

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

Supastar Ware v. John Valley, et al.

Ware · No. No. 4:26-cv-00513 RHH · Decided April 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri denied Supastar Ware’s motion for reconsideration, motion for leave to amend, and request for a temporary restraining order. The court upheld its determination that Ware was subject to the three-strikes provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and its severance of unrelated claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 18, 20, and 21. The court also found that Ware had not shown an imminent constitutional violation or irreparable harm warranting injunctive relief.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division
DECIDED	April 20, 2026
DOCKET	No. 4:26-cv-00513 RHH
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for reconsideration of a prior order, leave to amend his complaint, and injunctive relief. The district court denied all three requests.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the standards governing reconsideration, amendment under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 2.06(A), and temporary restraining orders or preliminary injunctions under the Dataphase factors. It also reviewed the prior screening and joinder determinations under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Rules 18, 20, and 21.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Supastar Ware v. John Valley, et al.

TOPICS

- motion for reconsideration
- motion to amend
- injunctions
- prisoners rights
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

prisoner civil rights

federal civil procedure

injunctive relief

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should reconsider its prior determination that Ware was subject to the three-strikes provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).
2. Whether the court should reconsider its severance of unrelated claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 18, 20, and 21.
3. Whether Ware should be granted leave to amend when he did not use the required court form, did not attach a proposed amended complaint, and sought to add unrelated claims.
4. Whether Ware was entitled to a temporary restraining order requiring vendor-provided meals and closure of the prison kitchen.

HOLDINGS

1. The court declined to reconsider its prior determination that Ware was subject to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and could not proceed in forma pauperis absent a showing of imminent danger of serious physical injury.
2. The court declined to reconsider its prior severance of claims that were unrelated to the claims identified on page 11 of the complaint.
3. Leave to amend was denied because Ware did not submit the proposed amended complaint, did not comply with the applicable local rule requiring use of a court-provided form, and sought to add unrelated claims.
4. Ware was not entitled to a temporary restraining order requiring vendor-provided meals or closure of the prison kitchen because he failed to show a constitutional violation, irreparable harm, a cognizable danger of future violation, or that the Dataphase factors favored relief.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“(1) the threat of irreparable harm to the movant; (2) the state of the balance between this harm and the injury that granting the injunction will inflict on other parties litigant; (3) the probability that [the] movant will succeed on the merits; and (4) the public interest.” (640 F.2d at 113)

“For an injunction to issue, ‘a right must be violated,’ and ‘the [C]ourt must determine’ whether ‘a cognizable danger of future violation exists[,] and that danger must be more than a mere possibility.’” (60 F.3d at 520-21)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Supastar Ware, a Missouri prisoner and frequent litigant, sued 26 Missouri Department of Corrections employees over alleged failure to protect, unconstitutional conditions of confinement, deliberate indifference to medical and mental-health needs, and inadequate meals. He sought to add approximately 30 claims, asked the court to reconsider its prior finding that he was subject to the three-strikes rule and its severance of unrelated claims, and sent a letter seeking an order shutting down the prison kitchen and requiring vendor-provided meals. The court

found that his allegations concerning inadequate nutrition and a carnivore diet were conclusory and did not establish imminent danger, irreparable harm, or a constitutional violation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Ware filed a prisoner civil-rights action on April 7, 2026, against 26 Missouri Department of Corrections employees. The court previously screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, found that Ware was subject to the three-strikes provision of § 1915(g), determined that his claims were improperly joined, and severed 28 of 29 claims under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21. In this order, the court denied reconsideration, denied leave to amend without prejudice, and denied without prejudice Ware's request for a temporary restraining order.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Ware v. Foley, et al., No. 4:25-cv-383-JAR (E.D. Mo. filed June 18, 2025)
- Ware v. Missouri Dep't of Corr., et al., No. 4:24-cv-934-ACL (E.D. Mo. filed July 23, 2024)
- Ware v. Centurion Health Care, No. 4:24-cv-1008-SEP (E.D. Mo. filed August 8, 2025)
- Ware v. Missouri Dep't of Corr. et al., No. 4:25-cv-1262-SEP (E.D. Mo. Sept. 12, 2025)
- Ware v. Galibert, et al., No. 2:25-cv-4246-BCW (W.D. Mo. Oct. 28, 2025)
- Popoalii v. Corr. Med. Servs., 512 F.3d 488, 497 (8th Cir. 2008)
- Clayton v. White Hall Sch. Dist., 778 F.2d 457, 460 (8th Cir. 1985)
- Burgs v. Sissel, 745 F.2d 526, 528 (8th Cir. 1984) (per curiam)
- Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (per curiam)
- Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. C L Sys., Inc., 640 F.2d 109, 113 (8th Cir. 1981) (en banc)
- Tumey v. Mycroft AI, Inc., 27 F.4th 657, 665 (8th Cir. 2022)
- West Publ'g Co. v. Mead Data Cent., Inc., 799 F.2d 1219, 1222 (8th Cir. 1986)
- Goff v. Harper, 60 F.3d 518, 520-21 (8th Cir. 1995)
- Rogers v. Scurr, 676 F.2d 1211, 1214 (8th Cir. 1982)
- Mgmt. Registry, Inc. v. A.W. Cos., 920 F.3d 1181, 1183 (8th Cir. 2019)
- Watkins Inc. v. Lewis, 246 F.3d 841, 844 (8th Cir. 2003)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION SUPASTAR WARE,)) Plaintiff,)) v.) No. 4:26-cv-00513 RHH) JOHN VALLEY, et al.,)) Defendants.) OPINION, MEMORANDUM AND ORDER Before the Court is self-represented Plaintiff Supastar Ware’s motion for reconsideration of the Court’s Opinion, Memorandum and Order entered on April 8, 2026, in which the Court found he was a “three-

striker,” was not under “imminent danger and severed 28 of his 29 claims for relief pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21.

[ECF No. 7]. Also before the Court is Plaintiff’s motion to amend his Complaint to add approximately 30 additional claims in this action. [ECF No. 8]. Last, Plaintiff filed an unsupported letter seeking injunctive relief in which he seeks to shut down the kitchen at Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center (ERDCC) and have vendor-provided meals. [ECF No. 9].

The Court will address each of Plaintiff’s requests in turn. Background Plaintiff Supastar Ware, a frequent litigator in this Court, filed the instant civil rights action on April 7, 2026. [ECF No. 1]. He asserts claims against 26 employees of the Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) alleging a failure to protect, unconstitutional conditions of confinement and deliberate indifference to his mental health and physical needs at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC).

Plaintiff also states that he believes the meals offered at the MDOC are constitutionally inadequate. He sues all Defendants in their individual and official capacities. On April 8, 2026, the Court reviewed Plaintiff’s Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 for frivolousness, maliciousness and failure to state a claim. Plaintiff’s prior litigation history was also reviewed to see if he was able to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to § 1915.

The Court first found that Plaintiff appears to assert 29 claims for relief in his Complaint. His claims are difficult to read, but in the Court’s prior Opinion, Memorandum and Order, the Court found that Plaintiff’s claims are unrelated to one another and in violation of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 18 and 20.

For this reason, the Court found that it would only review Plaintiff’s claims relating to his assertions on page 11 of the Complaint. All other claims will be severed and dismissed from this action at the end of this case. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 21. Plaintiff’s claims on page 11 of his Complaint are as follows: Ingulfed [sic] germs & toxic’s [sic], severe migraines, taking unethical medicines to relieve pain!!

As well having to smoke illegal K2 to (reduce) pain. Staff members bring such substance Inn [sic] to inmates. I dont [sic] give names I’m a (convict) but HETT CCM & Lawson Of HU5 (Mull’s)!! Severe depression, anxiety, PTSD, overly anxious, causes panic attacks since Feb 13, 2026 (I believe) mental defects became severe, however Dr. Irving (refused) to explain type of medicine an defects (I believe) Truvada or Luvada Provides.

She named (I believe) HIV medication or Immune system blockers. As well fellow physician failed to provide (High Protein) diet plan due to Carnivore (I crave meat, blood, etc) DNA can verify. Suffering from malnutrition cruelty ongoing inadequate meals since 2015 acknowledge

digitally (I believe) 2016 via Corizon 2017 and 2018 by Med-Tech Summer at JCCC actually seen screen of PC she failed to submit application for proper meal.

Causing (Bones) to “ache”! Germs everywhere (I believe) toilet water on all property, staff refuses to issue clean fresh brand new linen. PTSD & Anxiety severe!! [ECF No. 1 at 11]. Additionally, after reviewing Plaintiff’s litigation history, the Court found that Plaintiff, a prisoner and a frequent filer, is subject to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), which limits a prisoner’s ability to obtain in forma pauperis status if they have filed at least three actions that have been dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim.

Section 1915(g) provides in relevant part: In no event shall a prisoner bring a civil action... under this section if the prisoner has, on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action... in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Section 1915(g) is commonly known as the “three strikes” rule. A review of this Court’s files indicates that Plaintiff previously brought three civil actions that were dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim. See *Ware v. Foley, et al.*, No. 4:25-cv-383-JAR (E.D. Mo. filed Jun. 18, 2025); *Ware v. Missouri Dep’t of Corr., et al.*, No. 4:24-cv-934-ACL (E.D.

Mo. filed Jul. 23, 2024); *Ware v. Centurion Health Care*, No. 4:24- cv-1008-SEP (E.D. Mo. filed Aug. 8, 2025); see also *Ware v. Missouri Dep’t of Corr. et al.*, No. 4:25-cv-1262-SEP (E.D. Mo. Sept. 12, 2025) (dismissing Plaintiff’s action under § 1915(g)); *Ware v. Galibert, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-4246-BCW (W.D. Mo. Oct. 28, 2025) (dismissing Plaintiff’s action under § 1915(g)).

Therefore, the Court cannot permit Plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis absent “imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Discussion Plaintiff seeks to amend his Complaint to add approximately 30 additional claims in this action. [ECF No. 8].

Although leave to amend is usually freely granted, Plaintiff has failed to provide his Amended Complaint on a Court-provided form, as required by the Local Rule. See Local Rule 2.06(A). Additionally, he has failed to attach a proposed Amended Complaint to his request to amend outlining his proposed claims for relief (and how they differ from his prior claims).

See *Popoalii v. Corr. Med. Servs.*, 512 F.3d 488, 497 (8th Cir. 2008) (finding that it is appropriate to deny leave to amend a complaint when a proposed amendment was not submitted with the motion); *Clayton v. White Hall Sch. Dist.*, 778 F.2d 457, 460 (8th Cir. 1985) (“[I]n order to preserve the right to amend the complaint, a party must submit the proposed amendment along with its motion.”).

And last, the Court has already indicated that Plaintiff is unable to join unrelated claims in his Complaint. See Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 18 and 20. For these reasons, the Court will deny Plaintiff's request to amend his Complaint. [ECF No. 8].

To the extent Plaintiff is seeking reconsideration of this Court's finding that he has "three strikes" under § 1915(g), the Court declines to reconsider its ruling. Additionally, the Court declines to reconsider its severance, under Rules 18, 20 and 21, of Plaintiff's unrelated claims in his Complaint that are not set forth on page 11 of his pleading.

Thus, Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration will also be denied. [ECF No. 7]. Last, Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief, or order seeking to have vendor-provided meals at ERDCC, will also be denied, without prejudice, at this time. [ECF No. 9]. At the outset, the Court notes that, according to the Local Rules of this Court, Plaintiff may not seek relief in this case by sending a letter to the Court.

Instead, Plaintiff may only address the Court through motions and memoranda, unless otherwise directed by the Court. See Local Rule 4.04(A). The Court also reminds Plaintiff that, although he represents himself in this case, he "[is] not excused from failing to comply with substantive and procedural law." *Burgs v. Sissel*, 745 F.2d 526, 528 (8th Cir. 1984) (per curiam) (citation omitted).

Nevertheless, the Court liberally construes Plaintiff's letter as a motion requesting a temporary restraining order. See *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (per curiam). In determining whether to grant a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction, courts consider "(1) the threat of irreparable harm to the movant; (2) the state of the balance between this harm and the injury that granting the injunction will inflict on other parties litigant; (3) the probability that [the] movant will succeed on the merits; and (4) the public interest." *Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. C L Sys., Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 113 (8th Cir.

1981) (en banc); see *Tumey v. Mycroft AI, Inc.*, 27 F.4th 657, 665 (8th Cir. 2022) ("[T]he standard for analyzing a motion for a temporary restraining order is the same as a motion for a preliminary injunction"). "None of these factors by itself is determinative; rather, in each case the four factors must be balanced to determine whether they tilt toward or away from granting a preliminary injunction." *West Publ'g Co. v. Mead Data Cent., Inc.*, 799 F.2d 1219, 1222 (8th Cir.

1986) (citing *Dataphase*, 640 F.2d at 113). In the prison context, "a request for injunctive relief must always be viewed with great caution because 'judicial restraint is especially called for in dealing with the complex and intractable problems of prison administration.'" *Goff v. Harper*, 60 F.3d 518, 520 (8th Cir. 1995) (quoting *Rogers v. Scurr*, 676 F.2d 1211, 1214 (8th Cir.

1982)). For an injunction to issue, "a right must be violated," and "the [C]ourt must determine whether 'a cognizable danger of future violation exists[,] and that danger must be more than a mere possibility.'" *Id.* at 521 (quoting *Rogers*, 676 F.2d at 1214). Further, "courts should not get

involved unless either a constitutional violation has already occurred or the threat of such a violation is both real and immediate.” Id. (quoting Rogers, 676 F.2d at 1214).

And Plaintiff “bears the burden of proving” that the temporary-restraining-order factors “weigh in [his] favor.” Mgmt. Registry, Inc. v. A.W. Cos., 920 F.3d 1181, 1183 (8th Cir. 2019) (quoting Watkins Inc. v. Lewis, 246 F.3d 841, 844 (8th Cir. 2003)).

After reviewing the Dataphase factors and the relevant facts, the Court denies Plaintiff’s request for a temporary restraining order. First, Plaintiff did not describe any constitutional violation in his request for injunctive relief. And he notes only conclusory harm in his Complaint, stating that he believes he is suffering from “inadequate” nutrition and that he needs a carnivore diet.

Plaintiff’s factual allegations do not support his conclusion that he is suffering from imminent danger, as he states that he has had inadequate meals at the Missouri Department of Corrections since 2015. And these conclusory allegations, without more, fail to demonstrate a constitutional violation. Plaintiff also fails to describe any threat of irreparable harm or cognizable danger of a future violation.

Thus, after reviewing the Dataphase factors and all the relevant facts, the Court concludes that Plaintiff has not met his burden of proving that the Court should issue a temporary restraining order. His request will be denied, without prejudice. [ECF No. 9].

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion for reconsideration of the Court’s April 8, 2026 Opinion, Memorandum and Order [ECF No. 7] is DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion for leave to amend his Complaint [ECF No. 8] is DENIED, without prejudice. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff’s request for temporary restraining order [ECF No. 9] is DENIED, without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an appeal from this Order would not be taken in good faith. Dated this 20th day of April, 2026. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE