

# Ohio Old-Law Prisoner Files \$250,000 Federal Lawsuit Against Prison Warden and Officer for Alleged Brutality and Cover-up

by Jason Goudlock

On May 31, 2013, stemming from an incident that occurred April 12, 2013 at the Mansfield Correctional Institution located in Mansfield, Ohio, old-law prisoner Jason Goudlock filed a federal civil lawsuit in the United States District Court for The Northern District of Ohio (Case no. 1:13CV1215), alleging that he was physically assaulted at the institution in an incident involving correction officer and defendant, Dana Blankenship (as well as a host of other to be determined unidentified correction officers), who is alleged to have been the ringleader behind the brutal assault, as well as a central figure in the subsequent alleged cover-up of the unconstitutional incident, which, according to a second claim cited in the civil lawsuit, also involves the involvement of the institution's former warden and defendant, Terry Tibbals.

The plaintiff, Jason Goudlock, who filed the civil lawsuit as a pro se litigant, also filed a motion with the court requesting to be appointed legal counsel due to the overall complexity of litigating the lawsuit, as well as the defendants ongoing efforts to undermine his constitutional right to access the court.

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