UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JEFFREY RYAN FENTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

VIRGINIA LEE STORY, et al,

Defendants.
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Case No. 1:23-cv-1097

Hon. Paul L. Maloney

ORDER

This matter is now before the Court on *pro se* plaintiff Jeffrey Ryan Fenton's application to be allowed the privilege of electronic filing and service in this Court (ECF No. 5). Plaintiff is proceeding under W.D. Mich. LCivR 5.7, which allows *pro se* litigants to e-file under the "Pro se E-Filing and Service Protocol" posted on the Court's Website. *See* W.D. Mich. LCivR 5.7(d)(ii)(A) and 5.7(i)(iii). Under this Protocol, "On a case by case basis, a judge may grant the privilege of electronic filing and service to a non-prisoner pro se party."

In determining whether to grant plaintiff this privilege, the Court has reviewed the filings in the present case. After performing this review, the Court concludes that allowing plaintiff the privilege of electronic filing is not warranted. Specifically, allowing plaintiff to engage in electronic filing will not promote the efficient operation of the Court or secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of this lawsuit. *See Valassis Communications, Inc. v. Aetna Casualty & Surety Company*, 97 F.3d 870, 873 (6th Cir. 1996) (local court rules "are designed as internal housekeeping rules to promote the efficient operation of the district courts"); W.D. Mich. LCivR

1.6 (this Court's local rules "shall be construed to achieve an orderly administration of the business of this Court and to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action"). Accordingly, plaintiff's application (ECF No. 5) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 13, 2023

/s/ Ray Kent
RAY KENT
United States Magistrate Judge