U.S DISTRICT COURT IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ELENSWICK GEV FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA 2010 OCT 19 AM 10: 34

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Plaintiff.

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JESUS VASQUEZ.

CIVIL ACTION NO .: CV510-085

O. BRIAN OWENS; SONNY PERDUE; DAMON HININGER: BARRY GOODRICH: and CARIE GRADY,

Defendants.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Plaintiff, an inmate presently confined at Coffee Correctional Facility in Nicholls, Georgia, filed an action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. An inmate proceeding in a civil action against officers or employees of government entities must comply with the mandates of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915 & 1915A. In determining compliance, the court shall be guided by the longstanding principle that pro se pleadings are entitled to liberal construction. Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972); Walker v. Dugger, 860 F.2d 1010, 1011 (11th Cir. 1988).

28 U.S.C. § 1915A requires a district court to screen the complaint for cognizable claims before or as soon as possible after docketing. The court must dismiss the complaint or any portion of the complaint that is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary damages from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) and (2).

In <u>Mitchell v. Farcass</u>, 112 F.3d 1483, 1490 (11th Cir. 1997), the Eleventh Circuit interpreted the language contained in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii), which is nearly identical to that contained in the screening provisions at § 1915A(b). As the language of § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) closely tracks the language of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), the court held that the same standards for determining whether to dismiss for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6) should be applied to prisoner complaints filed pursuant to § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). <u>Mitchell</u>, 112 F.3d at 1490. The court may dismiss a complaint for failure to state a claim only where it appears beyond a doubt that a *pro se* litigant can prove no set of facts that would entitle him to relief. <u>Hughes v. Rowe</u>, 449 U.S. 5, 10 (1980); <u>Mitchell</u>, 112 F.3d at 1490. While the court in <u>Mitchell</u> interpreted § 1915(e), its interpretation guides this court in applying the identical language of § 1915A.

Plaintiff states that he was placed on work detail at the law library and then removed from that position. Plaintiff claims he "was called out of the dorm to a detail many times, and learn[ed] that he was not officially placed on the detail." (Doc. No. 1, p. 11). He also states he was not taken before a classification committee and that he was not issued a schedule that showed his work hours. Plaintiff states his First, Eighth, Fourteenth, and Fifth Amendment rights were violated.

A plaintiff must set forth "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that [he] is entitled to relief." FED. R. CIV. P. 8(a)(2). Plaintiff fails to mention any of the defendants in the body of his complaint, and does not allege any facts delineating how these defendants have violated his constitutional rights. Without concrete allegations against these defendants Plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim under § 1983.

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Based on the foregoing, it is my **RECOMMENDATION** that Plaintiff's complaint be

DISMISSED.

SO REPORTED and **RECOMMENDED**, this <u>19</u>th day of October, 2010.

JAMES E. GRAHAM UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE