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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:)
PROVISION OF COPIES FOR)
SERVICE IN PRISONER CIVIL)
RIGHTS LITIGATION)
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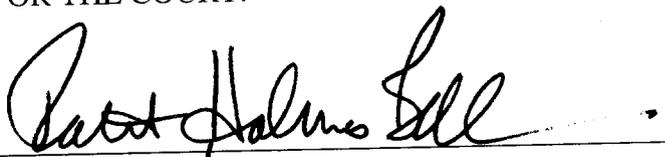
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Rule 10.4 of the Local Civil Rules of this Court requires a plaintiff to provide a copy of the complaint and exhibits for service upon each defendant if service is to be made by the United States Marshal. Because of the passage of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Court is required to review prisoner civil rights cases promptly after filing and to order service of process only if the complaint states one or more cognizable claims. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. To prevent unnecessary expenditure of copying charges by plaintiffs in prisoner civil rights actions, the court will henceforth require the plaintiff in a prisoner civil rights action to submit to the court only an original and one copy at the time a civil action is filed. If the court determines that the complaint should be served on one or more defendants, the court will specifically order plaintiff to provide further copies for this purpose. Until ordered to do so, however, the plaintiff shall not submit to the court copies of the complaint or exhibits for purposes of service on defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: May 12, 2003



Robert Holmes Bell, Chief Judge