UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

ANTHONY PENWELL,

Plaintiff,

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Case No: 2:14-cv-572-FtM-38CM

RTS OF CAPE CORAL, INC., COLONIAL MOTEL, LLC, THOMAS CIRRINCIONE and BENJAMIN CIRRINCIONE,

Defendants.

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ORDER¹

This matter comes before the Court on United States Magistrate Judge Carol Mirando's Report and Recommendation (Doc. #31) filed on August 27, 2015. Judge Mirando recommends granting the Parties' Amended Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice (Doc. #30) and approving the Settlement Agreement (Doc. #30-1; Doc. #30-2) as a fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute under the Fair Labor Standards Act. (Doc. #31). The time available to file an objection to this Report and Recommendation has expired, and therefore this matter is ripe for review.

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's

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report and recommendation. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also Williams v. Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982). In the absence of specific objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings *de novo*, *Garvey v. Vaughn*, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993), and the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. *See Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry. Co.*, 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994).

After conducting an independent examination of the file and upon consideration of Judge Mirando's findings and recommendations, the Court accepts the Report and Recommendation (Doc. #31).

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

1. The Report and Recommendation (Doc. #31) is **ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED** and the findings incorporated herein.

2. The Parties' Amended Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice (Doc. #30) is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement (Doc. #30-1; Doc. #30-2) is approved as fair and reasonable.

3. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to enter judgment accordingly, dismiss the case with prejudice, terminate all deadlines and motions, and close the file.

DONE and ORDERED in Fort Myers, Florida, this 16th day of September, 2015.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies: All Parties of Record