

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

AMIKET EN MAATI,	)	8:12CV175
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	<b>MEMORANDUM</b>
	)	<b>AND ORDER</b>
ANN EBSEN, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

Plaintiff filed his Complaint in this matter on May 17, 2012. (Filing No. [1](#).) Plaintiff has previously been given leave to proceed in forma pauperis. (Filing No. [6](#).) The court now conducts an initial review of the Complaint to determine whether summary dismissal is appropriate under [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)\(2\)](#).

## I. SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Plaintiff filed his Complaint against the Sarpy County Public Defender’s Office, the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office, Sarpy County, and three individuals. (Filing No. [1](#).) Plaintiff is currently a patient in the Norfolk Regional Center in Norfolk, Nebraska. (*Id.*; *see also* Docket Sheet.)

Condensed and summarized, Plaintiff alleges that on July 1, 1999, he was convicted in the District Court of Sarpy County, Nebraska, of second-degree sexual assault and sexual assault of a child. (Filing No. [1](#) at CM/ECF p. 3.) Thereafter, he was sentenced to serve 20 years in the Nebraska Department of Corrections. (*Id.* at CM/ECF pp. 3-4.) Plaintiff completed his sentence and was released on October 29, 2008. (*Id.* at CM/ECF p. 4.) However, “the moment” that he was released Plaintiff was taken into custody again, pursuant to an order of detention from the Sarpy County Mental Health Board, and placed in the Sarpy County Jail. (*Id.*) Plaintiff was transported to the Norfolk Regional Center in February 2010. (*Id.* at CM/ECF p. 6.)

Plaintiff believes his current detention is wrongful and based on “official misconduct, featuring unlawful behavior, perjury and violation[s] of Plaintiff’s rights under the United States and Nebraska Constitutions.” (*Id.* at CM/ECF pp. 1-2.) He seeks monetary damages, attorney’s fees, costs of suit, and additional relief that this court may deem equitable and just. (*Id.* at CM/ECF pp. 20-21.)

## II. APPLICABLE LEGAL STANDARDS ON INITIAL REVIEW

The court is required to review in forma pauperis complaints to determine whether summary dismissal is appropriate. See [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)](#). The court must dismiss a complaint or any portion thereof that states a frivolous or malicious claim, that fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or that seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)\(2\)\(B\)](#).

A pro se plaintiff must set forth enough factual allegations to “nudge[] their claims across the line from conceivable to plausible,” or “their complaint must be dismissed” for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. [Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 569-70 \(2007\)](#); see also [Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1950 \(2009\)](#) (“A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.”). Regardless of whether a plaintiff is represented or is appearing pro se, the plaintiff’s complaint must allege specific facts sufficient to state a claim. See [Martin v. Sargent, 780 F.2d 1334, 1337 \(8th Cir. 1985\)](#). However, a pro se plaintiff’s allegations must be construed liberally. [Burke v. North Dakota Dep’t of Corr. & Rehab., 294 F.3d 1043, 1043-44 \(8th Cir. 2002\)](#) (citations omitted).

### III. DISCUSSION OF CLAIMS

Claims relating to the validity of an individual's incarceration may not be brought in a civil rights case, regardless of the relief sought. As set forth by the Supreme Court in [Preiser v. Rodriguez, 411 U.S. 475 \(1973\)](#), and [Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477 \(1994\)](#), if success on the merits of a civil rights claim would necessarily implicate the validity of a prisoner's conviction or continued confinement, the civil rights claim must be preceded by a favorable outcome in a habeas corpus or similar proceeding in a state or federal forum. Absent such a favorable disposition of the charges or conviction, a plaintiff may not use [42 U.S.C. § 1983](#) to cast doubt on the legality of his conviction or confinement. See [Heck, 512 U.S. at 486-87](#); see also [Duncan v. Walker, 533 U.S. 167, 176 \(2001\)](#) (stating a state court order of civil commitment satisfies the federal habeas statute's "in custody" requirement); [Simpson v. Demorales, No. CV 08-5475-SGL \(JTL\), 2009 WL 362109, at \\*2-4 \(C.D. Cal. Feb. 10, 2009\)](#) (concluding a plaintiff who filed a § 1983 complaint, challenging his commitment to a mental health facility after serving a sentence pursuant to a criminal conviction, failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted because his claim would imply that his commitment was in some way invalid).

Here, Plaintiff alleges that his current detention is wrongful and based on "official misconduct, featuring unlawful behavior, perjury and violation[s] of Plaintiff's rights under the United States and Nebraska Constitutions." (Filing No. [1](#) at CM/ECF pp. 1-2.) A judgment in Plaintiff's favor on these claims would imply that his current confinement is in some way invalid. As set forth above, the court cannot address claims related to the validity of Plaintiff's confinement in an action brought pursuant to [42 U.S.C. § 1983](#). However, the court will dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint without prejudice to reassertion in a habeas corpus or similar proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's Complaint (filing no. [1](#)) is dismissed without prejudice.
2. A separate judgment will be entered in accordance with this Memorandum and Order.

DATED this 11th day of July, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

*s/ John M. Gerrard*  
United States District Judge

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