

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
DAKOTA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

Rindahl v. Magstadt

No. 4:26-CV-04024-RAL · No. 4:26-CV-04024-RAL · Decided March 25, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Dakota denied Randy Lee Rindahl’s request for a preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order. The court held that the submission did not satisfy Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) because it did not clearly show immediate injury before the defendants could be heard, and it did not provide sufficiently clear grounds for relief concerning his cellmate selection or an alleged Prison Rape Elimination Act violation.

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA SOUTHERN DIVISION ~~ RANDY LEE RINDAHL,. 4:26-CV-04024-RAL Plaintiff, MELISSA MAGSTADT, Secretary of ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S Department of Health; STATE OF SOUTH REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICES; “- RESTRAINING ORDER UNKNOWN CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES CLINCIC SUPERVISOR; A. □ HAYNES, Medical Director; M. RECTOR, MD, Medical Provider; A. WELBIG, Certified Nurse Practitioner; S. BLACK, Certified Nurse Practitioner; J. KNUTSON, Certified Nurse Practitioner; S. GOTTSLEBEN, APRN; _ DESIRARE KUMMER, Registered Nurse; LISA HARLAN, Registered Nurse; LEANNE □ PETERSON, Registered Nurse; JOSIE RAND,.

Registered Nurse / X-Ray Technician; UNKNOWN JANE AND JOHN DOE NURSES; LARRY RHODEN, State of South Dakota Governor; STATE OF SOUTH; DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; A: PIRRAGLIA, Director of Prisons; J. ROEMMICH, Warden for SDSP; R. JOHNSTON, Facility Warden; AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL ((ANE/JOHN DOE PERSONNEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS / ot TRUSTEES); S. WOODWARD, MD, Radiology — Vice Chair of AMG Radiology; JANE / JOHN DOE, Personnel Radiologist working for AveraiMcKennen Hospital (7/07/2025); JANE /JOHN DOE, Personnel working for Avera‘McKennen Hospital; |.

AVERA ST. LUKE’S HOSPITAL (JANE/ JOHN DOE PERSONNEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES); L. LENTER, MD,. Radiologist, PETER WEI, MD, Radiologist; YASSINE KANAAN, MD, Radiologist; J. LUZIER, MD, Radiologist; JANE /JOHN DOE, Personnel working for Avera St. Luke’s Hospital; AVERA LINCOLN COUNTY (JANE / JOHN DOE

PERSONNEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS / TRUSTEE); JANE / JOHN DOE, Personnel Radiologist working for Avera Lincoln County (1/31/2025 & 12/19/2025), Defendants.

Plaintiff Randy Lee Rindahl, an inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary, has filed material that appears to be seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in this case. Docs. 7, 7-1. His pleading does not satisfy the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b) for a temporary restraining order because there is no clear showing of immediate injury prior to when Defendants can be heard.

Indeed, Rindahl describes the Dataphase factors in his memorandum, Doc. 7, and submits a draft order seeking to set a hearing on whether he is entitled to relief, Doc. 7-1. See *Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. C L Sys., Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 113 (8th Cir. 1981) (en banc).

As for the requested hearing and preliminary injunction, Rindahl's submission seems to take issue with the selection of his cellmate. See Doc. 7 at 1-2. He references the Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA") but does not clearly identify a violation of the PREA. See generally Docs. 7, 7-1. Federal courts do not micromanage cell placements of state inmates.

Absent clearer reasons given, it is ORDERED that Rindahl's request for a preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order, Doc. 7, is denied. DATED March aS, 2026. BY THE COURT: ROBERTO A. LANGE CHIEF JUDGE