

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION

JASON LYNCH
Reg #07405-510

PLAINTIFF

V.

Case No. 4:24-CV-00740-LPR-BBM

DOES, Pill Nurses 1–3; CLAYNTON
EDWARDS, Captain; ROSS, Lt.;
SWINDLE, Sgt.; WORKMAN, Sgt.;
ROGERS, Sgt.; WOOD, CO; SCILER, Sgt.;
GOODWIN, CO; ASHLEY WATTS,
Nurse; KATYNN SMITH, Nurse; and
TURNKEY, Medical Contractor

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

On April 2, 2026, Plaintiff Jason Lynch filed a “Motion for Leave to Serve Targeted Requests for Admissions and Interrogatories.” (Doc. 157). Lynch enclosed 29 pages of scattered discovery requests, which he requested either be placed under seal or stricken completely from the record. *Id.* at 2. For the following reasons, the Motion is denied.

First, discovery in this case is premature. There are a large number of pending motions that must be addressed before the Court issues its first scheduling order. Once discovery commences, the parties must discuss all discovery disputes in good faith before seeking intervention from the Court. LOCAL RULE 7.2(g). Discovery requests should not be filed with the Court unless a dispute arises. *See* (Doc. 4 at 2). Finally, Lynch provides no compelling reason to keep his premature discovery requests under seal. *Flynt v. Lombardi*, 885 F.3d 508, 511 (8th Cir. 2018) (“The presumption of public access to judicial records may be overcome if the party seeking to keep the records under seal provides

compelling reasons for doing so.”). But, given Lynch’s clear desire to *not* file the discovery unless sealed, the 29 pages of requests were returned to Lynch undocketed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT Lynch’s Motion for Leave to Seal and Serve Discovery, (Doc. 157), is DENIED.

SO ORDERED this 7th day of April, 2026.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE