

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT GREENEVILLE**

WILLIAM HEATH FLETCHER,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

No. 2:14-cv-135-TWP

SHERIFF WAYNE ANDERSON,)
SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL, and)
SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL)
STAFF,)

Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM

This is a prisoner's *pro se* civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter is before the Court upon the postal return of a copy of an order entered in this lawsuit, which was mailed to plaintiff at the address he listed as his current address in his complaint. The order was returned to the Court by the postal authorities more than ten days ago, with the face of the envelope marked, "Return to Sender, No Longer at this Facility" (Doc. 3). Obviously, plaintiff has failed to provide the Court with notice of his address change and, without his current address, neither the Court nor the defendants can communicate with him regarding his case.

Accordingly, this action will be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, sua sponte, for want of prosecution. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (recognizing a court’s authority to dismiss a case sua sponte for lack of prosecution); *White v. City of Grand Rapids*, No. 01-229234, 34 F. App’x 210, 211, 2002 WL 926998, at *1 (6th Cir. May 7, 2002) (finding that *pro se* prisoner’s complaint “was subject to dismissal for want of prosecution because he failed to keep the district court apprised of his current address”); *Jourdan v. Jabe*, 951 F.2d 108 (6th Cir. 1991).

ENTER:

s/ Thomas W. Phillips
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE