

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
MISSOURI**

**Joseph Michael Devon Engel v. PayPal**

Engel · No. No. 4:21-cv-00886-HEA · Decided January 8, 2026

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**SUMMARY**

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri denied Joseph Michael Devon Engel's post-judgment motion to reopen his action against PayPal. The court characterized the motion as frivolous, cited Engel's prior abusive litigation practices, and directed the Clerk to return any future submissions in the closed matter unfiled.

**OPINION**

Engel

PER CURIAM.

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JOSEPH MICHAEL DEVON ENGEL, )

) Plaintiff, ) ) v. ) No. 4:21-cv-00886-HEA )

PAYPAL, )

) Defendant. )

OPINION, MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on review of Plaintiff's post-judgment motion to reopen.<sup>1</sup> [ECF No. 21]. Plaintiff is a prisoner who is subject to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), and who previously "knowingly and persistently engaged in litigation practices that amount[ed] to abuse of the judicial process." Engel v. Jefferson County Sheriff Dep't. No. 4:21-cv-00896-SEP, 2021 WL 4133791, at

\*3 (E.D. Mo. Sept. 10, 2021). In the instant motion, Plaintiff complains that in August of 2021, defendant PayPal allowed someone to hack his account and "take over" his identity. He seeks the status of the instant action, and he asks this Court to let him proceed with his claims to hold PayPal responsible. Plaintiff's motion is frivolous, and it is consistent with his prior pattern of abusive litigation before this Court. The Court will therefore deny the motion and direct the Clerk to return any future documents to Plaintiff unfiled. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to reopen, ECF No. 21, is DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should Plaintiff submit any additional documents in this closed matter, the Clerk of Court shall return them to Plaintiff unfiled. Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

HENRY EDWARD AUTREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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