

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

MATTHEW BURNETT,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 4:13-CV-0451-CEJ
	)	
ST. CHARLES COUNTY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

On March 8, 2013, petitioner submitted a letter to the court requesting relief from his state court criminal prosecution. The clerk of court provisionally docketed the letter as a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

If petitioner is seeking habeas corpus relief, he cannot do so by submitting a letter to the court. Instead, petitioner must file a petition using the form created by the court for habeas corpus cases. He will also be required to either pay a filing fee of \$5 or submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, along with a prison account statement. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

If it is not petitioner’s intent to seek habeas corpus relief, then he is not required to submit a petition and the court will dismiss this action without prejudice.

Accordingly,

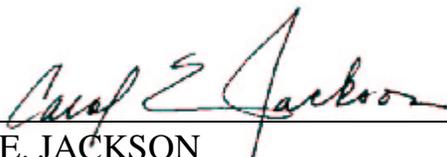
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that petitioner shall have until **April 22, 2013** to file a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 on a court-provided form. The petition must be

accompanied by either the filing fee of \$5.00 or a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, along with a prison account statement.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if petitioner fails to submit the required material by the above deadline, this action will be dismissed without prejudice.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the clerk of court shall mail to plaintiff a copy of the form petition for filing a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and a copy of the form Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis - Prisoner Cases.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2013.

  
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CAROL E. JACKSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE