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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION

ARIN CHRISTOPHER HAHN, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL )  
ADULT DETENTION CENTER, et al., )  
Defendants. )

Civil Action No. 7:13-cv-00592  
  
MEMORANDUM OPINION  
  
By: Hon. Jackson L. Kiser  
Senior United States District Judge

Arin Christopher Hahn, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro se, filed a Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 naming the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center (“Jail”) and Correctional Officer Michaels as defendants. This matter is before me for screening, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. After reviewing Plaintiff’s submissions, I dismiss any claims against the Jail without prejudice.

The court must dismiss claims alleged against the Jail because the Jail is not amenable to suit via § 1983. See West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988) (recognizing a § 1983 claim must allege the violation of a federal right by a person acting under color of state law); Preval v. Reno, 57 F. Supp. 2d 307, 310 (E.D. Va. 1999) (“[T]he Piedmont Regional Jail is not a “person,” and therefore not amenable to suit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.”), aff’d in part and rev’d in part, 203 F.3d 821 (4th Cir. 2000), reported in full-text format at 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 465, at \*3, 2000 WL 20591, at \*1 (“The court also properly determined that the Piedmont Regional Jail is not a ‘person’ and is therefore not amenable to suit under § 1983[.]”). Accordingly, I dismiss the claims against the Jail without prejudice. Plaintiff’s excessive force claim against Correctional Officer Michaels remains pending before the court.

ENTER: This 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

*[Signature]*  
Senior United States District Judge