

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

RANDALL A. FULBRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 18-3175-SAC

(FNU) DEBBENHAM, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Mr. Fulbright, a pre-trial detainee now confined in the Larned State Hospital, filed a pro se civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff's complaint includes few details but seems to allege constitutional defects with Mr. Fulbright's 2014 Kansas conviction for sexual battery.¹ As relief, Plaintiff requests removal from registration as a sex offender under the Kansas Offender Registration Act (KORA), K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and punitive damages for "illegal confinement."

The Court entered an Order (ECF No. 2) finding Plaintiff is subject to the "three-strikes" provision under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). The Court examined the Complaint and found no showing of imminent danger of serious physical injury. The Court granted Plaintiff until December 4, 2018, to submit the \$400.00 filing fee. The Order was mailed to Plaintiff at the Shawnee County Jail but was returned as Plaintiff was no longer confined there. The Court entered a new Order on

¹ Case No. 14-CR-000833 in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

December 10, 2018 (ECF No. 4), granting Plaintiff until December 27, 2018 to submit the filing fee. The Order was mailed to Plaintiff at the Larned State Hospital. The Order provided that “[t]he failure to submit the fee by that date will result in the dismissal of this matter without prejudice and without additional prior notice.” (ECF No. 4 at 2.) Plaintiff has failed to pay the filing fee by the deadline set forth in the order.

Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure “authorizes a district court, upon a defendant’s motion, to order the dismissal of an action for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or ‘a court order.’” *Young v. U.S.*, 316 F. App’x 764, 771 (10th Cir. 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)). “This rule has been interpreted as permitting district courts to dismiss actions *sua sponte* when one of these conditions is met.” *Id.* (citing *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962); *Olsen v. Mapes*, 333 F.3d 1199, 1204 n.3 (10th Cir. 2003)). “In addition, it is well established in this circuit that a district court is not obligated to follow any particular procedures when dismissing an action *without prejudice* under Rule 41(b).” *Young*, 316 F. App’x at 771–72 (citations omitted).

The time in which Plaintiff was required to submit the filing fee has passed. As a consequence, the Court dismisses this action without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(b) for failure to comply with court orders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COURT that this action is **dismissed without prejudice.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 14th day of January, 2019, at Topeka, Kansas.

s/ Sam A. Crow
SAM A. CROW
U.S. Senior District Judge