

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 00-60353  
Summary Calendar

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DAVID GRAY,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

DAVID TURNER, Superintendent  
Southern Mississippi Correctional  
Institution; MICHAEL BERNHARDT, Captain,  
Southern Mississippi Correctional  
Institution; HUBERT JORDAN, Lieutenant,  
Southern Mississippi Correctional  
Institution; JERRY WALLY, Lieutenant,  
Southern Mississippi Correctional Institution;  
JACKIE LANCASTER, Lieutenant, Southern  
Mississippi Correctional Institution;  
RANDY ANDERSON, Lieutenant, Southern Mississippi  
Correctional Institution; ARTIS BYRD, Sergeant,  
Southern Mississippi Correctional Institution;  
ANDREW MILLS; ANN REID, Case Manager;  
SHELIA FANCHER, Deputy Warden,

Defendants-Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Mississippi  
USDC No. 2-99-CV-64-PC  
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November 2, 2000

Before DAVIS, JONES, and DeMOSS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

David Gray, Mississippi prisoner # 01440, appeals from the  
magistrate judge's dismissal of his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined  
that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent  
except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.  
R. 47.5.4.

for failure to state a claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). Gray alleges that the defendants retaliated against him for filing a prior civil action.

A dismissal of an in forma pauperis complaint for failure to state a claim pursuant to § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) is reviewed de novo. See Black v. Warren, 134 F.3d 732, 734 (5th Cir. 1998).

To establish a claim of retaliation, a prisoner must show "(1) a specific constitutional right, (2) the defendant's intent to retaliate against the prisoner for his or her exercise of that right, (3) a retaliatory adverse act, and (4) causation."

McDonald v. Steward, 132 F.3d 225, 231 (5th Cir. 1998).

Gray has failed to allege more than his personal belief that he is the victim of retaliation. Johnson v. Rodriguez, 110 F.3d 299, 310 (5th Cir. 1997). Because Gray has failed to state a valid claim for retaliation, the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.