

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

DENNIS STRONG,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, FRED SIGGELKOW,
GREG VAN RYBROEK, DAVID POLLOCK and
KELLY VITENSE,

Defendants.

ORDER

07-cv-86-bbc

At an ex parte hearing held on April 22, 2008, with plaintiff and his counsel, I granted counsel's motion to withdraw as counsel for plaintiff. Although I cannot tell defendants' counsel the reasons for my decision, I can assure them that I would not have taken such an action so close to trial had the reason not been compelling.

Plaintiff has two weeks or until May 7, 2008, in which to either retain new counsel or advise the court that he intends to prosecute the case himself, without counsel. If he advises the court that he is unable to retain substitute counsel and that he does not wish to try the case himself, the case will be dismissed with prejudice.

If plaintiff advises the court that he will be proceeding with the trial, a scheduling conference will be held promptly with plaintiff, his counsel and counsel for defendants to

select a new trial date for the case.

To make it explicit, the trial set for Monday, April 28, 2008, is continued indefinitely.

The prospective jurors have been called and told not to report for jury selection.

Entered this 22d day of April, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge