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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

JAMES WHITMAN,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 4:18-cv-101

v.

BRYAN KEITH HINTON,

Defendant.

ORDER

After a careful *de novo* review of the entire record, the Court concurs with the Magistrate Judge's August 31, 2021, Report and Recommendation, (doc. 26), to which plaintiff has not filed an objection. The Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation as its opinion. For the reasons discussed by the Magistrate Judge, the Court **AWARDS** \$75,000.00 total damages, comprised of \$50,000.00 in compensatory damages and \$25,000.00 in punitive damages. The Court further finds that plaintiff's counsel is entitled to \$8,570.28 in attorney's fees, and \$906.15 in costs. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(d)(2), in the event that Plaintiff recovers his award of compensatory damages, 25% of that recovery, or any portion of it, shall be applied to satisfy the amount of attorney's fees awarded. The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to enter the appropriate judgment and to close this case.

SO ORDERED, this 17th day of September, 2021.

R. STAN BAKER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA