UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

JOSE MUNDO, JOSEPH VASQUEZ, JAVIER CORDOVEZ, MACLAINE FLEXAS, ORLANDO ESCOBAR & JOSEPH VASQUEZ,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

Case No. 6:07-cv-702-Orl-19KRS

FLORIDA SUNSET SHUTTLE, INC.,
Defendant.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

This cause comes before the Court on its own initiative. On April 25, 2007, Plaintiff Jose Mundo filed a complaint against Defendants Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., and Ruben Cabrera as a collective action alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq., and breach of contract. Doc. No. 1. Mundo's claims against Cabrera were voluntarily dismissed without prejudice on July 9, 2008. Doc. No. 18. The remaining opt-in Plaintiffs joined the case when Mundo filed an amended complaint against Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc. Doc. No. 25.

Mundo purportedly served Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., with a summons and copy of the original complaint on May 9, 2007. Doc. No. 12. The Court denied Mundo's motion for entry of default as to the opt-in Plaintiffs for failure to serve the amended complaint that named them on Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., and for Mundo's failure to properly effect service of the original in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4. Doc. No. 27.

Thereafter, K.E. Pantas, attorney for Plaintiffs, filed a motion to withdraw. Doc. No. 30. The

Court granted this motion and ordered Plaintiffs to file an affidavit of service of process on

Defendant Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., as required by Rule 4 on or before November 30, 2008. Doc.

No. 31. The Court admonished Plaintiffs that a failure to file the affidavit "may result in the

presiding judge dismissing the case without any further notice." Id. at 2. Noting that Plaintiffs had

failed to file the required affidavit, on January 13, 2009, the undersigned issued to Plaintiffs an Order

to Show Cause why the case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution. Doc. No. 33. The

Order required Plaintiffs to respond within eleven days of the date of the Order . Id.

As of the writing of this Report and Recommendation, Plaintiffs have neither filed proof of

service as to Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., nor shown cause why the case should not be dismissed for

failure of prosecution. Accordingly, based on Plaintiffs' failure to comply with the Court's order or

provide any justification for not doing so, I respectfully recommend that Plaintiffs' claims against

Florida Sunset Shuttle, Inc., be **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failure to prosecute pursuant to

Local Rule 3.10(a) and for failure to comply with a pretrial order of the Court pursuant to Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f). I further recommend the Court direct the Clerk to close the file.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained

in this report within ten (10) days from the date of its filing shall bar an aggrieved party from

attacking the factual findings on appeal.

Recommended in Orlando, Florida on January 26, 2009.

Karla R. <u>Spaulding</u>

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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