

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

COLBY PALMER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNNAMED,

Defendant.

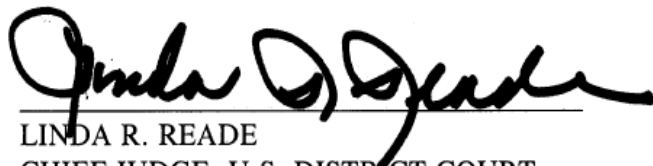
No. C10-0035-LRR

ORDER

This matter is before the court pursuant to a letter that the plaintiff submitted. The clerk's office filed the instant action on March 8, 2010. A letter is insufficient to commence a civil action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 3 (indicating a civil action is commenced by filing a complaint); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (addressing general rules of pleading). Moreover, the plaintiff submits neither the filing fee nor an application to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) (requiring \$350.00 filing fee); 28 U.S.C. § 1915 (explaining proceedings in forma pauperis). Accordingly, this action is dismissed without prejudice. 28 U.S.C. § 1914; 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this 9th day of March, 2010.


LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA