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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JEREMEY JONES,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. LUNDY, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:14-cv-02045-DAD-SAB

ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS, GRANTING  
MOTION TO DISMISS IN PART, AND  
DISMISSING COMPLAINT WITH LEAVE  
TO AMEND

(Doc. Nos. 36, 52)

Plaintiff Jeremy Jones is appearing *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. On January 10, 2017, the assigned magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations recommending that defendants’ motion to dismiss be granted in part and denied in part, and that plaintiff be granted leave to amend his complaint. (Doc. No. 52.) The magistrate judge also recommended that plaintiff’s request to amend his complaint to add a claim under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, be denied, because the Privacy Act has no application to state agencies. (*Id.*) The findings and recommendations were served on the parties and contained notice that objections thereto were to be filed within thirty days. On February 16, 2017, plaintiff filed objections to the findings and recommendations. (Doc. No. 53.)

1 In his objections, plaintiff states that “[a]lthough the court recommended that the plaintiff  
2 would be allowed leave to amend his complaint this exercise would be moot because the plaintiff  
3 has no interest in alleging ‘facts’ that are not true or ‘[a]lternative [f]acts.’” (Doc. No. 53 at 1.)  
4 Plaintiff appears to believe that the magistrate judge misunderstood certain factual allegations of  
5 his second amended complaint to concern plaintiff rather than another inmate who had previously  
6 occupied plaintiff’s cell. To be clear, and as indicated in the findings and recommendations,  
7 plaintiff’s claims against defendants must be dismissed because they fail to demonstrate that  
8 either defendant knew of the alleged conditions in plaintiff’s cell. (See Doc. No. 52 at 4–5.) In  
9 order to state an Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference claim, plaintiff must allege facts  
10 sufficient to show that each defendant was subjectively aware of an “excessive risk to inmate  
11 health or safety.” See *Farmer v. Brennan*, 511 U.S. 825, 837 (1994) (“[T]he official must both be  
12 aware of facts from which the inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious harm  
13 exists, and he must also draw the inference.”); see also *Starr v. Baca*, 652 F.3d 1202, 1205–08  
14 (9th Cir. 2011) (noting a deliberate indifference claim against a supervisor must be “based upon  
15 the supervisor’s knowledge of and acquiescence in unconstitutional conduct by his or her  
16 subordinates”). As the magistrate judge noted in the pending findings and recommendations,  
17 plaintiff’s second amended complaint did not contain “sufficient allegations to demonstrate  
18 [defendants’] subjective knowledge of the conditions for which Plaintiff was subject in the SHU.”  
19 (Doc. No. 52 at 5.) This is the defect plaintiff must address and cure in any third amended  
20 complaint he elects to file in this action.

21 In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), the undersigned has  
22 conducted a *de novo* review of this case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, the  
23 undersigned concludes the findings and recommendations are supported by the record and by  
24 proper analysis.

25 Given the foregoing:

- 26 1. The findings and recommendations issued January 10, 2017 (Doc. No. 52) are  
27 adopted in full;

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