

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

Richmond Division

RANDOLPH K. MORSE,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 3:20cv251 (DJN)

BEVERLY CAREY,  
Defendant.

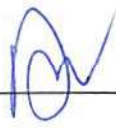
**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On April 7, 2020, Plaintiff Randolph K. Morse (“Plaintiff”), a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se*, filed this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1.) 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). In his current complaint, Plaintiff failed to identify the constitutional right allegedly violated. Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on August 28, 2020, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit a particularized complaint within fourteen (14) days of the date of entry thereof. (ECF No. 6.) 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 August 28, 2020 Memorandum Order. Plaintiff failed to submit a particularized complaint. Accordingly, this action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

An appropriate order shall issue.

Let the Clerk file a copy of the Memorandum Opinion electronically and send a copy to Plaintiff.

/s/   
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David J. Novak  
United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia  
Dated: October 29, 2020