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of the Eighth Amendment; 2. Plaintiff's equal protection claim is dismissed, with prejudice, for failure to state a claim under section 1983; and 3. This matter is referred back to the Magistrate Judge to initiate service of process proceedings. IT IS SO ORDERED. /s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE **Dated:** <u>December 29, 2010</u>