

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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CAROLINE MORE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN CATHEDRAL PARISH,  
JAMES BIRNBAUM; LA CROSSE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT and OFFICER TEFF,

Defendants.

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ORDER

13-cv-846-bbc

Plaintiff Caroline More, who is proceeding in this case *pro se* filed this civil action on December 9, 2013. Plaintiff paid the \$400 fee for filing this case. On December 10, 2013, clerk's office staff provided plaintiff with the forms and instructions for serving her complaint on the defendants.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), a plaintiff has 120 days after filing a complaint in which to serve the defendants. However, that is an outside limit with few exceptions. This court requires that a plaintiff act diligently in moving her case to resolution. To date, plaintiff has not filed proof of service of her complaint on the defendants. Indeed, plaintiff has not corresponded with the court about this case since she filed her case on December 9, 2013.

Plaintiff must report to the court in writing what steps he has taken to serve her complaint on the defendants. Although the outside deadline for serving the complaint does not occur until April 9, 2014, there is no point in maintaining this action as an open case if plaintiff has abandoned prosecution of it.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Caroline More may have until March 28, 2014, in which to advise the court in writing what steps she has taken to serve her complaint on the defendants. If, by March 28, 2014, plaintiff fails to respond to this order, the clerk of court will enter judgment dismissing this action without prejudice for plaintiff's failure to prosecute.

Entered this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge