UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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ORDER

December 19, 2023

Before THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, Circuit Judge JOHN Z. LEE, Circuit Judge DORIS L. PRYOR, Circuit Judge

No. 23-3333	IN RE: RICHARD THOMAS GARDIPEE, Petitioner
No. 23-3351	IN RE: RICHARD THOMAS GARDIPEE, Petitioner
Petitions for Writ of Mandamus	
District Court No: 2:23-cv-00728-LA	
District Judges Lynn Adelman & William E. Duffin	

The following are before the court:

- 1. **PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS**, filed on December 7, 2023, by the pro se petitioner in no. 23-3333.
- 2. **PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS**, filed on December 11, 2023, by the pro se petitioner in no. 23-3351.

IT IS ORDERED that the petitions for writ of mandamus are DENIED. On October 31, this court denied three of Richard Gardipee's mandamus petitions. In each order, the court warned him that additional frivolous petitions for writs of mandamus could lead to a filing bar or other sanctions. Nos. 23-3014, 23-3025, 23-3047. But Gardipee has not stopped: he has since filed three more petitions for writs of mandamus, including these two, none of which have been meritorious.

Gardipee has incurred \$1200 in filing fees for these two frivolous petitions. Unless and until Gardipee pays these fees, the clerks of all federal courts in this circuit are directed to return

unfiled any petitions for writs of mandamus submitted either directly or indirectly by him or on his behalf. *See In re: City of Chi.*, 500 F.3d 582, 585-86 (7th Cir. 2007); *Support Sys. Int'l, Inc. v. Mack*, 45 F.3d 185, 186 (7th Cir. 1995). In accordance with our decision in *Mack*, exceptions to this filing bar are made for criminal cases and for applications for writs of habeas corpus. *See Mack*, 45 F.3d at 186-87. This order will be lifted immediately once Gardipee makes full payment. *See City of Chi.*, 500 F.3d at 585–86. If Gardipee, despite his best efforts, is unable to pay in full these fees, no earlier than two years from the date of this order he is authorized to submit to this court a motion to modify or rescind this order. *See id.*; *Mack*, 45 F.3d at 186.

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