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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No. 2:08-cv-13852 HON. GEORGE CARAM STEEH

K. GREEN, et al,	
	Defendant.

ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION(#25)

This matter is before the court on defendants Michael Denise, Matthew Dunaj, Keith Green, Connie Ignasiak and James Van Acker's motion for summary judgment filed on February 25, 2009. In that motion, defendants argue that the plaintiff had not properly exhausted his claims and that the claims were barred by qualified immunity. On August 4, 2009, Magistrate Judge Whalen recommended that the motion be partially granted and partially denied. Magistrate Judge Whalen recommended that the motion be denied as to Plaintiff's Eight Amendment claim against Defendants in their personal capacities because "Defendants' qualified immunity argument omits all mention of the exhausted Eight Amendment claims" and "Defendants' motion is unaccompanied by affidavits by Defendants or other evidence supporting the arguments that they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on the Eight Amendment claims." Report and Recommendation, at 13. Magistrate Judge Whalen recommended that the motion be granted as to the official capacity claims because "Plaintiff requests monetary damages

but not injunctive relief" and "[m]onetary claims...in their capacity as agents of the state

under 42 U.S.C. §1983 are subject to dismissal on the basis of the immunity granted by

the Eleventh Amendment." Report and Recommendation, at 11. Magistrate Judge

Whalen recommended that the motion be granted as to plaintiff's claim of retaliatory job

termination for failure to exhaust administrative remedies, because "Plaintiff's response

to the present motion states that he 'has voluntarily dismissed that claim only in the

context of the unexhausted grievance that was filed,' apparently conceding that the May

28, 2007 Step One grievance was not pursued through Step Three." Report and

Recommendation, at 10. Neither party has filed an objection to the Report and

Recommendation. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); E.D. Mich. L.R. 72.1(d)(2). Having

reviewed the record and the Report and Recommendation, the court hereby ACCEPTS

the August 4, 2009 Report and Recommendation as its own. Accordingly,

Defendant's motion for summary judgment is hereby partially GRANTED and

partially DENIED consistent with the analysis set forth in the August 4, 2009 Report and

Recommendation.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 25, 2009

S/George Caram Steeh

GEORGE CARAM STEEH

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon attorneys of record on

August 25, 2009, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

S/Josephine Chaffee

Deputy Clerk

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