UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

JEFFERY C. CLARK

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO. 00-956-JJB

STATE OF LOUISIANA, ET AL.

RULING ON REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The court has carefully considered the record, the law applicable to this action, and the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Docia Dalby, dated September 6, 2012 (doc. no. 54). The court has further considered the objection filed by

defendants and the response filed by Clark.

The court finds that the magistrate judge has correctly cited and applied the law.

The court finds no abuse of discretion in the magistrate judge's application of the factors

relative to consolidation of cases. The five cases at hand are in different postures

procedurally and involve separate factual analysis as to the individual claims of excessive

force. Other discretionary factors play into this decision as well, as more fully explained by

the magistrate judge. Therefore, the court approves and adopts the report and

recommendation of the magistrate judge.

Accordingly, the motion (doc. 38) to consolidate is hereby DENIED.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 27, 2012.

AMES J. BRADY, JUDGE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA