IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

KENNETH VALENTINE AWE,

ORDER

Petitioner,

06-C-34-C

v.

GRANT COUNTY JAIL SHERIFF KEITH GOVIER; CHIEF DEPUTY JACK JOHNSON; SUPERVISOR JOANN KOOLLER,

Respondents.

On March 3, 2006, judgment was entered in this case denying petitioner's request for leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> on the ground that the claim raised in his complaint was legally frivolous, and on March 15, 2006, I denied petitioner leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> on appeal, finding that the appeal was taken in bad faith. Petitioner did not ask the court of appeals to review this decision and he did not pay the filing fee for his appeal. Consequently, his appeal was dismissed on May 5, 2006.

Now, plaintiff has written to the court, contending that the court misunderstood his claim "on a grand scale" and asserting that "knows in [his] heart" that the claim has genuine

merit. I construe his letter as an untimely motion for reconsideration, which will be denied.

Although plaintiff contends that the court misunderstood his claim, nothing in his letter convinces me that I erred when I dismissed his case in March. Because he is incarcerated, his rights are restrained necessarily. And, as I explained in the March 3 order, the prison's policy of limiting outgoing inmate mail to four pages is a reasonable means of reducing the volume of outgoing mail prison officials must screen for contraband. <u>See, e.g., Lindell v. Frank</u>, 377 F.3d 655, 660 (7th Cir. 2004). If plaintiff disagreed with the court's decision, he was free to litigate his claim on appeal. Instead, he failed to challenge this court's finding that his appeal was taken in bad faith and the appeal was dismissed. There is nothing further to be done.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Kenneth Awe's motion for reconsideration is DENIED.

Entered this 17th day of July, 2006.

BY THE COURT: /s/ BARBARA B. CRABB District Judge