constitutional right to have counsel appointed in a civil case.” *Stevens v. Redwing*, 146 F.3d 538, 546 (8th Cir. 1998); *see also In re Lane*, 801 F.2d 1040, 1042 (8th Cir. 1986) (“The decision to appoint counsel in civil cases is committed to the discretion of the district court.”). It is not yet apparent that appointment of counsel would benefit either plaintiffs or the Court. Plaintiff complains that he has been denied access to his legal work and does not have the resources to comply with court deadlines. Thus far, the plaintiffs have presented their claims with reasonable clarity. Accordingly, the motion for appointment of counsel will be denied without prejudice. That said, this Court will reconsider the request for counsel *sua sponte* should future circumstances dictate.

Plaintiff also requests waiver of service, but waiver has already been requested by the Clerk's Office. (*See* Doc. No. 41.) Therefore, this motion will also be denied without prejudice.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, and on all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The motion of plaintiff Shane Kingren for appointment of counsel and waiver of service (Doc. No. 42) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

Dated: April 10, 2018

s/ Becky R. Thorson

BECKY R. THORSON
United States Magistrate Judge