

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CHRISTIAN HARRIS,
Plaintiff,

v.

WARDEN RICHARD T. SMITH, et al.,
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 20-12031 (RBK) (AMD)

**MEMORANDUM
OPINION & ORDER**

ROBERT B. KUGLER, U.S.D.J.

This matter comes before the Court by way of Plaintiff's Complaint asserting claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On March 8, 2021, the post office returned mail sent to Plaintiff on February 9, 2021, as undeliverable, as Plaintiff was no longer at the Cumberland County jail. (ECF No. 6.) Plaintiff has not contacted the Court in the intervening time to provide an updated address.

Local Civil Rule 10.1(a) requires unrepresented parties to notify the Court of any change in address within 7 days. The Rule further provides that failure to file such notice "may result in the imposition of sanctions by the Court." *Id.* Indeed, failure to apprise the Court of an address change may result in the outright dismissal of the case for failure to proceed, or an administrative termination of the action without prejudice. *See, e.g., Allebach v. Cathell*, No. 06-5005, 2009 WL 2147145 (D.N.J. July 15, 2009); *Boretsky v. Corzine*, No. 08-2265, 2008 WL 2512916 (D.N.J. June 23, 2008).

As the Court does not have a current address for Plaintiff, the matter cannot proceed at this time. The Court will therefore administratively terminate the proceedings, without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to reinstate this action by notifying the Court and Defendant(s) of his new address

within 30 days. Failure to provide an updated address within 30 days of the date of this Order may result in dismissal of this matter for lack of prosecution.

THEREFORE, it is on this 8th day of March 2021,

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall ADMINISTRATIVELY TERMINATE this matter for failure to comply with Local Civil Rule 10.1(a), without prejudice to reinstatement should Plaintiff notify the Court of his changed address within thirty (30) days from entry of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that failure to comply with this Order may result in the matter being dismissed for lack of prosecution; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order on Plaintiff at his last known address by regular mail.

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