

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

SEAN ANTHONY RIKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

TAYLOR ANNE RIKER,

Defendant.

ORDER

12-cv-641-bbc

Plaintiff Sean Anthony Riker, an inmate at the Wisconsin Secure Program Facility, is proceeding on a claim that defendant Taylor Anne Riker slandered him by falsely telling the police that he had downloaded child pornography on his computer. Both plaintiff and defendant are representing themselves. Defendant has filed a motion asking that the court keep her address confidential for privacy reasons. Dkt. #36. Specifically, she wants her address to be withheld from plaintiff because she believes he will use it to harass her and for other improper purposes. Plaintiff filed a brief in opposition to defendant's request, arguing that defendant was attempting to manipulate the court and present plaintiff in a bad light. Dkt. #37. However, he stated in another filing that he "would rather send two copies to the court rather than send anything directly to the defendant. That will prevent any deceit." Dkt. #35.

In light of the allegations in this case and the history between the parties, I conclude that it is appropriate to keep defendant's address confidential. The parties must continue

to file with the court two copies of every document they file in this case so that the court can forward the documents to the opposing party. This process has been working successfully up to this point and I see no reason to change it, particularly because plaintiff has expressed his willingness to comply with it.

One other matter is before the court. Plaintiff has filed a motion requesting that the court appoint a private investigator to conduct research into additional defamation claims that he may have against defendant. Dkt. #41. This motion will be denied. The court does not have the resources or the statutory authority to appoint private investigators for civil litigants. Moreover, I would not permit plaintiff to add new claims against defendant at this stage in the case.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

1. Defendant Taylor Riker's motion to keep her address confidential, dkt. #36, is GRANTED.

2. Plaintiff Sean Riker's motion for a private investigator, dkt. #41, is DENIED.

Entered this 3d day of May, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge