

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

CEMON BYRD,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	No. 4:17-CV-233 ACL
)	
JAMES HURLEY,)	
)	
Respondent,)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner’s pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition is defective because petitioner did not use the Court’s form, *see* Local Rule 2.06(A), and because petitioner has failed to include the grounds under which he is seeking to overturn his conviction and sentence.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk is directed to send petitioner a § 2254 court-form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner must fill out the § 2254 form and return it to the Court within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this Order. If petitioner fails to comply with this Order, the Court may dismiss this action without further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis [Doc. #3] is **GRANTED**.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2017.



ABBIE CRITES-LEONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE