



TDCJ's settlement offer is in the process of being communicated to Plaintiff. Defendants believe Plaintiff's lawsuit will become moot upon acceptance of the offer.

After Defendants filed their status report on settlement, the Court referred this matter to the undersigned to conduct a non-binding settlement conference/mediation [#40]. The undersigned has reviewed the referral and determined that the appointment of counsel for Plaintiff for the limited purpose of conducting the mediation is warranted. The Court will, by separate order, schedule a telephonic conference with the attorneys to schedule the mediation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), the following attorney is appointed to represent Plaintiff in this case:

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Mr. Johns contact Plaintiff within 14 days of this Order regarding the appointment. The Court provides appointed counsel with the following resources issued by TDCJ to assist him in his representation of Plaintiff:

TDCJ Policy on Inmate Access to Counsel:

<https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/policy/BP0381.pdf>

TDCJ Attorney/Inmate Telephone Call Application:

[https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/policy/I-162\\_Form.pdf](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/policy/I-162_Form.pdf)

TDCJ Attorney Visit Application

[https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/policy/I-164\\_Form.pdf](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/documents/policy/I-164_Form.pdf)

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

SIGNED this 26th day of April, 2021.



ELIZABETH S. ("BETSY") CHESTNEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE