

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:17-cv-97-FDW

JAY JUNIOR AIKEN, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
)  
vs. )  
)  
CHIP L. HALL, et al., )  
)  
Defendants. )  
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ORDER

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on Plaintiff’s Letter/Motion, (Doc. No. 12), in which Plaintiff seeks to obtain certain discovery from Defendants. Plaintiff’s motion will be denied as premature because discovery has not commenced in this action. Plaintiff is advised that discovery in this action does not commence until after Defendants have been served and answered or otherwise responded to the Complaint, and after the Court has entered a Pretrial Order and Case Management Plan in this matter setting forth deadlines for discovery and dispositive motions. Moreover, once discovery commences, Plaintiff must seek discovery from Defendants directly rather than filing motions with the Court.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Plaintiff’s Letter/Motion, (Doc. No. 12), is **DENIED** as premature.

Signed: January 30, 2018



Frank D. Whitney  
Chief United States District Judge

