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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MONROE DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER L. CARR

CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-1080

VERSUS

JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES

WARDEN NEWCOMER, ET AL.

MAG. JUDGE KAREN L. HAYES

ORDER

Pending before the Court is an appeal [Doc. No. 15] of Magistrate Judge Hayes's order denying seven of plaintiff's pre-trial motions [Doc. No. 14]. Plaintiff appeals Magistrate Judge Hayes's denial of its Motion to Proceed on One Copy [Doc. No. 3], Motion to Appoint Counsel [Doc. No. 4], Motion for Protective Order [Doc. No. 5], Motion to Certify Class [Doc. No. 6], Motion to Correct Plaintiff's Name [Doc. No. 11], Motion for Service [Doc. No. 12], and Motion for a Supplemental Pleading Ordering a Preliminary Injunction [Doc. No. 13].

These motions are non-dispositive pre-trial matters. Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a), the Court reviews a magistrate judge's rulings on a non-dispositive matter only to determine whether they are clearly erroneous or contrary to law.

Having reviewed the Defendants' appeal, the Court finds that Magistrate Judge Hayes's order is neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law. The Court notes, however, that the plaintiff's complaint remains on initial review pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915, 1915A, and 42 USC §1983, and that the motions will be subject to reconsideration as the case develops.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' appeal [Doc. No. 15] is DENIED, and Magistrate Judge Hayes's August 24, 2009 order [Doc. No. 14] is affirmed.

MONROE, LOUISIANA, this 15 day of September, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert C. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "J".

ROBERT C. JAMES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE