

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

CALVIN BURKE,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 4:14CV2107 RLW
	)	
ST. LOUIS CITY JAILS, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants,	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Plaintiff moves to certify class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The motion is denied.


Pro se parties may not bring class action suits in the federal courts. Under Rule 23(a)(4), a class representative must “fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.” Plaintiff is not qualified to do so. Additionally, a litigant may bring his own claims to federal court without counsel, but not the claims of others. See 28 U.S.C. § 1654; see also 7A Wright, Miller & Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure: Civil 3d § 1769.1 (“class representatives cannot appear pro se.”).

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff’s motion to certify class [ECF No. 36] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk is directed to docket plaintiff’s proposed second amended complaint [ECF No. 36-4].

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
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 RONNIE L. WHITE  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE