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the records and files herein, along with the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge. Further, the Court has engaged in a de novo review of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections been made. The Court hereby approves and accepts the findings, have conclusions, and recommendations of the United States Magistrate Judge.

IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that (1) Plaintiff's claims against Defendants Yap and Smeal are dismissed without leave to amend and with prejudice; and (2) The remainder of the Complaint is dismissed with leave to

amend, but only in the following limited manner:

- (a) The First Amended Complaint shall not exceed 50 pages. Plaintiff shall focus his allegations on facts (*e.g.*, who, what, where, when and how), clearly identifying the wrongful acts/omissions allegedly committed by each named Defendant. Plaintiff shall identify those Defendants with whom he personally interacted and describe the interactions giving rise to his claims. Plaintiff shall identify those Defendants with whom he never interacted, but whom he alleges are nevertheless liable based on their actions undertaken in a supervisory or policy-making role;
- (b) Exhibits attached to the First Amended Complaint shall be redacted to protect sensitive information consistent with L.R. 5.2-1;
- (c) The First Amended Complaint shall not include claims based on allegedly wrongful acts involving K.S.;
- (d) The First Amended Complaint shall not include claims based on allegedly wrongful acts that occurred and were known to Plaintiff before March 12, 2013;
- (e) Consistent with the <u>Rooker-Feldman</u> doctrine, the First Amended Complaint shall not include claims based on allegations that any orders or findings by the state juvenile court (such as the determination to declare K.S., C.S. and E.S. dependents of the court) were erroneous and thus violated Plaintiff's constitutional rights;

- (f) The First Amended Complaint shall not pray for punitive damages as a remedy against the County or any County employees sued in their official capacity; and
- (g) Any allegation that Plaintiff suffered harm caused by a County policy, custom, or practice shall describe the content of the challenged policy, custom, or practice. Similarly, any allegation that Plaintiff suffered harm caused by a lack of training shall describe what training was lacking.

If Plaintiff wishes to pursue the above-noted claims, Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint shall be due within thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this.¹

DATED: October 26, 2015

MARGARET M. MORROW
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

If Plaintiff chooses to file a First Amended Complaint, it should bear the docket number assigned in this case, be labeled "First Amended Complaint," and be complete in and of itself without reference to the original Complaint or any other pleading or document. Plaintiff may serve the First Amended Complaint on all Defendants who have appeared by serving their counsel of record. Should he elect to pursue claims against Defendant Karolin Ferrier, Plaintiff will need to serve the First Amended Complaint on Defendant Ferrier in a manner that satisfies Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 and then file a proof of service declaration.