

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

MICHAEL LEE RAUNIO,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHANIE HAHN,

Defendant.

ORDER

06-C-163-C

On June 5, 2006, this court received plaintiff's June 1, 2006 letter complaining that the defendant will not provide answers to his questions about the facts underlying this lawsuit. Plaintiff is getting ahead of himself: there will come a time when the defendant, through her attorney, will be required to provide sworn answers to questions (called "interrogatories") relevant to this lawsuit. This process is called "discovery" and it begins after the court holds the telephonic preliminary pretrial conference with the plaintiff and the defendant's lawyer. At the hearing I will explain how things work in a federal prisoner lawsuit, then I will send plaintiff an order that provides even more detail about discovery, motions, trial, and so forth.

The court will not schedule the preliminary pretrial conference until after the defendant has filed her answer to the complaint. Therefore, no discovery will occur for a while, so plaintiff will have to wait patiently. Perhaps plaintiff could use this time to draft a set of focused, precise interrogatories and requests for production of documents that could be ready to serve on defendant's attorney right after the telephonic conference. Plaintiff will

find some guidance regarding discovery in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, numbers 26 through 37. The WSPF has at least one copy of the federal rules, so plaintiff may as well start reviewing them now while he's waiting for a defense answer and a court hearing.

In the meantime, plaintiff should not send any more written questions or document requests to the defendant because she does not have to answer them.

Entered this 12th day of June, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER

Magistrate Judge