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Plaintiff Wesley Weidner, by and through counsel, Marc A. Saggese, Esq., and Defendants State of Nevada, Greg Cox, Dwight Neven, Timothy Filson, Joseph Franco, Jennifer Nash, Stacy Barrett, David Molnar, Brian Shields, Victor Daniels, Steve Lemaire, and Antoine Norman, by and through counsel, Adam Paul Laxalt, Nevada Attorney General, and Jared M. Frost, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby stipulate and agree to extend the discovery period and remaining case scheduling deadlines for an additional forty five (45) days.

## I. BACKGROUND

This is an inmate civil rights and tort action seeking damages for alleged actions or omissions of staff at High Desert State Prison (HDSP) in Indian Springs, Nevada. Plaintiff is represented by counsel. Plaintiff filed his original Complaint in state court on June 9, 2016. Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint on August 26, 2016. Defendants removed the case to federal court in September 2016. ECF No. 1; see also ECF No. 1-3 (Amended Complaint).

On October 26, 2016, Defendants Filson, Neven, Daniels, Molnar, Shields, Franco, Barrett, Nash, Norman, and Lemaire filed an Answer.

On January 17, 2017, the Court granted the parties' second joint motion to extend all scheduling deadlines. ECF No. 15. Pursuant to this order, the deadline to add parties or amend pleadings was March 24, 2017, and discovery was set to close on June 26, 2017. Id.

On February 17, 2017, Defendant State of Nevada filed a Joinder to Defendants' Answer. ECF No. 17.

On March 2, 2017, the Court granted the parties' third joint motion to extend discovery deadlines. ECF No. 19. Pursuant to this order, discovery was set to close on August 25, 2017. Id. at 3.

On April 26, 2017, Defendant Cox filed a Joinder to Defendants' Answer. ECF No. 20.

On April 27, 2017, Defendants filed a motion for partial judgment on the pleadings. ECF No.

21. In their motion, Defendants argue that the State of Nevada should be dismissed as to Count I because states are not proper defendants for section 1983 claims, and that Counts II and III should be

dismissed because Plaintiff failed to comply with Nevada's mandatory naming requirement. See ECF No. 21.

On May 16, 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion to amend the Amended Complaint. ECF No. 24. Plaintiff also filed an opposition to Defendants' motion for partial judgment on the pleadings. ECF No. 25

On May 23, 2017, Plaintiff filed another motion to amend the Amended Complaint. ECF No.

On May 23, 2017, Defendants filed a reply brief concerning their motion for partial judgment on the pleadings. ECF No. 27.

On May 26, 2017, the parties filed a joint interim status report. ECF No. 28.

On July 28, 2017, the Court granted the parties' fourth joint motion to extend discovery deadlines. ECF No. 36. Pursuant to this order, discovery was set to close on November 23, 2017. Id. at 4.

On October 5, 2017, Plaintiff's counsel, the Potter Law Office, requested to withdraw from this matter. ECF No. 38.

On October 5, 2017, the Court granted the motion to withdraw. ECF No. 40.

On October 11, 2017, the Court granted Defendants' motion to stay the proceedings pending a determination as to Plaintiff's future representation and directed Plaintiff to file notice of whether he intends to proceed without counsel by November 6, 2017. ECF No. 41.

On November 2, 2017, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion to extend the time to file his representation notice until January 26, 2017. ECF No. 43. Pursuant to the order, the parties were directed to file a proposed Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order within fourteen (14) days of Plaintiff filing his notice. Id.

On November 30, 2017, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' Motion for Partial Dismissal. ECF No. 44. Pursuant to the order, Plaintiff was directed to amend his Complaint

within fourteen (14) days. ECF No. 44; see also ECF No. 44 (Plaintiff's Motion to enlarge the time to file an Amended Complaint for an additional 60 days).

On January 12, 2018, Attorney Marc A. Saggese filed an appearance on behalf of Plaintiff. ECF No. 46.

On January 26, 2018, the Court entered an order approving the parties' joint discovery plan and scheduling order. ECF No. 48. Pursuant to the order, all discovery was to be completed by April 26, 2018. Id. at 5.

On February 16, 2018, Plaintiff filed a Fourth Amended Complaint pursuant to this Court's prior order. ECF No. 50; see also ECF No. 51 (granting Plaintiff's motion to extend the time to file and serve the Fourth-Amended Complaint).

On March 8, 2018, the Court granted the parties' sixth joint motion to extend discovery deadlines. ECF No. 53. Pursuant to this order, discovery was set to close on July 25, 2018.

This stipulated seventh request to extend the discovery deadlines and remaining case management deadlines follows.

# II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LOCAL RULE 26-4

The parties provide the following information in accordance with Local Rule 26-4.

#### A. Discovery completed

Plaintiff and Defendants have produced initial and supplemental disclosures.

Defendants have responded to Plaintiff's first set of Requests for Production of Documents.

Defendants have responded to Plaintiff's interrogatories to Defendant State of Nevada.

Defendants have responded to Plaintiff's interrogatories to Dwight Neven.

Defendant Neven has served Plaintiff with interrogatories.

Plaintiff has responded to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions.

Plaintiff has responded to Defendant Filson's First Set of Interrogatories.

Plaintiff has taken the deposition of inmates Donald Hinton and James Hand.

Plaintiff has responded to Defendant Neven's First Set of Interrogatories.

Plaintiff has responded to Defendant Franco's First Set of Interrogatories.

Plaintiff has responded to Defendant Nash's First Set of Interrogatories.

Plaintiff has served all named Defendants with interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admissions.

Defendants Daniel, Barrett, LeMaire, Filson, and Norman have responded to Plaintiff's interrogatories and requests for admissions.

# B. Discovery that remains to be completed

Both parties have sought to retain medical experts who will evaluate Plaintiff's injuries and provide key information concerning damages and future treatment needs. Plaintiff has recently been transported to Southern Nevada and has been examined by Defendant's medical expert. Defendants require additional time to prepare their expert reports. Plaintiff requires additional time to identify its own medical expert and produce a report. Additionally, Plaintiff will be deposed on June 5, 2018, at High Desert State Prison.

Plaintiff intends to take approximately nine (9) to ten (10) depositions of NDOC employees and inmates.

Plaintiff needs to supplement his computation of damages.

Defendants need to respond to Plaintiff's remaining interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admissions.

## C. Reasons why the deadlines were not satisfied

Since the Court approved the parties' sixth joint motion to extend discovery on March 8, 2018, Plaintiff has served Defendants with additional discovery requests. Additionally, both parties have contacted potential experts concerning the case. However, the parties will be unable to complete necessary discovery in this matter prior to the expiration of this Court's deadlines due to the need to conduct Plaintiff's deposition, produce expert reports, and obtain Plaintiff's x-rays and MRI imaging.

The parties here state that their proposed discovery plan is made in good faith and not sought	
for delay or any improper purpose, and that the additional time is needed to allow the parties to	
complete discovery and adequately prepare the case for trial or other resolution.	
DATED this 16th day of May, 2018. DATED this 16th day of May, 2018.	
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