

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

**JOHN LAWRENCE ELLIS, JR.,**

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. **3:20CV336**

**CHIEF ANN FELTON, et al.,**

Defendants.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Plaintiff, a federal 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 terse and conclusory allegations fail to provide each defendant with fair notice of the facts and the 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)). Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on November 10, 2020, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit a particularized complaint within thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) days have elapsed since the entry of the November 10, 2020 Memorandum Order. Plaintiff failed to submit a particularized complaint or otherwise respond to

