




Plaintiff's claims, as brought against the South River Municipal Court, must fail. "As part of the judicial branch of the State of New Jersey, a New Jersey Municipal Court is entitled to sovereign immunity" and is not a "person[]" for the purposes of § 1983. *Hernandez v. Switzer*, No. 09-5429, 2009 WL 4730182, at \*3 (D.N.J. Dec. 4, 2009); *Callahan v. City of Phila.*, 207 F.3d 668, 672 (3d Cir. 2000); *see also Krieger v. Jersey City*, 27 N.J. 535, 539 (1958) (The establishment of municipal courts by the New Jersey legislature "was designed to replace a haphazard set of local courts with a more effective system as part of a statewide judiciary.") Accordingly, the Court is without jurisdiction to hear the claims brought against the South River Municipal Court, and they are dismissed.

The remainder of Plaintiff's claims survive the Court's pre-docketing screening (without prejudice to Defendants' right to move for dismissal).

Accordingly,

**IT IS**, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015, **ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is hereby granted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915;
2. The Clerk of the Court shall file the Complaint without prepayment of fees or security; and
3. All claims brought against the South River Municipal Court are dismissed with prejudice.

  
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**MICHAEL A. SHIPP**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**