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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT TACOMA

10 DENNIS STEVEN RAY PARKER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 DANIEL WHITE, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:18-cv-05093-BHS-DWC

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
FILE INTERROGATORIES

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16 The District Court has referred this action, filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, to United  
17 States Magistrate Judge David W. Christel. Presently pending before the Court is Plaintiff  
18 Dennis Steven Ray Parker's Motion to File Thirteen Interrogatories ("Motion"). Dkt. 29.

19 **I. Background**

20 Plaintiff filed this action on February 5, 2018. Dkts 1, 9. He included ten John Doe  
21 Defendants in his Complaint, but included only two named Defendants. Dkt. 9. The Court  
22 ordered Plaintiff to show cause or provide a list of the names and contact information for the  
23 unnamed Defendants. Dkt. 10. Plaintiff responded by filing interrogatories, which the Court  
24 interpreted as Plaintiff's inability to provide the names of his John Doe Defendants without

1 additional information. Dkts. 11, 12. Because of this, the Court opened discovery for the limited  
2 purpose of identifying Plaintiff's John Doe Defendants. Dkt. 28. The court set the discovery  
3 deadline at August 31, 2018, and informed Plaintiff he must send his interrogatories to  
4 Defendants no later than August 1, 2018. *Id.*

5 After the Court opened discovery, Plaintiff attempted several times to file interrogatories  
6 requesting identifying information on his John Does Defendants with the Court. Dkt. events at  
7 7/27/2018, 8/1/2018. However, the Clerk declined to file them pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5(b).  
8 Plaintiff has now filed his Motion, asking "why are the limited [discoveries], and thirteen  
9 interrogatories not being filed in this case," even though the Court has authorized limited  
10 discovery. Dkt. 5.

## 11 **II. Discussion**

12 Pursuant to local rule, the District Court's electronic filing system may be used to serve  
13 documents on a party in a case. LCR 5(b). However, "Rule 26 initial disclosures *and discovery*  
14 *requests* and responses *must not be filed* until they are used in the proceedings or the court orders  
15 filing." *Id.* (emphasis added). In other words, *requests for discovery must be sent directly to the*  
16 *party or the party's attorney*, and not to the Court.

17 Here, Plaintiff asks why his interrogatories have not been filed in this case. Under LCR  
18 5(b), his discovery requests may not be filed until they are used in the proceedings or the Court  
19 orders they be filed. The Court has not yet ordered that they be filed, and, though he may later  
20 use the information from the interrogatories if he amends his Complaint, they are not currently  
21 being used in the proceedings. Thus, filing interrogatories with the Court is inappropriate at this  
22 time. If Plaintiff wishes to serve his interrogatories on his named Defendants, he should send his  
23 interrogatories directly to Defendants' counsel through U.S. mail.

