IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

VINCENT P. ALEXIS,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 18-2099 (RBK-KMW)

v.

JEFF SESSIONS, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Plaintiff Vincent P. Alexis is a prisoner confined at FCI Fort Dix, in Fort Dix, New Jersey. On October 18, 2018, the Court dismissed the complaint without prejudice for failure to state a claim. (ECF Nos. 5, 6). In the interests of justice, the Court provided Plaintiff with an opportunity to *file a motion* to reopen his case, *i.e.*, a motion for leave to file an amended complaint. (ECF No. 6).

Thereafter, Plaintiff attempted to file two separate and meaningfully different amended complaints, without filing a motion and brief in support thereof, in violation of the Court's October 18, 2018, Order, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and Local Rules 7.1(d)(1) and 7.1(f).

Plaintiff may not have been aware, but "any attempt to amend or supplement his Complaint must conform to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and an amended complaint, once accepted by the Court, replaces. . . [any earlier] complaint and renders it inoperative." *Iantosca v. Magnone*, No. 16-9497, 2017 WL 3065214, at *4 (D.N.J. July 19, 2017); *see also, e.g., Young v. Keohane*, 809 F. Supp. 1185, 1198 (M.D. Pa. 1992). The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's submissions "and declines to permit Plaintiff to [amend] his complaint in this piecemeal fashion." *Iantosca*, 2017 WL 3065214, at *4.

If Plaintiff wishes to file an amended complaint, he must file a comprehensive proposed amended complaint, *along with a motion to amend, and a brief in support of his motion*, that specifically address the deficiencies in Plaintiff's initial complaint, as stated in the Court's earlier Opinion. Plaintiff should include all of the facts and allegations he seeks to assert against all Defendants. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 10, an "amended complaint may adopt some or all of the allegations in the original complaint but must clearly and explicitly identify and adopt such allegations." *Wilson v. Martone*, No. 11-5337, 2012 WL 715319, at *5 n.2 (D.N.J. Mar. 5, 2012) (citing 6 Wright, Miller & Kane, Fed. Prac. and Proc. § 1476 (3d ed.)). To avoid confusion, "the safer course is to file an amended complaint that is complete in itself." *Id*.

THEREFORE, it is on this 10th day of June, 2019, hereby

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall REOPEN this matter solely so that the Court may consider Plaintiff's piecemeal amended complaints (ECF Nos. 9, 11); and it is further

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ORDERED that if Plaintiff wishes to reopen this case, he must submit a comprehensive proposed amended complaint, along with a motion to amend, and a brief in support of his motion, within forty-five (45) days of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall once again CLOSE this case; and it is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall serve Plaintiff with a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order via regular U.S. mail.

> <u>s/Robert B. Kugler</u> ROBERT B. KUGLER United States District Judge