



Correctional Center, individually and \*  
in their official capacities, \*  
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Appellees. \*

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Before McMILLIAN, FAGG, and HANSEN, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Missouri inmate Michael Ford appeals from the final judgment entered in the District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri dismissing under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), before service of process, Ford's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. He also seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis, which we grant. In his suit against a number of Missouri prison officials, Ford alleged, in part, that defendants retaliated against him for disclosing that a prison employee was bringing marijuana into the prison, and reneged on a promise to impose no discipline for his participation in an investigation. Because Ford's complaint stated a claim, *see, e.g., Cornell v. Woods*, 69 F.3d 1383, 1388, 1389 (8th Cir. 1995), we reverse the judgment of the district court and remand for further proceedings. We deny Ford's request for appointment of counsel, without prejudice to his right to file another such motion in the district court.

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Attest:

CLERK, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, EIGHTH CIRCUIT.