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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

KURT ANGELONE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DR. MICHAEL FURST,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 07-5538 RJB/KLS

ORDER ON MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER
ON WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
AD TESTIFICANDUM AND/OR
MOTION TO DISMISS

This matter comes before the Court on the Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration on the Order on Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Testificandum and/or Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 249) and Emergency Motion to Dismiss Case (Dkt. 258). The Court has considered the relevant documents and the remainder of the file herein.

Originally filed in September 2007, Plaintiff, a *pro se* prisoner, filed this civil rights action against multiple Defendants. Dkt. 1. All Defendants and claims were dismissed. Dkt. 148. Plaintiff appealed, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed in part, vacated the judgment as to the retaliation claim, and remanded the matter. Dkt. 163.

1 On November 21, 2011, the Court adopted the Report and Recommendation of U.S.
2 Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom (Dkt. 188) which recommended denial of Defendant
3 Michael Furst, M.D.'s motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff's retaliation claim. Dkt. 190.
4 In this claim, Plaintiff asserts that in retaliation for Plaintiff's threat to file a lawsuit and for filing
5 various grievances against him, Dr. Furst spoke with Plaintiff's primary care provider and told
6 him that Plaintiff was a benzodiazepine seeker. Dkt. 181. Plaintiff's primary care provider then
7 no longer gave Plaintiff benzodiazepine. *Id.* Dr. Furst contests the motivation Plaintiff ascribes
8 him. Dkt. 176. Instead, he alleges that his goal of avoiding having Plaintiff on benzodiazepines,
9 had nothing to do with Mr. Angelone expressing his concerns, but was motivated by what he felt
10 was appropriate medical treatment. Dkt. 176. Parties have engaged in discovery and trial is set
11 to begin on December 10, 2012. Dkt. 214.

12 Mr. Angelone moved for an order issuing a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum
13 requiring Washington Department of Corrections Superintendent Pat Glebe of the Stafford Creek
14 Correction Center to bring him to the federal court house in Tacoma for the trial. Dkt. 249. He
15 further requested that he be given civilian clothes, heart medication, and hygiene products. *Id.*

16 On October 30, 2012, Mr. Angelone's motion for an order issuing a writ of habeas corpus
17 ad testificandum was granted, in part, as follows:

18 The Washington Department of Corrections should arrange for the
19 production of Plaintiff, Kurt Angelone, DOC No. 965087, in the courtroom of the
20 Honorable Robert J. Bryan, United States District Court, 1717 Pacific Avenue,
21 Tacoma, WA on Monday December 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. (or at a further date as
22 the Court's calendar requires) and should arrange for Mr. Angelone's production
23 until the trial is concluded. The Washington Department of Corrections should
24 arrange for Mr. Angelone's custody and presence at the proceedings, and shall
arrange for his presence at the trial until its conclusion. Upon conclusion of the
trial, the Washington Department of Corrections should arrange for transportation
of Mr. Angelone back to the Stafford Creek Correction Center. The Department
of Corrections should pay for the costs of transporting him to and from the
courtroom and for security during the trial.

1 Plaintiff should have access to necessary medications and legal files. . . .
2 The United States Marshal should facilitate the execution of this order while
3 Plaintiff is in the United States Courthouse.

4 Dkt. 254. Mr. Angelone made no showing that civilian clothes were warranted, and so his
5 motion to be provided civilian clothes was denied. *Id.*

6 Mr. Angelone now brings a motion for reconsideration of the order issuing the writ of
7 habeas corpus ad testificandum. Dkt. 257. He argues that the Court reconsider its ruling and
8 require that: 1) the Superintendent of Stafford Creek Correction Center or the United States
9 Marshal Service transport him; 2) he should be taken to and from Stafford Creek Correction
10 Center everyday and not housed at the Pierce County Jail; and 3) he be given civilian clothes.

11 Dkt. 257. Mr. Angelone states that if the Court does not grant his motion, he moves to dismiss
12 this case because his “physical and mental health and his life is [sic] more important than the
13 trial.” *Id.*

14 After filing his motion for reconsideration, Mr. Angelone filed an “Emergency Motion to
15 Dismiss.” Dkt. 258. In it, he states that this case is becoming too stressful for him to prosecute
16 and moves to dismiss this case. *Id.*

17 Dr. Furst does not oppose the motion to dismiss, but moves for such dismissal to be with
18 prejudice. Dkt. 256.

19 Western District of Washington Rule of Civ. P. 7(h)(1), “[m]otions for reconsideration are
20 disfavored. The court will ordinarily deny such motions in the absence of a showing of manifest
21 error in the prior ruling or a showing of new facts or legal authority which could not have been
22 brought to its attention earlier with reasonable diligence.”

23 Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration (Dkt. 257) should be denied. Plaintiff has failed to
24 show a “manifest error” in the Order granting, in part, and denying, in part, his motion for a writ

1 of habeas corpus ad testificandum (Dkt. 254) “or a showing of new facts or legal authority which
2 could not have been brought to its attention earlier with reasonable diligence.”

3 Plaintiff’s motions to dismiss the case (Dkts. 257 and 258) should be granted. Further,
4 Plaintiff’s decision to abandon this case due to his dissatisfaction with the travel arrangements
5 should result in a dismissal of the matter with prejudice.

6 In light of Plaintiff’s dismissal of this case, the Order on Motion for Writ of Habeas
7 Corpus Ad Testificandum (Dkt. 254) should be vacated.

8 **ORDER**

- 9 • Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration of the Order on his Motion for Writ of
10 Habeas Corpus Ad Testificandum (Dkt. 257) **IS DENIED**;
- 11 • Plaintiff’s Motions to Dismiss (Dkts. 257 and 258) **IS GRANTED**;
- 12 • This case **IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**; and
- 13 • The Order on Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Testificandum (Dkt. 254) **IS**
14 **VACATED**.

15 The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record, the
16 Washington Attorney General’s office, United States Marshal Edward S. Muldowney,
17 Washington Department of Corrections Superintendent Pat Glebe of the Stafford Creek
18 Correction Center, and to any party appearing *pro se* at said party’s last known address.

19 Dated this 14th day of November, 2012.

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21 ROBERT J. BRYAN
22 United States District Judge