

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

Lionel Harris,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:16-cv-888

Aaron Sowers, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Plaintiff, an Ohio inmate, brings this action against employees at the Madison Correctional Institution ("MCI"). Plaintiff alleges that the prison mail room mishandled a letter sent to him by his wife, and that Jill Gillespie, MCI's institutional inspector, retaliated against him for using the grievance procedure to complaint about the mishandling of his mail by misrepresenting facts to the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee of the Ohio General Assembly and by failing to investigate his claims. On November 14, 2016, the magistrate judge filed a report and recommendation on the initial screen of plaintiff's complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915A, which requires the court, "in a civil action in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity," to dismiss a complaint that fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. 28 U.S.C. §1915A(a)-(b)(1). The magistrate judge concluded that plaintiff's complaint fails to state a retaliation claim against Gillespie for which relief could be granted. The magistrate judge recommended that the retaliation claims against Gillespie be dismissed, but that plaintiff be

