IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

JOHN CARROLL,

Plaintiff,

OCIVIL ACTION NO.

V.

2:17cv565-MHT

(WO)

MATT HORNE, in his

official and individual

capacities,

Defendant.

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## OPINION

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, plaintiff filed this lawsuit asserting that defendant violated plaintiff's rights to free speech and equal protection by suing plaintiff in state court for defamation. This lawsuit is now before the court on the recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge that defendant's motion to dismiss plaintiff's case be granted. There are no objections to the recommendation. After an independent and de novo review of the record, the court concludes that the magistrate judge's recommendation should be adopted.

An appropriate judgment will be entered.

DONE, this the 10th day of July, 2018.

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE