

United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.3.3 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02094

Money et al v. Jeffreys
Assigned to: Honorable John F. Kness
Cause: 28:2254 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
(State)

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Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 550 Prisoner: Civil
Rights
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/30/2020	30	ORDER Second Amended General Order 20-0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on March 30, 2020. All open cases are impacted by this Second Amended General Order. Amended General Order 20-0012, entered on March 17, 2020, and General Order 20-0014, entered on March 20, 2020, are vacated and superseded by this Second Amended General. See attached Order for guidance. Signed by

		the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 3/30/2020. Mailed notice(ef,) (Entered: 04/15/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>1</u>	PETITION for writ of habeas corpus filed by Danny Labosette, Gerald Reed, Carl Reed, Patrice Daniels, William Richard, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters, James Money, Anthony Rodesky, Tewkunzi Green against Rob Jeffreys Filing fee \$ 5, receipt number 0752-16904831. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Exhibit, # <u>8</u> Exhibit, # <u>9</u> Exhibit, # <u>10</u> Exhibit, # <u>11</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Del Valle, Vanessa) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>2</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Sarah Copeland Grady (Grady, Sarah) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable John F. Kness. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Jeffrey Cummings. Case assignment: Random assignment. (ec,) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>3</u>	MOTION by Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard for hearing re PETITION for writ of habeas corpus filed by Danny Labosette, Gerald Reed, Carl Reed, Patrice Daniels, William Richard, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters, James Money, Anthony Rodesky, Tewkunzi Green against Rob Jeffreys Filing fee <u>1</u> (Del Valle, Vanessa) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>4</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Jennifer Soble (Soble, Jennifer) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>5</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Vanessa Del Valle (Del Valle, Vanessa) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>6</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Samantha Reed (Reed, Samantha) (Entered: 04/02/2020)

04/02/2020	<u>7</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Sheila A Bedi (Bedi, Sheila) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>8</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Amanda C Antholt (Antholt, Amanda) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>9</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Plaintiff-petitioners have this day filed their "Emergency Petition for Writs of Habeas Corpus," along with a motion styled "Petitioners' Motion for an Expedited Hearing on Emergency Petition for Writs of Habeas Corpus." Under Paragraph Three of Second Amended General Order 20-0012 ("In re: Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Emergency"), available on the Court's website (www.ilnd.uscourts.gov), all civil case hearings on or before May 1, 2020 are stricken and will be reset to a date on or after May 4, 2020. As a result, and in the light of the Emergency Petition, the Court construes Petitioners' Motion for an Expedited Hearing as seeking emergency relief. Counsel is thus directed to Paragraphs Five and Six of the Second Amended General Order, which provide for situations in which a party seeks emergency relief: "Any party may seek emergency relief in any case.... In addition to filing the emergency motion in the case in which emergency relief is sought, the party must file the motion in Case No. 20-cv-01792, which is a docket created to receive emergency motions filed under this Second Amended General Order. The emergency motion must be filed (i) electronically via CM/ECF if possible.... The emergency motion will be considered as soon as practicable by the presiding judge, an emergency judge, or the Chief Judge." Accordingly, to the extent they are in fact seeking emergency relief, Petitioners must comply with the procedure for emergency relief set forth in the Court's Second Amended General Order. Mailed notice (ef,) Modified on 4/2/2020 (tg,). Modified on 4/2/2020 (tg,). (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>10</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Elizabeth N. Mazur (Mazur, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>11</u>	Amended Civil Cover Sheet by Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William

		Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters (Del Valle, Vanessa) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/02/2020	12	<p>MINUTE entry: This order is entered by Judge Dow as the designated emergency judge and will also be entered on the regular docket in (1) Money, et al. v. Pritzker, et al., No. 20cv2093, assigned to Judge Seeger, and (2) Money, et al. v. Jeffreys, et al., No. 20cv2094, assigned to Judge Kness, and pertains only to the emergency motions filed on the docket in the special docket, In re: Emergency Motions During Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Emergency, No. 20cv1792. All other motions will be handled by the assigned judges in due course. Plaintiffs' emergency motion for TRO or preliminary injunction in Case No. 20cv2093 91 is taken under advisement. Plaintiffs' request for expedited treatment in Case No. 20cv2093 92 and Petitioners' request for expedited treatment in Case No. 20cv2094 93 are granted. Expedited briefing is ordered as follows: Defendants' brief is due on 4/6/2020 by 5pm; Plaintiffs' reply is due on 4/8/2020 by 5pm. In their response brief, Defendants may address any issues they would like relating to the requests for relief under Section 1983 and habeas, but are requested to give special attention to explaining exactly what measures, if any, are currently being taken in Illinois "to protect people in prisons from the impending spread of COVID-19 by releasing people in an effort to reduce populations" [See 91, at 33; see also id. at 33-39 (describing efforts by state and county governments to reduce prison population, particularly for those who are more vulnerable, close to completing their sentences and/or whose release is deemed to be less dangerous to the community)]. In their reply, Plaintiffs may address any issues they would like, but are requested to give special attention to the citation of any authority or precedent for a federal court order directing state officials to release large numbers of incarcerated individuals. [See 91, at 59-60 (citing Thaker, et al. v. Doll, et al., No. 20 C 0480, Dkt. 47 (M.D. Pa. Mar. 31, 2020), and indicating that in that case the court "granted a temporary restraining order requiring the immediate release of 11 prisoners in federal custody who suffer from chronic medical conditions and face a serious threat of injury or death if exposed to COVID-19")]. After reviewing the briefs, the Court will either issue a ruling by mail or set the matter for telephonic hearing. If a telephonic hearing will be held, it likely would take place on 4/10/2020 at 10:00 a.m. and the Court would provide the call-in information. All additional filings on this motion must be made in the emergency docket, No. 20-cv-1792, and in the underlying dockets as well. Mailed notice (cdh,) (Entered: 04/02/2020)</p>
04/03/2020	13	<p>MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: Upon further review of the materials filed to date in Case Nos. 20-cv-2093 and 20-cv-2094, it appears that in their request for immediate relief, Plaintiffs ask</p>

		the Court to "preliminarily certify Plaintiffs' proposed subclasses 1 and 2, and order Defendants to transfer [certain] individuals to their homes to self-isolate via a temporary medical furlough." [91, at 70-71.] The Court draws to counsel's attention the provisions of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, which (among other things) restrict the circumstances in which a court may enter an order "that has the purpose or effect of reducing or limiting the prison population." 18 U.S.C. § 3626(g)(4); see also Brown v. Plata, 563 U.S. 493 (2011). The Court requests that in their briefs the parties give careful attention to whether the PLRA applies to these cases. Mailed notice (cdh,) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
04/03/2020	14	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendant Rob Jeffreys by Gopi Kashyap (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
04/04/2020	15	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: This matter is before Judge Dow as emergency judge. Consistent with the order entered by Judge Kennelly in Case No. 20-cv-2134, the Court enters the following supplemental briefing order in Case Nos. 20-cv-2093 & 20-cv-2094: By 12:00 p.m. on 4/6/2020, Plaintiffs are directed to supplement their TRO/PI motion to provide their position regarding the applicability and effect of 18 U.S.C. § 3626 to each lawsuit and, in particular, to the relief they are requesting in the TRO/PI motion. Mailed notice(cdh,) (Entered: 04/04/2020)
04/04/2020	16	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: This matter is before Judge Dow as emergency judge. Consistent with the order entered by Judge Kennelly in Case No. 20-cv-2134, the Court enters the following supplemental briefing order in Case Nos. 20-cv-2093 & 20-cv-2094: By 12:00 p.m. on 4/6/2020, Plaintiffs are directed to supplement their TRO/PI motion to provide their position regarding the applicability and effect of 18 U.S.C. § 3626 to each lawsuit and, in particular, to the relief they are requesting in the TRO/PI motion. Mailed notice (cdh,) (Entered: 04/04/2020)
04/06/2020	17	SUPPLEMENT to petition for writ of habeas corpus,, 1 <i>Submission Regarding Applicability and Effect of 18 U.S.C. 3626</i> (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C)(Mazur, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/06/2020	18	RESPONSE by Defendant Rob Jeffreys to petition for writ of habeas corpus,, 1 , supplement 17 (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/06/2020	19	MOTION by Defendant Rob Jeffreys for leave to file excess pages (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 04/06/2020)

04/06/2020	<u>20</u>	STATE Court Record by Rob Jeffreys (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A & B)(Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/06/2020	<u>21</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: Unopposed motion for leave to file excess pages [149 in Docket No. 20-cv-1792; 19 in Docket No. 20-cv-2094] is granted. Petitioners are also given leave to file an oversized reply brief on 4/8/2020. Mailed notice (cdh,) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
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04/07/2020	<u>23</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiffs Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters by Alan S. Mills (Mills, Alan) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
04/08/2020	<u>24</u>	REPLY by Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters to Response <u>18</u> , PETITION for writ of habeas corpus filed by Danny Labosette, Gerald Reed, Carl Reed, Patrice Daniels, William Richard, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters, James Money, Anthony Rodesky, Tewkunzi Green against Rob Jeffreys Filing fee <u>1</u> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit New York Times Report, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Declaration of Adam Kaney, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Declaration of Prof. Judith Resnik, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Executive Order 2020-19, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Declarations from Petitioners' Families)(Soble, Jennifer) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/09/2020	<u>25</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr: This minute entry is issued by Judge Dow as designated emergency judge in Case Nos. 20-cv-2093 and 20-cv-2094. In view of the comprehensive briefs and supporting materials and the need for expedited ruling, the Court has determined that a telephonic hearing will not be necessary and will issue a written ruling as soon as possible. The Court appreciates the extraordinary effort of counsel to provide high quality briefs on a highly compressed schedule. The Court notes Plaintiffs' offer to call as witnesses the individuals who submitted the declarations attached to the reply brief. [See docket entry 28 in Case No. 20-cv-2093, at 45.]. That will not be necessary, as the Court will accept as true for purposes of this hearing their representations in the declarations. Nor will it be necessary to make arrangements for the named Plaintiffs/Petitioners to either appear by phone or file their own declarations, as the Court also

		will accept as true for present purposes the accuracy of counsels' representations about the medical conditions of the named Plaintiffs/Petitioners. In order to ensure that the Court has accurate information on an admittedly moving target, the Court directs counsel for Defendants to submit by 5:00 pm today and by 2:00 p.m. on each subsequent day until a ruling is issued an update on (1) how many inmates have been released through each available vehicle and the total reduction in IDOC population since March 2 [see docket entry 26 in Case No. 20-cv-2093, at 3-4 and docket entry 28 in Case No. 20-cv-2093, at 7 & n.1] and (2) how many incarcerated individuals have confirmed cases of COVID-19 at (a) each institution where the named Plaintiffs are housed and (b) across the entire IDOC system. If the Court is unable to issue a decision by the close of business tomorrow, it does have the capability to issue a decision on the docket electronically over the weekend and will do so. Mailed notice (cdh,) (Entered: 04/09/2020)
04/09/2020	26	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendant Rob Jeffreys by Katherine Marie Doersch (Doersch, Katherine) (Entered: 04/09/2020)
04/09/2020	27	STATUS Report by Rob Jeffreys (Doersch, Katherine) (Entered: 04/09/2020)
04/10/2020	28	STATUS Report by Rob Jeffreys (Doersch, Katherine) (Entered: 04/10/2020)
04/10/2020	29	<p>MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER signed by the Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr., as emergency judge, on 4/10/2020: For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion and Order, Plaintiffs' motion for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in Money v. Pritzker, Case No. 20-cv-2093 9 is denied. Plaintiffs' motions for leave to file oversized brief 5 and for expedited treatment 12 in that same case are granted. Defendants' motion for leave to file sur-reply in that case 32 is granted. Petitioners' motion for expedited treatment in Money v. Jeffreys, Case No. 20-cv-2094 3 is granted, but the Court denies Petitioners' request for expedited release. The petition 1</p> <p>remains open on the docket, subject to further action by the parties and the judges, both assigned and emergency, as explained in the Memorandum Opinion and Order. No further status hearings will be set at this time by the emergency judge. Mailed notice(cdh,) (Entered: 04/10/2020)</p>
04/24/2020	31	ORDER Third Amended General Order 20-0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on April 24, 2020. All open cases are impacted by this Third Amended General Order. Parties are must

		carefully review all obligations under this Order, including the requirement listed in paragraph number 5 to file a joint written status report in most civil cases. See attached Order. Signed by the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 4/24/2020: Mailed notice. (docket9,) (Entered: 04/27/2020)
04/30/2020	<u>32</u>	ORDER : STANDING ORDER REGARDING CIVIL CASES. Signed by the Honorable John F. Kness on 4/30/2020: Mailed notice. (docket4,) (Entered: 04/30/2020)
05/26/2020	<u>33</u>	ORDER ORDER Fourth Amended General Order 20-0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on May 26, 2020. This Order does not extend or modify any deadlines set in civil cases. For non-emergency motions, no motion may be noticed for presentment on a date earlier than July 15, 2020. See attached Order. Signed by the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 5/26/2020: Mailed notice. (docket10,) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
06/15/2020	<u>34</u>	MOTION by Attorney Elizabeth Mazur to withdraw as attorney for Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed. No party information provided (Mazur, Elizabeth) (Entered: 06/15/2020)
06/16/2020	<u>35</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Motion by counsel to withdraw as attorney <u>34</u> is granted. Attorney Elizabeth N. Mazur is withdrawn as counsel of record. Mailed notice (ef,) (Entered: 06/16/2020)
07/08/2020	<u>36</u>	MOTION by Pro Se Intervener's Romale Bussell for Emergency Relief. (ph,) (Entered: 07/08/2020)
07/10/2020	<u>37</u>	ORDER Fifth Amended General Order 20-0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on July 10, 2020. This Order does not extend or modify any deadlines set in civil cases. No motions may be noticed for in-person presentment; the presiding judge will notify parties of the need, if any, for a hearing by electronic means or in-court proceeding. See attached Order. Signed by the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 7/10/2020: Mailed notice. (Clerk9, Docket) (Entered: 07/10/2020)
08/07/2020	<u>38</u>	MOTION by Attorney Samantha Reed to withdraw as attorney for Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters. No party information provided (Reed, Samantha) (Entered: 08/07/2020)

08/11/2020	<u>39</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Motion to withdraw as attorney <u>38</u> is granted. Attorney Samantha Reed is terminated as counsel for plaintiffs. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 08/11/2020)
09/10/2020	<u>40</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Upon a review of the docket, the Court directs the parties to submit a concise joint status report. This report must be filed on the public docket on or before September 25, 2020. Respondent shall also respond to pro se Intervenor's Romale Bussell's motion for emergency relief <u>36</u> on or before October 2, 2020. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 09/10/2020)
09/25/2020	<u>41</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint</i>) by Rob Jeffreys (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 09/25/2020)
09/28/2020	<u>42</u>	ORDER: The Court has reviewed the parties' joint status report <u>41</u> , which was filed on September 25, 2020. In view of the parties' ongoing "productive settlement discussions" in the related matter of Richard v. Prtizker, No. 20-cv-02093 (N.D. Ill.) (Seeger, J.), this case is stayed with the exception of the previously set briefing schedule <u>40</u> on pro se Intervenor Bussell's motion for emergency relief (that briefing schedule remains in effect). The parties shall file a joint status report on or before November 18, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by the Honorable John F. Kness on 9/28/2020.Mailed notice(mjc,) (Entered: 09/28/2020)
09/28/2020	<u>43</u>	RESPONSE by Rob Jeffreys to MOTION by Intervenor Plaintiff Romale Bussell <u>36</u> (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 09/28/2020)
09/28/2020	<u>44</u>	STATE Court Record by Rob Jeffreys (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B)(Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 09/28/2020)
10/02/2020	<u>45</u>	ORDER ON INTERVENER'S MOTION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF signed by the Honorable John F. Kness on 10/2/2020. Mailed notice(ef,) (Entered: 10/05/2020)
10/22/2020	<u>46</u>	LETTER from Bob Donley dated 10/16/2020. (Exhibit) (Envelope postmark not legible). (mc,) (Entered: 10/23/2020)
11/13/2020	<u>47</u>	LETTER from Bob Donley dated 11/9/2020. (bg,) (Entered: 11/16/2020)
11/18/2020	<u>48</u>	STATUS Report <i>Second</i> by Romale Bussell, Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, James Money, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Service List, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters (Soble, Jennifer) (Entered: 11/18/2020)

11/23/2020	<u>49</u>	ORDER signed by the Honorable John F. Kness on 11/23/2020: The Court has reviewed the parties' second joint status report <u>48</u> . In view of the parties' ongoing settlement discussions in the related matter of <i>Richard v. Pritzker</i> , No. 20 C 2093 (N.D. Ill.) (Seeger, J.), the Court continues the previously-entered stay in this case. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before February 19, 2021. Mailed notice(ef,) (Entered: 11/23/2020)
12/23/2020	<u>50</u>	ORDER: The Clerk is instructed to strike the letters filed at docket entries 46 and 47 from the record. The Clerk shall also send a copy of this order to Bob Donley, K57096, at the Centralia Correctional Center. See accompanying Statement for details. Signed by the Honorable John F. Kness on 12/23/2020.Mailed notice(nsf,) (Entered: 12/23/2020)
02/19/2021	<u>51</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint</i>) by Rob Jeffreys (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 02/19/2021)
02/22/2021	<u>52</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Before the Court is the parties' Third Joint Status Report <u>51</u> , in which the parties report that they have reached a settlement agreement "in principle." The parties further report that they anticipate finalizing their agreement by March 5, 2021 and filing an updated status report on or before that date. Based on this report, the case is remains stayed. A status hearing is set for 3/29/2021 at 09:45 a.m.; that hearing will be stricken if a stipulation of dismissal is filed in advance. The parties are to use the following call-in number: 888-684-8852, access code 3796759. The public and media representatives may have access to the hearing via the same number. Audio recording of the hearing is not permitted; violations of this prohibition may result in sanctions. Participants are directed to keep their device muted when they are not speaking. Mailed notice (ef,) (Entered: 02/22/2021)
03/05/2021	<u>53</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint</i>) by Rob Jeffreys (Kashyap, Gopi) (Entered: 03/05/2021)
03/06/2021	<u>54</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Before the Court is the parties' Fourth Joint Status Report, in which they report that their settlement agreement is "in the process of being signed" and that the parties "anticipate finalizing their agreement by the scheduled status hearing of March 29, 2021." Based on this report, the case remains stayed. The status hearing set for 3/29/2021 at 09:45 a.m. remains in effect; as noted previously, that hearing will be stricken if a stipulation of dismissal is filed in advance. Mailed notice (jk) (Entered: 03/06/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>55</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Telephonic status hearing held on 3/29/2021. The parties reported that they expect to

		<p>finalize a settlement agreement and to file a stipulation of dismissal within three weeks. The matter is set for a telephone status hearing on 4/23/2021 at 9:30 a.m. That hearing will be stricken if the parties file a stipulation of dismissal in advance. The parties are to use the following call-in number: 888-684-8852, conference code 3796759. The public and media representatives may have access to the hearing via the same number. Audio recording of the hearing is not permitted; violations of this prohibition may result in sanctions. Participants are directed to keep their device muted when they are not speaking. Mailed notice. (jj,) (Entered: 03/30/2021)</p>
04/23/2021	56	<p>MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: Telephonic status hearing held on 4/23/2021. Counsel for Plaintiffs once again reported that this case has settled, but the parties still require additional time to finalize the payment of fees to Plaintiff's counsel. A continued status hearing is set for 5/24/2021 at 11:30 AM. The parties shall use the same call-in information 55 . If the parties conclude their settlement and file a stipulation of dismissal before 5/24/2021, the Court will strike the hearing and terminate the case. If a stipulation of dismissal is not filed before the next status hearing, the Court will be constrained to set an accelerated schedule to ensure the timely resolution of this case. Mailed notice (ef,) (Entered: 04/27/2021)</p>
05/21/2021	57	<p>MOTION by Plaintiffs James Money, Patrice Daniels, Tewkunzi Green, Danny Labosette, Carl Reed, Gerald Reed, William Richard, Anthony Rodesky, Carl "Tay Tay" Tate, Amber Watters to dismiss (Soble, Jennifer) (Entered: 05/21/2021)</p>
05/21/2021	58	<p>MINUTE entry before the Honorable John F. Kness: On 4/6/2021, Petitioners filed a document 57 entitled "Notice of Dismissal With Prejudice" purportedly under "Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(6)." In the ordinary course, a proper stipulated dismissal would constitute a self-executing act without the need for a separate court order. <i>See Nelson v. Napolitano</i>, 657 F.3d 586, 587 (7th Cir. 2011) (FRCP 41(a)(1)(A) notice of dismissal "is self-executing and effective without further action from the court"). But it is unclear to the Court what provision of Rule 41 Petitioners intended to cite. In view of the state of this litigation and the representations made by counsel during recent status hearings, the Court will construe the notice of dismissal as an unopposed motion to dismiss under Rule 41(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Consistent with that Rule and the terms of notice of dismissal, the motion is granted, and the case is dismissed with prejudice. To the extent any party objects to the substance of this order, they may file a short, written objection within seven days. The Court thanks the parties and their counsel for their professional and cooperative approach to this case. Each party to bear</p>

		its own fees and costs. Civil case terminated. The hearing set for 5/24/2021 is stricken. Mailed notice (ef,) (Entered: 05/21/2021)
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