UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

JOHN C. MARR, as assignee)	
of Matthew T. Zirtzman,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CV418-094
)	
USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

<u>ORDER</u>

Plaintiff filed this bad-faith-failure-to-settle claim in the Northern District of Georgia on April 24, 2018.¹ See doc. 1. Before it was served, it was transferred to this District. See doc. 2. Since that transfer, it appears that plaintiff has taken no further action to serve the defendant or otherwise prosecute this case.

The Federal Rules provide that "[i]f a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff—must dismiss the action without prejudice

¹ The Court notes that the Complaint is undated. *See* doc. 1 at 12. The Court, therefore, relies on the date that the Complaint was filed by the Northern District's Clerk of Court.

against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time." Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). The Rule's 90-day period has long since passed. Plaintiff, therefore, is **DIRECTED** to respond within seven days and **SHOW CAUSE** why this case should not be dismissed for failure to serve the defendant or, alternatively, for failure to prosecute. *See id.*; *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (recognizing courts' power "to clear their calendars of cases that have remained dormant because of the inaction or dilatoriness of the parties seeking relief.").

SO ORDERED, this 24th day of April, 2019.

CHRISTOPHER L. RAY

UNITED STATES MAGIŜTRATE JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA