STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

BRADLEY J. DORLAND,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000096-MM

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

STATE OF MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS), MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (MDOC), INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT OFFICIALS capacities to be determined in their official and individual capacities,

Defendants.
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ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S 6/02/26 MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE SERVICE

Plaintiff filed this action on May 12, 2026. On June 2, 2026, plaintiff moved under MCR 2.102(D) for an extension of time to complete service on defendants. Plaintiff attached to the motion copies of certified mail receipts for items mailed on May 19, 2026, to the State of Michigan, MDHHS, and MDOC. He also attached United States Postal Service electronic tracking information indicating that each certified mail item arrived at the "Lansing MI Distribution Center" at 6:44 p.m. on May 20, 2026. Plaintiff asserts that as of the date of his motion he had not received the return receipts and so he is unable to complete service under MCR 2.105(A)(2), which requires that a copy of the return receipt signed by the defendant be attached to proof showing service. Plaintiff seeks an extension of 60 days from the date of the Court's order regarding this motion to complete service.

Under MCR 2.102(D), "A summons expires 91 days after the date the summons is issued. However, within those 91 days, on a showing of due diligence by the plaintiff in attempting to serve the original summons, the judge to whom the action is assigned may order a second summons to issue for a definite period not exceeding 1 year from the date the summons is issued." Plaintiff has not requested a second summons. He has requested an additional 60 days from the date of the Court's ruling on this motion to complete service. But the original summons issued in this case does not expire until August 11, 2026, which is more than 60 days from the date of this order. The Court therefore DENIES plaintiff's motion without prejudice to plaintiff making a request before August 11, 2026, for a second summons under MCR 2.102(D) if he is unable to complete service.

IT IS SO ORDERED. This order does not resolve the last pending claim and does not close the case.

Date: June 3, 2026

Hon. Michael F. Gadola
Chief Judge, Court of Claims