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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA PANAMA CITY DIVISION

TERRY L. SLY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 5:08cv279/MCR/EMT

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Defendant.

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's notice of voluntary dismissal of the instant civil rights case, filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, without prejudice (Doc. 4).

Rule 41(a)(1)(A) provides that an action may be dismissed without an order of the court by filing a notice of dismissal at any time before the adverse party serves an answer or files a motion for summary judgment. Because Defendant has not yet been served in the instant case, it is clear that Plaintiff is automatically entitled to a voluntary dismissal at this time.

Accordingly, it is respectfully **RECOMMENDED**:

That Plaintiff's notice of voluntary dismissal (Doc. 4) be **GRANTED** and this case be **DISMISSED without prejudice**.

At Pensacola, Florida, this <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of September 2008.

/s/ Elizabeth M. Timothy

ELIZABETH M. TIMOTHY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

## **NOTICE TO THE PARTIES**

Objections to these proposed findings and recommendations may be filed within ten (10) days after being served a copy thereof. Any different deadline that may appear on the electronic docket is for the court's internal use only. A copy of objections shall be served upon the magistrate judge and all other parties. Failure to object may limit the scope of appellate review of factual findings. See 28 U.S.C. § 636; United States v. Roberts, 858 F.2d 698, 701 (11th Cir. 1988).

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