

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

LORENZO JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICK RAEMISCH, DANE WESTFIELD and
MIKE THURMER,

Defendants.

ORDER

07-cv-390-bbc

In an order dated May 23, 2008, I granted plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and ruled that defendants Rick Raemisch, Dane Westfield and Mike Thurmer violated plaintiff's First Amendment right to free speech by refusing to deliver to him a newsletter critical of Wisconsin prison officials. Trial is scheduled for July 21, 2008, to determine the appropriate amount of damages to which plaintiff is entitled, if any. Now, plaintiff has moved for postponement of the trial (Dkt. #36).

According to plaintiff, he is attempting to negotiate a settlement with the defendants and prefers not to have to prepare for trial if the case can be settled. In addition, he states that he is communicating with a lawyer who might agree to represent him at trial.

I appreciate plaintiff's willingness to engage in settlement discussions and to seek out

a lawyer on his own. However, these activities do not warrant postponing his trial. This court's trial calendar is simply too tightly packed to be able to reschedule the trial if plaintiff's settlement offer is ultimately rejected or his attempt to convince a lawyer to represent him fails. Therefore, the trial will remain on the calendar as scheduled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to postpone the jury trial in this case (Dkt. #36) is DENIED.

Entered this 25th day of June, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

Barbara B. Crabb

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District Judge