

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
STATESBORO DIVISION**

RAMIE KEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER KIGHT,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 6:14-cv-39

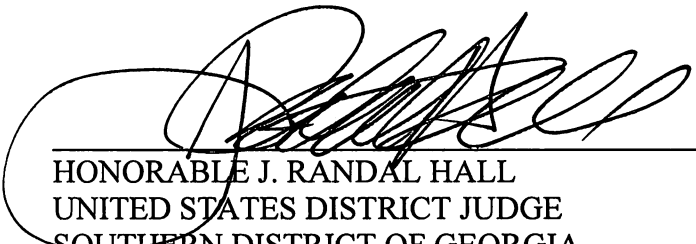
ORDER

After an independent and *de novo* review of the entire record, the undersigned concurs with the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, (doc. 43), to which no Objections were filed. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation as the opinion of the Court. The Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Default and **AWARDS** total damages, fees, and costs in the amount of **\$289,367.59** against Defendant Kight and in favor of Plaintiff. This award is apportioned as follows: **\$100,000.00** in compensatory damages for physical pain and suffering and mental and emotional distress; **\$25,000.00** for future medical expenses; **\$124,800.00** in lost income; **\$25,000.00** in punitive damages; ¹ **\$11,851.88** in attorney's fees; and costs in the amount of **\$2,715.71**. Additionally, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(d)(2), in the event Plaintiff recovers his award of compensatory

¹ The Court specifically agrees with the Magistrate Judge that Plaintiff is entitled to the full amount of punitive damages he requested, \$25,000.00. Having reviewed the video of the incident, it is abundantly clear that Defendants, without provocation, swept Plaintiff's feet out from underneath him and then threw Plaintiff, face-first, into the concrete floor, all while Plaintiff was handcuffed. Such malicious conduct by any individual, much less officers of the law, is reprehensible.

damages, \$2,000.00 of that recovery shall be applied to satisfy the amount of attorney's fees awarded against this Defendant.

SO ORDERED, this 24th day of March, 2017.



HONORABLE J. RANDAL HALL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA