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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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In Re: Service of Process by the
United States Marshals Service

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The United States Marshals Service serves this Court's process for *pro se* litigants. It has long done so by certified or registered U.S. mail (return receipt required and restricted delivery) pursuant to various applicable provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 and Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure 4. The Marshals Service has informed the Court that, for the time being, it can no longer use the U.S. mail for service. This is not a local issue; there is some tangle at the national level with the Marshals Service's third-party vendor for postal matters. It is unclear how long it will take to untangle this line.

Service of process in our cases must continue without delay nonetheless. On its own motion, and until further Order, the Court therefore directs the United States Marshals Service to serve process by Federal Express (with a signature required) in any instance where the applicable Rule of Civil Procedure requires using certified or registered U.S. mail. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(e)-(i); Ark. R. Civ. P. 4(g)(4) & (h).

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.
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Chief Judge

5 September 2023