

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

JOHN P. STRICKLAND,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.)
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 JANSEN J. WILLIAMS, Dr., KERRY)
 CROPP, Nurse, DENNIS FRITZEN,)
 Nurse, and JOHN DOES,)
)
 Defendants.)

CASE NO. 4:08CV3081

**MEMORANDUM
AND ORDER**

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff’s Motion to Appoint Counsel. (Filing No. [13](#).) The court cannot routinely appoint counsel in civil cases. In [Davis v. Scott, 94 F.3d 444, 447 \(8th Cir. 1996\)](#), the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals explained that “[i]ndigent civil litigants do not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel. . . . The trial court has broad discretion to decide whether both the plaintiff and the court will benefit from the appointment of counsel” [Id.](#) (quotation and citation omitted). No such benefit is apparent here.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiff’s Motion to Appoint Counsel (Filing No. [13](#)) is denied; and
- 2. A separate order will be entered progressing this case to final disposition. Plaintiff’s Motion for Status (Filing No. [20](#)) is therefore denied as moot.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge