

**United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No. 08-2318

Larry Darnell Keeper,

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Appellant,

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v.

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Carol E. Jackson, Chief Judge of the
United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Missouri; Thomas
J. Mehan, Assistant United States
Attorney for the Eastern District of
Missouri; James E. Martin, Assistant
United States Attorney for the Eastern
District of Missouri; Michael E. Gans,
Clerk of Court of the United States
Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit;
Judge Shepherd, Judge of the United
States Court of Appeals for the Eighth
Circuit; Judge Smith, Judge of the
United States Court of Appeals for the
Eighth Circuit; Judge Bye, Judge of the
United States Court of Appeals for the
Eighth Circuit; Judge Colloton, Judge
of the United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit; Judge Arnold,
Judge of the United States Court of
Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; Judge
Fagg, Judge of the United States Court
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; Judge
Melloy, Judge of the United States
Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit;

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
Eastern District of Missouri.

[UNPUBLISHED]

Eric H. Holder, Jr.,¹ Attorney General *
of the United States, *
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Appellees. *

Submitted: July 7, 2009
Filed: July 10, 2009

Before MURPHY, RILEY, and BENTON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Larry Keeper (Keeper) appeals the district court's² 28 U.S.C. § 1915A preservice dismissal of his complaint, in which he contended the named defendants participated in a conspiracy to discriminate against Keeper, to violate his equal protection rights, and to deny him access to the courts in connection with legal proceedings surrounding his career-offender sentence for a federal drug conviction.

Having conducted careful de novo review, see Cooper v. Schriro, 189 F.3d 781, 783 (8th Cir. 1999) (per curiam) (standard of review), we conclude that dismissal was proper. Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

¹Eric H. Holder, Jr. has been appointed to serve as Attorney General of the United States, and is substituted as appellee pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 43(c).

²The Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, sitting by designation in the Eastern District of Missouri.