

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS

John Huckabee v. Anthony Wills, et al.

Huckabee · No. 25-cv-00685-SMY · Decided June 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois dismissed John Huckabee’s civil rights action with prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with an order requiring him to provide a current address. The court directed the Clerk to close the case and explained the deadlines and filing-fee consequences for any appeal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Staci M. Yandle
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
DECIDED	June 3, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-00685-SMY
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court dismissed Plaintiff's civil rights action with prejudice after he failed to update his address or respond to an order requiring written notice of his current address.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; memorandum and order with no reporter citation or stated precedential designation.
PARTIES	John Huckabee v. Anthony Wills, et al.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Civil rights litigation
- Appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action should be dismissed with prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with a court order.

HOLDINGS

1. The action is dismissed with prejudice because Plaintiff failed to prosecute the case and failed to comply with the court's order requiring him to provide written notice of his current address.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, this case is DISMISSED with prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with an Order of the Court.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

John Huckabee, a former Illinois Department of Corrections inmate, filed a civil rights action after his release on parole. Documents mailed to his address of record were returned as undeliverable, and IDOC records listed him as a parole absconder. Despite an order requiring him to provide written notice of his current address by June 2, 2026, and warning of dismissal, Huckabee failed to respond or update his address.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a civil rights lawsuit after being released on parole. Mail sent to his address of record was returned as undeliverable, and the court ordered him to provide a current address by June 2, 2026, warning that noncompliance would result in dismissal with prejudice. Plaintiff did not comply or otherwise respond, so the court dismissed the action, directed the Clerk to close the case, and ordered entry of judgment.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- James v. McDonald’s Corp., 417 F.3d 672, 681 (7th Cir. 2005)
- Ladien v. Astrachan, 128 F.3d 1051 (7th Cir. 1997)
- Lucien v. Breweur, 9 F.3d 26, 29 (7th Cir. 1993)
- Ammons v. Gerlinger, 547 F.3d 724, 725-26 (7th Cir. 2008)
- Sloan v. Lesza, 181 F.3d 857, 858-59 (7th Cir. 1999)
- Lucien v. Jockisch, 133 F.3d 464, 467 (7th Cir. 1998)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS JOHN HUCKABEE, #M15075,)) Plaintiff,)) vs.) Case No. 25-cv-00685-SMY) ANTHONY WILLS, et al.,)) Defendants.) MEMORANDUM AND ORDER YANDLE, Chief Judge: This matter is before the Court for case management. Plaintiff John Huckabee, Jr., a former

inmate of the Illinois Department of Corrections (“IDOC”), filed this civil rights lawsuit after he was released on parole (Doc.

1). Documents mailed to him at his address of record in Hickory Hills, Illinois, were returned as undeliverable (Docs. 15, 26, 28, 29, 30). IDOC online records show Plaintiff is now listed as a parole “absconder.”¹ The Court ordered Plaintiff to provide written notice of his current address by June 2, 2026, and warned him that failure to comply would result in the dismissal of this case with prejudice (Doc.

27). The deadline has come and gone, and Plaintiff has failed to update his address or respond in any way. Accordingly, this case is DISMISSED with prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with an Order of the Court. FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b); see generally *James v. McDonald’s Corp.*, 417 F.3d 672, 681 (7th Cir. 2005); *Ladien v. Astrachan*, 128 F.3d 1051 (7th Cir.

1997); *Lucien v. Breweur*, 9 F.3d 26, 29 (7th Cir. 1993) (dismissal for failure to prosecute is presumptively 1 IDOC Individual in Custody Search, <https://idoc.illinois.gov/offender/inmatesearch.html> (last visited June 2, 2026). with prejudice).

The Clerk is DIRECTED to CLOSE THIS CASE and enter judgment accordingly. If Plaintiff wishes to appeal this dismissal, his notice of appeal must be filed with this Court within thirty days of the entry of judgment. FED. R. APP. P. 4(a)(1)(A). A motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis must set forth the issues Plaintiff plans to present on appeal. See FED.

R. APP. P. 24(a)(1)(C). If Plaintiff does choose to appeal, he will be liable for the \$505.00 appellate filing fee irrespective of the outcome of the appeal. See FED. R. APP. P. 3(e); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2); *Ammons v. Gerlinger*, 547 F.3d 724, 725-26 (7th Cir. 2008); *Sloan v. Lesza*, 181 F.3d 857, 858-59 (7th Cir. 1999); *Lucien v. Jockisch*, 133 F.3d 464, 467 (7th Cir.

1998). A proper and timely motion filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) may toll the 30-day appeal deadline. FED. R. APP. P. 4(a)(4). A Rule 59(e) motion must be filed no more than twenty- eight (28) days after the entry of the judgment, and this 28-day deadline cannot be extended. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: June 3, 2026 _____ STACI M. YANDLE Chief U.S. District Judge