

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

WILLIE JEFFERSON,

Plaintiff,

JOSEPH HUDGENS, et al.,

Defendants,

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No. 1:16-CV-219 ACL

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Plaintiff moves for appointment of counsel. After considering the motion and the pleadings, the motion is denied without prejudice to refileing at a later time.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

Plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations in his complaint. However, he has demonstrated, at this point, that he can adequately present his claims to the Court.

The Court would like to see the facts become more developed before deciding whether appointing counsel is warranted.

The Court will entertain future motions for appointment of counsel as the case progresses.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel [ECF No. 17] is **DENIED** without prejudice.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2017.



ABBIE CRITES-LEONI
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE