STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

VINCE BURGESS,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 25-000145-MM

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendant.
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ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S 10/30/25 MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

On October 30, 2025, the in pro per plaintiff moved to serve defendant via first-class mail. Plaintiff attests that he attempted service by certified mail return receipt requested as permitted by court rule in this action, as well as in prior related suits, but the mail was returned as undelivered and, on another occasion, became "logistically 'stuck' in a certain state or delivery office."

The Court has discretion to allow a plaintiff to serve a complaint by alternative means "reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard," if the plaintiff shows "that service of process cannot reasonably be made as provided by this rule." MCR 2.105(J)(1).

Although plaintiff contends that service by certified mail return receipt requested cannot reasonably be made, he fails to acknowledge that service may be effectuated on any defendant in person under MCR 2.105. Plaintiff has not alleged that he has attempted service in person upon the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 3054 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202.

Defendant's location is less than four miles from the address plaintiff has provided the Court, making personal service a viable method of service in this case.

Accordingly, the Court DENIES plaintiff's motion for alternative service. This is not a final order.

Date: November 10th, 2025

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims