

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY,
CAMDEN VICINAGE**

Shawn Woodward v. Correctional Officer Myers, et al.

Woodward · No. Civ. No. 23-450 (RMB)(SAK) · Decided February 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey dismissed Shawn Woodward's pro se prisoner civil rights action without prejudice after legal mail was returned as undeliverable. The court relied on Local Civil Rule 10.1(a) and allowed the plaintiff 30 days to seek reopening by showing good cause for failing to update his address.

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE SHAWN WOODWARD,; Civ. No. 23-450 (RMB)(SAK) Plaintiff,;
MEMORANDUM ORDER v.: CORRECTIONAL OFFICER MYERS, et al., Defendants.: This matter comes before the Court sua sponte in this pro se prisoner civil rights action.

On September 10, 2025, Plaintiffs legal mail was returned to the Court as undeliverable. (Dkt. No. 65). Local Civil Rule 10.1(a) provides, in relevant part: unrepresented parties must advise the Court of any change in their... address within seven days of being apprised of such change by filing a notice of said change with the Clerk. Failure to file a notice of change may result in the imposition of sanctions by the Court.

Dismissing a complaint without prejudice is an appropriate remedy for noncompliance with this rule. See *Archie v. Dept. of Corr.*, Ctv. No. 12-2466 (RBK/JS), 2015 WL 333299, at *1 (D.N.J. Jan. 23, 2015) (collecting cases). IT IS therefore on this 4th day of February 2026 ORDERED that this case is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Local Civil Rule 10.i(a), and the Clerk shall close this matter; and it is further ORDERED that Plaintiff may seek to reopen this matter if, within 30 days from the date of entry of this Order, he submits to the Clerk of Court, at Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse, 4th & Cooper Streets, Room 1050, Camden, New Jersey, 08101, a writing showing good cause why he did not timely apprise the Court of his new address; and it is further ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiffs last known address, RENEE MARTE BUMB CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE