

STATE OF OHIO)
)ss:
COUNTY OF LORAIN)

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE EX REL. DWIGHT
WAINWRIGHT

C.A. No. 25CA012244

Relator

v.

STATE OF OHIO ADULT PAROLE
AUTHORITY

ORIGINAL ACTION IN
MANDAMUS

Respondent

Dated: April 28, 2025

PER CURIAM.

{¶1} Relator, Dwight Wainwright, has petitioned this Court for a writ of mandamus asking this Court to order Respondent, State of Ohio Adult Parole Authority, to conduct a proper investigation. Because Mr. Wainwright failed to comply with the mandatory requirements of R.C. 2969.25, this case must be dismissed.

{¶2} R.C. 2969.25 sets forth specific filing requirements for inmates who file a civil action against a government employee or entity. The Adult Parole Authority is a government entity, and Mr. Wainwright, incarcerated in the Lorain Correctional Institution, is an inmate. R.C. 2969.21(C) and (D). A case must be dismissed if an inmate fails to comply with the mandatory requirements of R.C. 2969.25 in the commencement of the action. *State ex rel. Graham v. Findlay Mun. Court*, 2005-Ohio-3671, ¶ 6.

{¶3} Mr. Wainwright failed to pay the cost deposit required by this Court's Local Rules. He also failed to comply with R.C. 2969.25(C). This section requires an inmate who seeks a waiver of the prepayment of the cost deposit to file specific, statutorily required, information. Here, Mr. Wainwright neither prepaid the cost deposit nor sought a waiver of prepayment of the deposit. Accordingly this case must be dismissed. *Dunkle v. Hill*, 2021-Ohio-3835, ¶ 7 (failure to pay the cost deposit or seek a waiver supported by the statutorily mandated documents requires dismissal).

{¶4} Because Mr. Wainwright failed to comply with the mandatory requirements of R.C. 2969.25, this case is dismissed. Further, because this case must be dismissed, this Court need not address any defects in the complaint, including the failure to provide an address for service on Respondent.

{¶5} Costs taxed to Mr. Wainwright. The clerk of courts is hereby directed to serve upon all parties not in default notice of this judgment and its date of entry upon the journal. *See* Civ.R. 58(B).

SCOT STEVENSON
FOR THE COURT

CARR, J.
SUTTON, J.
CONCUR.

APPEARANCES:

DWIGHT WAINWRIGHT, Pro Se, Relator.