

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

CHRISTOPHER J. HAMLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

LIEUTENANT WENZEL,
C.O. II BURNS, C.O. II ROSS,
C.O. LOBIANCO, and DEREK SCHOUTEN,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM

13-cv-202-jdp

In this case brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, pro se prisoner Christopher J. Hamlin, currently a federal prisoner, is proceeding on claims that state prison officials at the Waupun Correctional Institution violated his Eighth Amendment rights by engaging in an unlawful strip search. At the August 28, 2014 status conference, I granted plaintiff's motion for the court's assistance in recruiting him counsel and set a new trial date of February 23, 2015.

The court has successfully located counsel for plaintiff. Attorneys Catherine M. Rottier and Evan B. Tenebruso of the law firm Boardman & Clark LLP have agreed to represent plaintiff, with the understanding that they will serve with no guarantee of compensation for their services. It is this court's intention that the scope of the lawyers' representation extends to proceedings in this court only. Additionally, the court intends the scope of representation to be limited to litigating plaintiff's current claims at trial.¹

Plaintiff should understand that because he is now represented in this case, he may not communicate directly with the court from this point forward. He must work directly with

¹ "Proceedings in this court" include all matters leading up to a final judgment on the merits, the filing of a notice of appeal, if appropriate, and ensuring that all steps are taken to transfer the record to the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

his lawyers and must permit them to exercise their professional judgment to determine which matters are appropriate to bring to the court's attention and in what form. Plaintiff does not have the right to require counsel to raise frivolous arguments or to follow every directive he makes. He should be prepared to accept the strategic decisions made by his lawyers even if he disagrees with some of them. If plaintiff decides at some point not to work with these lawyers, he is free to end their representation, but plaintiff should be aware that it is unlikely that the court will recruit a second set of lawyers to represent him.

Entered this 16th day of October, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

JAMES D. PETERSON
District Judge