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

JAMES H. HAWES,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 6:16-cv-15

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant.

ORDER

After an independent and *de novo* review of the entire record, the undersigned concurs with the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, (doc. 22), to which no Objections have been filed. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge as the opinion of the Court.

The Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, (doc. 16), **DISMISSES** Plaintiff's Complaint, and **DENIES** Plaintiff leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal. The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to enter an appropriate Judgment of Dismissal and to **CLOSE** this case.

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