

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

JOSEPH ANTONIO WEAVER,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 4:15CV629 RLW
	)	
HERBERT L. BERNSEN,	)	
	)	
Defendant,	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Joseph Weaver has filed this civil rights action on behalf of several other prisoners at the St. Louis City Justice Center. He has not named himself as a plaintiff, and he purports to be the other inmates' agent. However, plaintiff is not authorized to practice law.

Non-lawyers may sue on their own behalf, but they may not sue on behalf 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."). As a result, this action has not been properly filed, and it is summarily dismissed.


If any of the prisoners named in the complaint wish to file a civil rights action based on the facts alleged in the complaint, they must file individual lawsuits.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

An Order of Dismissal will be filed separately.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015.



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RONNIE L. WHITE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE