

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

ROBERTO CARRASCO-SALAZAR,

Plaintiff,

v.

MR. FAERDAY *et al.*,

Defendants.

OPINION & ORDER

13-cv-011-wmc

Plaintiff Roberto Carrasco-Salazar was previously granted leave to proceed in this case on claims that defendants, who are employed at Oxford Federal Correctional Institution, have been deliberately indifferent to his serious medical need for nasal surgery. Defendants have since moved for summary judgment, and Carrasco-Salazar's brief in opposition is due on September 29, 2014, six days from today.

Perhaps in response to this impending deadline, Carrasco-Salazar now moves for assistance in recruiting *pro bono* counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1) (dkt. #45), although he asks the court to assist primarily on the grounds that he does not speak English proficiently and is dependent on others to translate for him.

The problem with Carrasco-Salazar's motion is that, before the court may reach the question of whether this is an appropriate case for volunteer counsel, Carrasco-Salazar must show that he has made reasonable efforts to find an attorney on his own and has been unsuccessful, or that he has been precluded from making such efforts. *Jackson v. County of McLean*, 953 F.2d 1070, 1072-73 (7th Cir. 1992). To meet this threshold requirement, the court generally requires plaintiffs to submit the names and addresses of at least three attorneys to whom they have written and who have refused them. Carrasco-Salazar does

not indicate he has made *any* efforts to find a lawyer on his own yet, and so his motion must be denied at this time. *See id.* at 1073. While he is welcome to renew that motion after making reasonable efforts to retain counsel, his immediate efforts may be better spent preparing to oppose the pending motion for summary judgment timely. If the language barriers he mentions will prevent him from meeting that deadline, he should promptly move for an extension of time to oppose summary judgment.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Roberto Carrasco-Salazar's motion for assistance in recruiting counsel (dkt. #45) is DENIED without prejudice as to later reconsideration.

Entered this 23rd day of September, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

WILLIAM M. CONLEY
District Judge