

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
SAVANNAH DIVISION

JAMES T. WRIGHT,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CV415-099
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LEDELL ELLIS, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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**ORDER**

After a year of inactivity, the Court ordered the parties to show cause why this case should not be dismissed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b) and L.R. 41.1(b). Doc. 8 (entered October 31, 2016). In response the parties notified the Court that they had reached a settlement “and expect a dismissal will be filed” by the end of November, 2016. *See docs. 9 & 10.* That hasn’t happened. Given the announced settlement, however, the Clerk shall **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE** this case without prejudice to the right of any party with standing to reopen it. *See, e.g., In re Heritage Southwest Medical Group PA*, 464 F. App’x 285, 287 (5th Cir. 2012) (“[A]dministrative closure does not have any effect on the rights of the parties and is simply a docket-management device.”). If settlement-

enforcement is sought, any party with standing may move to reactivate this case and comply with *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 381-82 (1994) (authorizing courts to retain jurisdiction, upon use of an Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2)-based “settlement-dismissal,” to enforce a settlement agreement); *Heape v. Flanagan*, 2008 WL 2439736 at \* 3 (S.D. Ga. June 9, 2008); *Eller v. Colvin*, CV414-202, doc. 91 (S.D. Ga. Sept. 6, 2016). Alternatively, the parties may elect to take no further action -- they have settled, after all -- in which case this action will simply remain closed.

**SO ORDERED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**