

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

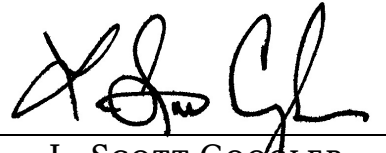
PAUL THOMAS BLANKENSHIP,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 5:11-cv-03875-LSC-JHE
	)	
Dr. JOHNNY E. BATES, <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**MEMORANDUM OF OPINION**

The magistrate judge filed a report on June 7, 2013, recommending that the defendants' special report be treated as a motion for summary judgment and, as such, that the motion be granted and this action dismissed with prejudice. No objections have been filed by any party.

Having carefully reviewed and considered *de novo* all the materials in the court file, including the report and recommendation, the Court is of the opinion that the magistrate judge's report is due to be and hereby is **ADOPTED** and his recommendation is **ACCEPTED**. The Court **EXPRESSLY FINDS** that there are no genuine issues of material fact and that the defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Accordingly, defendants' motion for summary judgment is due to be **GRANTED** and this action is due to be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. A Final Judgment will be entered.

Done this 1st day of July 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Scott Coogler', written over a horizontal line.

L. SCOTT COOGLER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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