

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

ANTUAN PULLIAM,

Petitioner,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS,

Respondent.

ORDER

04-C-129-C

Petitioner Antuan Pulliam, a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin, seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this civil action. In his complaint, petitioner alleges that respondent General Motors, his former employer, discriminated against him because of his race. Although petitioner does not identify a jurisdictional basis for his claim, I understand him to contend that respondent violated his rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin or religion.

In petitioner's affidavit of indigency, he states that he is unemployed, has no source of income and no money in a checking or savings account. He has two dependents, no substantial assets and \$2500 of debt. Accordingly, I conclude that petitioner qualifies for

indigent status.

However, as I noted in another case that petitioner recently filed, Pulliam v. United Auto Workers, No. 04-C-123-C, I cannot allow petitioner to proceed because he has failed to specify in his complaint what kind of relief he seeks from this court for respondent's alleged violations of his rights. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(3) requires that a complaint contain "a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks." In the section of his complaint titled "Request for Relief," petitioner states only, "I ask that the court allow me to proceed with this case." This is not sufficient to meet the requirements of Rule 8. Petitioner must specify what relief he wishes to obtain from this lawsuit, such as a particular amount of money damages or an injunction. Because petitioner's complaint does not conform to the requirements of Rule 8, his request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be denied without prejudice to his refiling his complaint with the requisite request for relief.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner Antuan Pulliam's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is DENIED without prejudice to his refiling his complaint in the form

required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 8.

Entered this 10th day of March, 2004.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge