IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION

LESTER J. SMITH,	:	
Plaintiff,	:	**NO. 5:12-CV-26 (WLS)**
VS.	:	
BRIAN OWENS,	:	**Proceedings Under 42 U.S.C. §1983**
Defendant.	:	**Before the U.S. Magistrate Judge**

ORDER

Before the Court is a Motion to Stay (Doc.16) wherein Defendant Brian Owens requests that discovery in this action be stayed pending resolution of his pending Motion to Dismiss (Doc. 15). Given the nature of the Motion to Dismiss, it is in the interests of justice to stay discovery pending resolution of the motion, in order to avoid any potentially unnecessary costs and burdens associated with further litigation. Accordingly, said Motion is hereby **GRANTED** as follows: Discovery is stayed until the pending Motion to Dismiss has been resolved or until further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED, this 13th day of March, 2012.

s/ Charles H. Weigle
Charles H. Weigle
United States Magistrate Judge

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