

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, Sheriff; Mail Room Clerk; Front
Desk Clerk; Head Nurse; Pill Nurse 1,
Melody; PM Pill Nurse, Heather; White
County Jail Admin, Nurse F; Pill Nurse 2–3,
et al.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

On October 31, 2024, the Court conducted an initial screening of Plaintiff Jason Lynch’s allegations. (Doc. 29). Because the allegations were spread across a dozen pleadings, concerned unrelated claims and varied Defendants, and were not relayed in a short and plain statement, the Court granted Lynch leave to file a Third Amended Complaint that complied with Rules 8 and 20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. (Doc. 29 at 9–10, 15–16). Lynch responded with a 171-page Third Amended Complaint, (Doc. 45), that, as far as the Court can tell, raises the same unrelated claims against the same Defendants.¹ The Court is in the process of screening the Third Amended Complaint. In the meantime, there are four pending Motions that demand the Court’s attention. (Docs. 56, 61, 62, 67).

¹ Lynch does not specifically list all the previously named Defendants in his Third Amended Complaint. Instead, he names a few key Defendants along with “others” and “et al.” (Doc. 45 at 2, 7).

Motion for Reconsideration. In a Motion, filed on July 22, 2025, Lynch asks the Court to reconsider its prior rulings denying his Motions to Preserve Evidence. (Doc. 56). The events in the Third Amended Complaint occurred during Lynch's incarceration in the White County Jail from June 9, 2024, to September 7, 2024. *See* (Doc. 45 at 6, 49; Doc. 5 at 1). Lynch believes that the White County Jail only preserves its records, including kiosk communications, for one year. (Doc. 56 at 11). Thus, he asks the Court to order the kiosk communication provider, Smart Communication, and the White County Jail to preserve a wide array of evidence, including, *inter alia*, "All" grievances, medical records, body camera footage, meeting notes, and communications. *Id.* at 2.

As the Court noted in its previous Orders, until it completes screening and determines what evidence is relevant, Lynch's request to preserve "all" evidence related to this case is far too broad. *See* (Doc. 23 at 2; Doc. 26; Doc. 51). The Court previously noted that Lynch "may file a motion to preserve evidence, explaining the relevance of the evidence that he requests the Court to order preserved by White County Detention Center." (Doc. 23 at 2; Doc. 26 at 2). Instead of identifying specific evidence to be preserved and providing good cause for an order to preserve that specific evidence, Lynch generally notes that "all requested info is 100% relevant to all stated claims." (Doc. 56 at 7). In short, Lynch has not provided the Court reason to revisit its prior orders.

Moreover, it appears Lynch's requests to preserve evidence is moot. First, the claimed preservation period of one year has passed. Second, based on Lynch's allegations and representations throughout the record, the White County Jail, particularly through Captain Clayton Edwards, is already well aware of this litigation and Lynch's desire to

have any information related to this case preserved. *See, e.g.*, (Doc. 45 at 22). But Edwards allegedly stated that the evidence will never be seen. *Id.* The Court will take up the issue of spoliation of evidence *if* and when necessary.² *See Stevenson v. Union Pac. R. Co.*, 354 F.3d 739, 745–46 (8th Cir. 2004) (discussing possible sanctions, including an adverse inference instruction, for the bad faith destruction of relevant evidence). For the foregoing reasons, Lynch’s Motion for Reconsideration, (Doc. 56), is denied.

Motion for Discovery. Lynch next requests to engage in discovery. (Doc. 61). Because the Third Amended Complaint is still in the process of being screened, it has yet to be determined which Defendants Lynch may proceed against. Accordingly, no Defendants have been served or have appeared in this case, and Lynch’s Motion for Discovery is denied as premature.

Motion to Survive Judicial Screening. In his Motion to Survive Judicial Screening, Lynch makes general, unsupported allegations for why each of his claims should survive screening. (Doc. 62). For example, he writes that his retaliation claim should survive screening because “Plaintiff suffered retaliation for filing grievances and legal complaints.” *Id.* at 2. These “naked assertions” cannot state a claim for relief, *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009), and, likewise, cannot show that Lynch’s Third Amended Complaint can survive judicial screening. Thus, the Motion is denied. The Court will rely only on the factual allegations contained in the Third Amended Complaint in issuing the forthcoming screening recommendation.

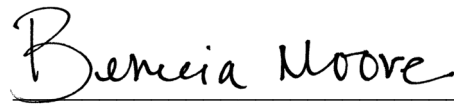
² A copy of this Order will be sent to the Administrator of the White County Jail.

Motion for Order. Finally, Lynch asks that his wife's email be added to this case because the mail at his place of incarceration is "so delayed." (Doc. 67). The CM/ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual for Civil Filings for the Eastern District of Arkansas limits electronic filing privileges—including emailed notices of electronic filings—to attorneys admitted to the Bar of this Court. *See* Amended General Order 53. Accordingly, Lynch's Motion to add his wife's email address to this case is denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, (Doc. 56), is DENIED.
2. Plaintiff's Motion for Discovery, (Doc. 61), is DENIED as premature.
3. Plaintiff's Motion to Survive Judicial Screening, (Doc. 62), is DENIED.
4. Plaintiff's Motion for Order, (Doc. 67), is DENIED.
5. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Administrator of the White County Jail, 1600 E. Booth Rd., Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of October, 2025.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE