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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARK THOMAS JR.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WESTGATE RESORT & CASINO and
CAMI CHRISTENSEN

Defendant.

Case No. 2:16-cv-02261-JAD-GWF

ORDER

14 This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Response to the Court's Order to Show Cause
15 (ECF No. 9), filed on August 7, 2017.

16 Plaintiff, who is proceeding in this action *pro se*, filed a Application for Leave to Proceed *in*
17 *Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1) along with a Complaint (ECF No. 1-1) on September 27, 2017. The
18 Court issued a Screening Order on June 1, 2017 granting Plaintiff *in forma pauperis* status but
19 dismissing Plaintiff's complaint for failure to properly allege that the Court has jurisdiction over his
20 claims and for failure to sufficiently allege a legal theory under which he sought to sue Defendants.
21 *See* ECF No. 2. The Court gave Plaintiff until June 30, 2017 to file an amended complaint that
22 would correct those deficiencies. *Id.* Plaintiff did not file an amended complaint. The Court
23 ordered Plaintiff to show cause, in writing, why this case should not be dismissed for his failure to
24 file an amended complaint. *See* ECF No. 6. After a brief extension of time, Plaintiff filed the
25 instant response.


26 Plaintiff's filing is not responsive to the Court's Order to Show Cause because it does not
27 provide an explanation for why he failed to file an amended complaint. Rather, the response simply
28 states what allegedly happened to him while at Defendant's place of business that prompted Plaintiff

1 to initiate this lawsuit. Moreover, the Court cannot construe Plaintiff's response to be an amended
2 complaint because it still fails to address the issues raised by the Court in its Screening Order.
3 Plaintiff does not address how the Court has jurisdiction over his claims; nor does he state a legal
4 theory or cause of action. The Court understands that navigating the legal system can be difficult
5 for a *pro se* litigant. Therefore, the Court will allow Plaintiff additional time to file an amended
6 complaint. Plaintiff is advised that he should refer to this Court's Screening Order (ECF No. 2) and
7 correct the deficiencies noted therein.

8 If Plaintiff elects to proceed in this action by filing an amended complaint, he is informed
9 that the court cannot refer to a prior pleading in order to make his amended complaint complete.
10 Local Rule 15-1 requires that an amended complaint be complete in itself without reference to any
11 prior pleading. This is because, as a general rule, an amended complaint supersedes the original
12 complaint. *See Valdez-Lopez v. Chertoff*, 656 F.3d 851, 857 (9th Cir. 2011); *see Loux v. Rhay*, 375
13 F.2d 55, 57 (9th Cir.1967). Once Plaintiff files an amended complaint, the original pleading no
14 longer serves any function in the case. Therefore, in an amended complaint, as in an original
15 complaint, each claim and the involvement of each defendant must be sufficiently alleged. Plaintiff
16 is advised that litigation will not commence upon the filing of an amended complaint. Rather, the
17 Court will need to conduct an additional screening of the amended complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
18 § 1915(e). Accordingly,

19 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall have until **August 25, 2017** to file an
20 amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint or fails to cure the deficiencies
21 identified in the Court's Screening Order, the Court will recommend that the complaint be
22 dismissed with prejudice.

23 DATED this 10th day of August, 2017.

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26 GEORGE FOLEY, JR.
27 United States Magistrate Judge
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