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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 KEVEN JOE BRUNSON,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 OFFICER L. VERHELST, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

Case No. C18-30-MJP-MAT

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE OF  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

13 This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff is proceeding  
14 with this action *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. The Court, having reviewed plaintiff's complaint,  
15 and the balance of the record, hereby ORDERS as follows:

16 (1) Service by Clerk

17 The Clerk is directed to send to King County Jail Mailroom employees L. Verhelst and  
18 Andrea Williams copies of plaintiff's complaint and of this Order, two copies of the notice of  
19 lawsuit and request for waiver of service of summons, a waiver of service of summons, and a  
20 return envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the Clerk's Office.<sup>1</sup>

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22 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff appears to identify the King County Jail as a defendant in the caption of his complaint, but he does  
23 not identify this entity as a defendant in Part III of his complaint, nor does he assert any specific claim against the  
King County Jail in his statement of claim. The Court notes as well that the King County Jail, as an entity of King  
County, is not a proper defendant in this action. *See Nolan v. Snohomish County*, 59 Wn.App. 876, 883 (1990) ("in a

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1 (2) Response Required

2 Defendants shall have **thirty (30) days** within which to return the enclosed waivers of  
3 service of summons. If a defendant timely returns the signed waiver, he or she shall have **sixty**  
4 **(60) days** after the date designated on the notice of lawsuit to file and serve an answer to the  
5 complaint or a motion permitted under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6 If a defendant fails to timely return the signed waiver, he or she will be personally served  
7 with a summons and amended complaint, and may be required to pay the full costs of such service,  
8 pursuant to Rule 4(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A defendant who has been  
9 personally served shall file an answer or motion permitted under Rule 12 within **thirty (30) days**  
10 after service.

11 (3) Filing and Service by Parties, Generally

12 All attorneys admitted to practice before this Court are required to file documents  
13 electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Counsel are directed to the Court's website,  
14 [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov), for a detailed description of the requirements for filing via CM/ECF.  
15 All non-attorneys, such as *pro se* parties and/or prisoners, may continue to file a paper original  
16 with the Clerk. All filings, whether filed electronically or in traditional paper format, must indicate  
17 in the upper right hand corner the name of the magistrate judge to whom the document is directed.

18 For any party filing electronically, when the total of all pages of a filing exceeds fifty (50)  
19 pages in length, a paper copy of the document (with tabs or other organizing aids as necessary)  
20 shall be delivered to the Clerk's Office for chambers. The chambers copy must be clearly marked  
21 with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic Filing for Chambers."

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23 legal action involving a county, the county itself is the only legal entity capable of suing and being sued"). For these reasons, the Court does not recognize the King County Jail as a defendant in this action.

1 Any document filed with the Court must be accompanied by proof that it has been served  
2 upon all parties that have entered a notice of appearance in the underlying matter.

3 (4) Motions, Generally

4 Any request for court action shall be set forth in a motion, properly filed and served.  
5 Pursuant to LCR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion shall be submitted as a  
6 part of the motion itself and not in a separate document. The motion shall include in its caption  
7 (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the date the motion is to be noted for  
8 consideration upon the Court's motion calendar.

9 Stipulated and agreed motions, motions to file over-length motions or briefs, motions for  
10 reconsideration, joint submissions pursuant to the option procedure established in LCR 37(a)(2),  
11 motions for default, requests for the clerk to enter default judgment, and motions for the court to  
12 enter default judgment where the opposing party has not appeared shall be noted for consideration  
13 on the day they are filed. *See* LCR 7(d)(1). All other non-dispositive motions shall be noted for  
14 consideration no earlier than the third Friday following filing and service of the motion. *See* LCR  
15 7(d)(3). All dispositive motions shall be noted for consideration no earlier than the fourth Friday  
16 following filing and service of the motion. *Id.*

17 For electronic filers, all briefs and affidavits in opposition to either a dispositive or non-  
18 dispositive motion shall be filed and served not later than 11:59 p.m. on the Monday immediately  
19 preceding the date designated for consideration of the motion. If a party (i.e. a *pro se* litigant  
20 and/or prisoner) files a paper original, that opposition must be received in the Clerk's office by  
21 4:30 p.m. on the Monday preceding the date of consideration.

22 The party making the motion may file and serve, not later than 11:59 p.m. (if filing  
23 electronically) or 4:30 p.m. (if filing a paper original with the Clerk's office) on the date designated

1 for consideration of the motion, a reply to the opposing party's briefs and affidavits.

2 (5) Motions to Dismiss and Motions for Summary Judgment

3 Parties filing motions to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
4 Procedure and motions for summary judgment pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
5 Procedure should acquaint themselves with those rules. As noted above, these motions shall be  
6 noted for consideration no earlier than the fourth Friday following filing and service of the motion.

7 Defendants filing motions to dismiss or motions for summary judgment are advised that they  
8 MUST serve *Rand* notices concurrently with motions to dismiss based on failure to exhaust  
9 administrative remedies and motions for summary judgment so that *pro se* prisoner plaintiffs will  
10 have fair, timely and adequate notice of what is required of them in order to oppose those motions.  
11 *Woods v. Carey*, 684 F.3d 934, 941 (9th Cir. 2012). The Ninth Circuit has set forth model language  
12 for such notices:

13 A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of  
14 Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

15 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for summary  
16 judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted when there is no  
17 genuine issue of material fact – that is, if there is no real dispute about any  
18 fact that would affect the result of your case, the party who asked for  
19 summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will  
20 end your case. When a party you are suing makes a motion for summary  
21 judgment that is properly supported by declarations (or other sworn  
22 testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead,  
23 **you must set out specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to  
interrogatories, or authenticated documents, as provided in Rule 56(e),  
that contradict the facts shown in the defendant's declarations and  
documents and show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for  
trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition, summary  
judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary  
judgment is granted, your case will be dismissed and there will be no  
trial.**

1 *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (emphasis added).

2 Defendants who fail to file and serve the required *Rand* notice on plaintiff may have their  
3 motion stricken from the Court's calendar with leave to re-file.

4 (6) Direct Communications with District Judge or Magistrate Judge

5 No direct communication is to take place with the District Judge or Magistrate Judge with  
6 regard to this case. All relevant information and papers are to be directed to the Clerk.

7 (7) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff. The Clerk is further  
8 directed send a copy of this Order and a courtesy copy of plaintiff's complaint to the King County  
9 Prosecutor's Office by first-class mail.

10 Dated this 9th day of February, 2018.

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13 Mary Alice Theiler  
14 United States Magistrate Judge