

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION

DANNY A. CROMEANS, JR.

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CASE NO. 10-CV-4040

CIRCUIT JUDGE JOE E. GRIFFIN;  
and DEPUTY PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFIN

DEFENDANTS

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation filed April 14, 2010, by the Honorable Barry A. Bryant, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. (Doc. No. 13). On April 23, 2010, Plaintiff filed objections to the Report and Recommendation. (Doc. No. 15). The matter is ripe for consideration.

This is a pro se civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. In his Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that his constitutional right to due process and a fair trial were violated because Joe E. Griffin, the Circuit Judge who presided over Plaintiff's criminal trial, and John Griffin, the deputy prosecuting attorney at his trial, are "kin." He also alleges that other key individuals involved in the trial were related. Plaintiff asks that the Court reverse his conviction and order a new trial. He also asks for an award of compensatory and punitive damages.

In his report and recommendation, Judge Bryant recommends that Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* be denied and that all claims against Judge Joe E. Griffin and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John Griffin be dismissed on the grounds that the claims are frivolous, fail to state claims upon which relief may be granted, and seek relief against defendants who are immune from suit. Plaintiff has filed objections which amount to little more than a restatement of his allegations and his request for relief.

