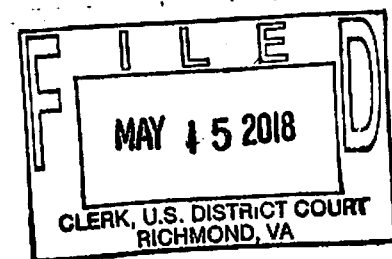


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division



TEVON JONES, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
MARILYN GARNER-O'CONNOR, )  
et al., )  
)  
Defendants. )

Civil Action No. 3:17CV424-HEH

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**  
**(Dismissing Action Without Prejudice)**


Plaintiff, a former Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. In order to state a viable claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that a person acting under color of state law deprived him or her of a constitutional right or of a right conferred by a law of the United States. *See Dowe v. Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke Valley*, 145 F.3d 653, 658 (4th Cir. 1998) (citing 42 U.S.C. § 1983). Plaintiff's current Complaint is forty-three pages and is comprised of rambling allegations that fail to provide each defendant with fair notice of the facts and legal basis upon which his or her liability rests. *See Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (quoting *Conley v. Gibson*, 355 U.S. 41, 47 (1957)). Moreover, while Plaintiff identifies constitutional amendments, he fails to explain how each defendant's conduct violated those constitutional rights. In addition, violations of prison operating procedures do not implicate the Constitution and are not cognizable under § 1983. *See Riccio v. Cty. of Fairfax*, 907 F.2d 1459, 1469 (4th Cir. 1990);

*Puranda v. Hill*, No. 3:10CV733–HEH, 2012 WL 2311844, at \*5 (E.D. Va. June 18, 2012). Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on April 13, 2018, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit a particularized complaint within fourteen (14) days of the date of entry thereof. The Court warned Plaintiff that the failure to submit the particularized complaint would result in the dismissal of the action.

More than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the entry of the April 13, 2018 Memorandum Order. Plaintiff failed to submit a particularized complaint or otherwise respond to the April 13, 2018 Memorandum Order. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

An appropriate order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: May 14, 2018  
Richmond, Virginia

 /s/  
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HENRY E. HUDSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE