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

CHRISTOPHER PIERCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:23CV57 (RCY)

KEVIN A. HUDSON, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

By Memorandum Order entered on January 31, 2023, the Court conditionally docketed Plaintiff's civil action. At that time, the Court directed Plaintiff to affirm his intention to pay the full filing fee by signing and returning a consent to the collection of fees form. The Court warned Plaintiff that a failure to comply with the above directive within thirty (30) days of the date of entry thereof would result in summary dismissal of the action.

Plaintiff has not complied with the Court's order to return a consent to collection of fees form. As a result, he does not qualify for *in forma pauperis* status. Furthermore, he has not paid the statutory filing fee for the instant action. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Plaintiff's conduct demonstrates a willful failure to prosecute. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Accordingly, this action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

An appropriate Order shall accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Roderick C. Young United States District Judge

Date: March 23, 2023 Richmond, Virginia