

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

HARRISON FRANKLIN and
BOBBY BEDFORD,

Petitioners,

v.

GARY R. McCAUGHTRY,
GERALD BERGE, PAULINE BELGADO,
SARGENT SIDOSCHLAG, PETER
HUIBREGTSE, LINDA HODDY-TRIPP,
MS. BLACKBOURNE, JIM WEGNER,
SARGENT LIND, C.O. II VAN BURREN,
CAPTAIN JOHN P. GRAHL, SARGENT
DAN MEEHAN, C.O. II MIKE GLAMAN, and
NURSE HOLLY MEIER,

Respondents.

ORDER

02-C-596-C

Petitioners, inmates at the Waupun Correctional Institution in Waupun, Wisconsin, have filed a complaint in this court along with petitions for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Their request to proceed in forma pauperis in this lawsuit will be denied without prejudice to their filing separate lawsuits.

In Lindell v. Litscher, 212 F. Supp.2d 936 (W.D. Wis. 2002), I ruled that I would no longer allow prisoners proceeding pro se to prosecute a group complaint in this court because of the many problems inherent in administering such cases. Instead, I am dismissing such cases without prejudice to each

prisoner petitioner filing his own separate lawsuit. If inmates Franklin and Bedford wish to prosecute a lawsuit, each may file his own separate complaint setting forth the facts as they relate to him and listing the relief he seeks. Moreover, I note that petitioners' trust fund account statements cover approximately four months only, rather than the full six-month period required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Therefore, if petitioners file a new lawsuit, they should submit new trust fund account statements that comply with § 1915(a)(2).

Accordingly, this case is DISMISSED without prejudice to petitioners' filing separate lawsuits and complete trust fund account statements. The clerk of court is directed to close this file.

Entered this 4th day of November, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge