

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

DENNIS LARAMORE,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	No. 4:17-CV-01618 JAR
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SHANNON THOMPSON, et al.,	)	
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Defendants.	)	

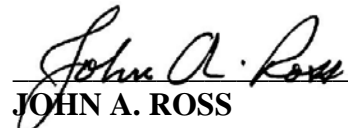
**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (Doc. No. 25). After review of the record in this matter, the Court declines to appoint counsel for Plaintiff at this 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 nonfrivolous 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. After considering these factors, the Court finds the facts and legal issues involved in this action are not so complicated that the appointment of counsel is warranted at this time. As such, Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel will be denied, without prejudice.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel [25] is  
**DENIED.**

Dated this 17th day of October, 2017.

  
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**JOHN A. ROSS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**