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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

GARY SIMS : CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-cv-2466

VERSUS : JUDGE MINALDI

STATE OF LOUISIANA ET AL. : MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

MEMORANDUM ORDER

Before the court is an amended civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 [doc.

12] filed in forma pauperis by pro se plaintiff Gary Sims ("Sims") against employees of the Region

6 Department of Children & Family Services – Office of Community Services ("DCFS-OCS")

and a private citizen. Specifically, he names as defendants DCFS-OCS agent Melissa Ross, DCFS-

OCS agent Dawn Sahualla, DCFS-OCS agent Ann Ellender, DCFS-OCS agent Allison Weckerly,

DCFS-OCS general counsel Nick Pizzolatto, and Jessica Prudhomme White ("White").

Sims was granted the opportunity to amend his first complaint. Doc. 9. By amendment

[doc. 12] he still fails to allege sufficient facts to support a conspiracy between DCFS-OCS agents

and White. We have therefore recommended that the claims against White be dismissed, as she

cannot otherwise be held liable under § 1983. However, we find that the amendment sufficiently

addresses prior deficiencies in pleading relating to the other defendants named above to survive

our frivolity review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. See Bradley v. Puckett, 157 F.3d 1022, 1025 (5th Cir.

1998).

Therefore, in order for this court to determine what action to take in this matter,

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THE CLERK IS DIRECTED to serve a copy of this memorandum order, two (2)

summons forms and one (1) USM-285 form for EACH defendant: (1) Melissa Ross, (2) Dawn

Sahualla, (2) Ann Ellender, (3) Allison Weckerly, and (4) Nick Pizzolatto, upon Sims at his last

known address.

Within thirty (30) days after service of this order, **SIMS IS DIRECTED** to complete two

summons forms and one USM-285 form for each defendant, attach each set of documents to a

copy of the original complaint, and send those packets of documents (one packet per defendant)

to the: Deputy Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 611 Broad Street, Lake Charles,

LA 70601.

THE CLERK IS FURTHER DIRECTED to provide the prepared packets to the United

States Marshal for service on the defendant identified in the summons.

All parties shall have the responsibility of promptly reporting to the court and to all

other parties any change in their mailing address. Failure to do so shall be considered

grounds for dismissal under LR 41.3.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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