UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

PATRICK LORNE FARRELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 2:13-cv-140-FtM-29DNF

GMAC MORTGAGE, STATE OF FLORIDA, BEARS-STEARNS, IMPAC FUNDING, JOHN DOE, or Jane Does, and OCWEN LOAN SERVICING,

Defendants.

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on consideration of the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. #94), filed January 24, 2014, recommending that plaintiff's Motion to Amend and Add Causes Against Ocwen (Doc. #91) be denied and the Response to Ocwen's Response in Opposition (Doc. #93) be stricken. Plaintiff filed an Objection to the Report and Recommendation (Doc. #97) on February 18, 2014, pursuant to the Court's Order (Doc. #96) providing an extension of the deadline to file objections.

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject or modify the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); <u>United States v. Powell</u>, 628 F.3d 1254, 1256 (11th Cir. 2010). A district judge "shall make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). <u>See also United States v. Farias-Gonzalez</u>, 556 F.3d 1181, 1184 n.1 (11th Cir. 2009). This requires that the district judge "give fresh consideration to those issues to which specific objection has been made by a party." <u>Jeffrey S. v. State Bd. of</u> <u>Educ. of Ga.</u>, 896 F.2d 507, 512 (11th Cir. 1990)(quoting H.R. 1609, 94th Cong., § 2 (1976)). The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. <u>See</u> <u>Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry. Co.</u>, 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994).

After a careful and complete review of the record in this case, the Court agrees with the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge. Plaintiff's objection presents disagreement with the findings of the Magistrate Judge, however the Court finds the basis for the amendment is frivolous and will overrule the objection. The Court also agrees that the reply was filed without leave of Court.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

- The Report and Recommendation (Doc. #94) is hereby adopted and the findings incorporated.
- Plaintiff's Objection to the Report and Recommendation (Doc. #97) is overruled.

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- Plaintiff's Motion to Amend and Add Causes Against Ocwen (Doc. #91) is denied.
- Plaintiff's Response to Ocwen's Response in Opposition (Doc. #93) is stricken.

DONE and ORDERED at Fort Myers, Florida, this <u>6th</u> day of August, 2014.

JOHN E. STEELE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies: Hon. Douglas N. Frazier All Parties of Record