

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

Scotty Lee White v. Paul Hopkins, et al.

White · No. 1:23-cv-00208-SNLJ · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The court addresses improper email communications by self-represented plaintiff Scotty Lee White to court staff in violation of Local Rule 4.04(A) and prior orders. The court orders White not to send further email communications to the court or court staff except for submitting documents for filing in pending cases.

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION SCOTTY LEE WHITE,)) Plaintiff,)) v.)) Case No. 1:23-cv-
00208-SNLJ PAUL HOPKINS, et al.,)) Defendants.)) MEMORANDUM AND ORDER It has
come to the Court’s attention that self-represented plaintiff Scotty Lee White has sent an email
communication to court staff with regard to this case for purposes other than submitting
documents for filing.

The email communication is improper and violates Local Rule 4.04(A), which prohibits written
communication with the Court except by filing a motion or memorandum in a pending case.
Furthermore, this constitutes another improper use of the MOED_SRL_Filings email by White, in
violation of previous Orders that mandated White to cease the inappropriate utilization of that
email.

See [Docs. 121, 127]. The Court’s website provides clear instructions to self-represented litigants
regarding use of the MOED_SRL_Filings email, including the admonition that: “All emails to the
Court must contain a document to be filed.

The MOED_SRL_Filings email is not intended for asking questions or corresponding with the
Court.” (emphasis added). Additionally, the Court notes White’s history of sending emails to court
staff that contain outrageous and baseless accusations. White shall cease such communications.

The Court has the inherent authority to impose filing restrictions on litigants who abuse the
judicial process and waste the Court’s resources with frivolous filings. See generally, *In re Tyler*,
839 F.2d 1290, 1292-1295 (8th Cir. 1988) (upholding imposition of a filing restriction based on
frivolous filings). “Every paper filed with the Clerk of this Court, no matter how repetitious or
frivolous, requires some portion of the institution’s limited resources.

A part of the Court's responsibility is to see that these resources are allocated in a way that promotes the interests of justice." See Day v. Day, 510 USS. 1, 2 (1993). Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff Scotty Lee White SHALL NOT send any further email communications to the Court or court staff that are not related to submitting documents for filing in pending cases in this Court.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of January, 2026. STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR." SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE