UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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GERALD SIMPSON,

v.

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

RITE AID CORPORATION,

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Case No. <u>15-cv-05611-WHA</u> (MEJ)

NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been referred to the undersigned magistrate judge for all discovery-related matters. The parties must comply with the undersigned's Discovery Standing Order, which is available on the Court's website at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/mej. A copy is enclosed herewith for any pro se party.

The parties are advised they must meet and confer <u>in person</u> before any dispute is considered. Thus, any pending discovery motions are hereby DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to the filing of a joint letter. If the parties submitted a letter to the presiding judge instead of a motion, the letter shall not be considered unless the parties attest they met and conferred <u>in person</u> prior to filing the letter. Accordingly, if there is a pending letter, the parties shall file a joint statement within three days of this notice verifying that they met in person prior to filing the letter.

Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Rose Maher, at (415) 522-4708 with any questions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 5, 2016

MARIA-ELENA JAMES United States Magistrate Judge