

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION

JOHNNY L. WILLIAMS, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 3:22cv9570-LC-HTC

PARROTT, et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiff's "Motion of Inquiry," which "seeks to consult" the Court about the Local Rules related to pretrial matters. ECF Doc. 107. The Court will direct the clerk to terminate the "Motion" because it does not contain a cognizable request for relief, the Court cannot provide a party with legal advice, and, regardless, the Local Rules do not address the pretrial matters listed by Plaintiff. Instead, Plaintiff must comply with the Court's October 27, 2023 Order, which requires him to submit a narrative written statement of the facts he will present at trial, an exhibit list, and a witness list. ECF Doc. 106.

In addition, Plaintiff previously requested the assistance of counsel to help him prosecute this case, which was denied. ECF Docs. 56, 57, 89, & 90. Considering Defendants' motion for summary judgment has been denied, ECF Doc. 105, and this case is moving towards trial, the Court will *sua sponte* direct the clerk

to issue a notice to all attorneys registered with the Court's electronic filing system inviting an attorney to represent Plaintiff.

This Order is merely a request for an attorney to represent Plaintiff; an attorney may decline to appear in this case. Plaintiff, therefore, should continue to prosecute his case and continue to comply with all Court orders at this time, including the order directing him to submit his pretrial materials.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The clerk is directed to terminate the "Motion of Inquiry," ECF Doc. 107.
2. The clerk must issue a notice to all attorneys registered with the Court's electronic filing system, and publish on the Court's website, the notice soliciting an attorney set forth below. The notice must state:

This is a notice of an opportunity to provide representation in the case of *Williams v. Parrott, et al.*, Case No. 3:22cv9570-LC-HTC.

Plaintiff Johnny L. Williams, Jr., is serving a sentence in the Florida Department of Corrections. Plaintiff alleges the correctional officer Defendants violated the Eighth Amendment by using excessive force against him and by failing to prevent the excessive use of force on September 3, 2018, at Santa Rosa Correctional Institution. Further detail is provided in the complaint (ECF Doc. 1) and the report recommending that Defendants' motion for summary judgment be denied (ECF Doc. 102). Defendants' motion for summary judgment has recently been denied and the parties are preparing for trial.

Members of the district's bar will be afforded access to the electronic docket without charge for the purpose of considering whether to undertake the representation of Plaintiff. An attorney who wishes to

provide representation may contact Plaintiff¹ directly, work out a fee arrangement that is satisfactory to both client and counsel, and may enter the case by filing a notice of appearance. Limited funds are sometimes available from the district's Bench and Bar Fund for the payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by an attorney providing pro bono representation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ Hope Thai Cannon

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ Plaintiff is currently incarcerated at Hardee Correctional Institution in Bowling Green, Florida.