UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

MARICIA JOSEPH,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No. 8:17-cv-1251-T-27AAS

HYATT SARASOTA,

Defendant.

ORDER

ON AUGUST 2, 2017, this Court entered an Order directing Plaintiff to appear personally at a status conference scheduled for August 23, 2017. (Dkt. 10). The Order expressly stated: "FAILURE OF PLAINTIFF TO APPEAR AT SAID CONFERENCE . . . SHALL RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF THIS CAUSE " (Dkt. 10). Plaintiff failed to appear, pro se or through newly retained counsel, at said hearing. The Court finds, based on Plaintiff's willful failure to comply with this Order, that lesser sanctions will not suffice. Pierce v. City of Miami, 176 F. App'x 12, 14 (11th Cir. 2006). Accordingly, this case is DISMISSED without prejudice. All pending motions are DENIED as moot. The clerk is directed to CLOSE this case.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24 day of August, 2017.

JAMES D. WHITTEMORE United States District Judge

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