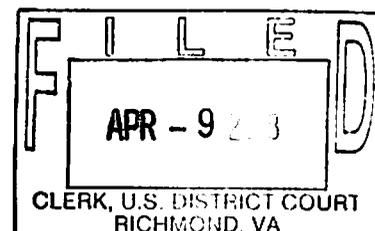


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division



DE'ANDRE DUNSTON, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. ) Civil Action No. 3:17CV779-HEH  
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 NURSE BROWN, *et al.*, )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

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

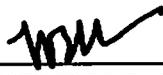
Plaintiff, a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. In order to state a viable claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that a person acting under color of state law deprived him or her of a constitutional right or of a right conferred 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). Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on March 2, 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 March 2, 2018 Memorandum Order. Plaintiff failed to submit a particularized complaint or otherwise

respond to the March 2, 2018 Memorandum Order. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

An appropriate order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: April 9, 2018  
Richmond, Virginia

 /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
HENRY E. HUDSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE