IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

RONALD BLOODWORTH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action 2:10-CV-1122 Judge Marbley Magistrate Judge King

DEBORA A. TIMMERMAN-COOPER, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Defendants filed a motion to dismiss "plaintiff's third amended complaint." Motion to Dismiss, Doc. No. 39. Defendants' motion refers specifically to Doc. No. 34. In response, plaintiff filed a motion to strike defendants' Motion to Dismiss, arguing that he has not filed a third amended complaint. Motion to Strike, Doc. No. 45.

Plaintiff's history of filing illegible documents has resulted in some confusion in the record of this case. Nevertheless, it is clear that defendants' *Motion to Dismiss* addresses the complaint appearing at Doc. No. 34. Moreover, even plaintiff acknowledges that that filing represents the operative complaint in this action. Under these circumstances, plaintiff's *Motion to Strike*, Doc. No. 45, is **DENIED**.

Plaintiff has also asked for an extension of time in which to make substantive response to defendants' *Motion to Dismiss*. *Motion Requesting Extension of Time*, Doc. No. 47. That motion is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff may have until December 30, 2011 to make substantive response to the *Motion* to Dismiss. December 8, 2011 *s/Norah McCann King*

<u>s/Norah McCann King</u> Norah M^cCann King United States Magistrate Judge