IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 00-11418 Conference Calendar

LOWELL KENT STEVENS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

TARRANT COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER, Sheriff's Department,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas USDC No. 4:00-CV-1713-A June 18, 2001

Before WIENER, DeMOSS, and DENNIS, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:*

Lowell Kent Stevens, Texas prisoner #0250811, appeals the district court's dismissal of his pro se and in forma pauperis 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action for failure to state a claim, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). Even construed liberally, as required by <u>Haines v. Kerner</u>, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972), Stevens' pro se appellate brief does not argue that his original complaint stated a claim on which relief could be granted or that his amended complaint was timely filed and stated a claim on which relief could be granted. Accordingly, Stevens

 $^{^*}$ 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.

has abandoned the only issues properly before this court on appeal. <u>See Davis v. Maqqio</u>, 706 F.2d 568, 571 (5th Cir. 1983) (holding that issues not pressed on appeal are abandoned).

Stevens' appeal is frivolous and must be dismissed. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i); 5th Cir. R. 42.2. This dismissal of Stevens' appeal as frivolous following the district court's dismissal of his lawsuit for failure to state a claim constitutes two strikes against Stevens for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). <u>See Adepeqba v. Hammons</u>, 103 F.3d 383, 388 (5th Cir. 1996). If one other action or appeal filed by Stevens is dismissed on the ground that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim, he will be barred from bringing a civil action or appeal as a prisoner proceeding in forma pauperis unless he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

APPEAL DISMISSED AS FRIVOLOUS; SANCTIONS WARNING ISSUED.