UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

IZZAT	NAZER,

Plaintiff.

v. Case No: 8:16-cv-2259-T-36JSS

FIVE BUCKS DRINKERY LLC and CITY OF SAINT PETERSBURG,

Defendants.	

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel a Discovery Response Against Five Bucks Drinkery (Dkt. 78) and Plaintiff's Motion to Compel a Discovery Response Against City of Saint Petersburg (Dkt. 79) (collectively, "Motions"). Upon review of the Motions, it appears that Plaintiff failed to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Middle District of Florida Local Rules. Specifically, Plaintiff failed to comply with Rule 37, which states that a motion to compel "must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make disclosure or discovery in an effort to obtain it without court action." Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(1). Plaintiff also failed to comply with Local Rules 3.01(a), 3.01(g), and 3.04(a). All litigants are "subject to the relevant law and rules

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¹ The Local Rules for the Middle District of Florida are available on the Court's website at http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/LocalRules.htm, or in the Clerk's Office. The Court's website also includes additional information about proceeding without a lawyer, available at http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/pro_se/default.htm. Moreover, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association operates a Legal Information Program on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor (next to the Clerk's Office) of the Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse, 801 North Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602. Through that program, pro se litigants may consult with a lawyer on a limited basis for free. More information about the program is available on the Court's website at www.flmd.uscourts.gov/pro_se/docs/pro-seLegal_Assist.htm.

of court, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," regardless of whether the litigant is represented by an attorney. *See Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989). Further, the Eleventh Circuit requires pro se litigants to "conform to procedural rules." *Loren v. Sasser*, 309 F.3d 1296, 1304 (11th Cir. 2002). Accordingly, the Motions are **DENIED** without prejudice.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties are directed to meet and confer regarding discovery disputes in accordance with Middle District of Florida Local Rule 3.01(g) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37 within fourteen days of the date of this Order.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, on October 12, 2017.

JULIE S. SNEED

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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