

FORM 1

*FORM TO BE USED BY A PRISONER IN FILING A COMPLAINT  
UNDER THE CIVIL ACT, 42 U.S.C. § 1983*

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter the full name, address,  
date of birth, and institution  
number of the plaintiff(s) in  
this action)

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(enter the full name and address  
of the defendant(s) in this action)

I. Previous Lawsuits:

A. Have you begun other actions in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to your imprisonment?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

B. If your answer to A. is yes, describe that action in spaces below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on the reverse side of this page.)

1. Parties to the previous action:

Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Court (if a federal court, name the district; if a state court, name the city or county) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Name of Judge to whom the case was assigned \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Disposition (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Approximate date of filing the lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Approximate date of the disposition \_\_\_\_\_

II. Place of present confinement \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Prior Institutional Identification Numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A. Is there a state prison grievance procedure in this institution?  
YES [ ] NO [ ]

1. If your answer is YES:

a) Did you file a grievance regarding your complaint, Proceeding under the Administrative Remedy Procedure?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

b) If you answered YES, what steps did you take and what was the result? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) If you answered NO, explain why you did not file.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. If there is no prison grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to the prison authorities?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

1. If you answered YES:

a) What steps did you take: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. Statement of the Claim

(State briefly the facts of your case. Include dates, times and places. Describe how each defendant is involved. Also include the names of other implicated persons. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach an extra sheet, if necessary, for each copy of the complaint submitted.)

Supporting Facts \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IV. Relief

(State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Original Signature of Plaintiff

If you wish to proceed in forma pauperis, complete FORM 2

After you file the complaint, no communication should be directed to the Judge about the case. Pleadings should be filed with the Clerk, and a copy should be mailed to all other parties, or to counsel if they are represented. It is important for you to include the following certificate on the pleadings:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, a copy of this (name of the document) was mailed, postage prepaid, to the names and addresses of the parties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

Please advise the Clerk of the Court of any change in your address. The failure to advise this Court of any change in your address may result in the dismissal of your case under Local Rule 102.1.b.ii.

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Unite States District Court