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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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George Arthur,

v.

Brian Williams, et al.,

Plaintiff

Defendants

Case No.: 2:18-cv-00754-JAD-GWF

Order Denying Motions for Injunctive Relief

[ECF Nos. 21, 22]

Pro se plaintiff George Arthur has moved for temporary and permanent injunctive relief.¹ He seeks an injunction preventing prison officials from housing him with protective-custody inmates, inmates of different races, sex offenders, and homosexuals.² He also wishes to be transferred to a state prison in Denver, Colorado.³

Injunctive relief, whether temporary or permanent, is an "extraordinary remedy, never awarded as of right." "A plaintiff seeking a preliminary injunction must establish that he is likely to succeed on the merits, that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and that an injunction is in the public interest." And, under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, preliminary injunctive relief must be "narrowly drawn," must "extend no further than necessary to correct the harm," and must be "the least intrusive means necessary to correct the harm."

I have reviewed both motions and find that Arthur fails to allege that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief. I recognize that Arthur has allegedly

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²² ECF Nos. 21, 22.

 $^{||^{23}||^{2}}$ ECF No. 22 at 4.

 $^{^{24}}$ 3 *Id.*

²⁵ Winter v. Natural Res. Defense Counsil, 555 U.S. 7, 24 (2008).

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⁵ Am. Trucking Ass'ns, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, 559 F.3d 1046, 1052 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting Winter, 555 U.S. at 20).

⁶ 18 U.S.C § 3626(a)(2).

sought protection in prison in the past due to being labeled a "snitch." I also acknowledge that Arthur has had a cell mate whom he alleges sexually harassed him in 2017 and that Arthur has a 3 "fear of being raped, sexually assaulted, after being sexually harassed, by the inmates" that prison officials forced him to cell with.⁸ But Arthur has previously alleged that prison officials transferred him to another cell for his safety and security. So it does not appear that Arthur is actually in danger of suffering irreparable harm, and he certainly has alleged any facts to demonstrate that he is. His conclusory statements are insufficient to demonstrate imminence. 8 Conclusion 9 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motions for injunctive relief [ECF] Nos. 21, 22] are DENIED. 10 Dated: June 25, 2018 11 12 ct Judge Jennifer A. Dorsev 13 14

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⁷ See generally ECF No. 21-1.

 $^{^{8}}$ *Id.* at 5–6.

⁹ ECF No. 1-1 at 7.