UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SALADIN RUSHDAN aka ROBERT STANLEY WOODS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

D. DAVEY, et al.,

Defendants.

1:16-cv-00988-NONE-GSA-PC

ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, GRANTING DEFENDANT CASA'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE ENTRY OF DEFAULT, AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

(Doc. Nos. 65, 67 & 73.)

Saladan Rushdan aka Robert Stanley Woods ("plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* with 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 June 1, 2020, the assigned magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations recommending that defendant Casas' motion to set aside the Clerk's entry of default be granted and plaintiff's request for default judgment be denied. (Doc. No. 73.) On July 23, 2020, plaintiff filed objections to the findings and recommendations, (Doc. No. 78), and on August 3, 2020, defendant Casas filed a response to plaintiff's objections, (Doc. No. 81).

27 ||-----

¹ The parties were granted fourteen days in which to file objections and ten days after the filing date of any objections in which to file a reply to the objections. (Doc. No. 73 at 7:7–12.)

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 304, this court has conducted a *de novo* review of this case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, including plaintiff's objections and defendant Casas' response to the objections, the court finds the findings and recommendations to be supported by the record and proper analysis. The court agrees with the magistrate judge that it is appropriate to set aside defendant Casas' default under the circumstances and therefore that default judgment is inappropriate as to defendant Casas. Plaintiff's objections do not undermine the reasoning presented in the findings and recommendations.

Accordingly, THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. The findings and recommendations entered on June 1, 2020, (Doc. No. 73), are ADOPTED IN FULL;
- 2. Defendant Casas' motion to set aside entry of default (Doc. No. 67) is GRANTED;
- 3. Plaintiff's request for default judgment (Doc. No. 65) is DENIED; and
- 4. This case is referred back to the magistrate judge for further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **August 18, 2020**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE