

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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BENJAMIN CAULTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 1:07-CV-947

PATRICIA CARUSO, et al.,

HON. GORDON J. QUIST

Defendants.

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**ORDER ADOPTING  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Court has before it Plaintiff's objections to the report and recommendation issued January 26, 2009, in which Magistrate Judge Brenneman recommended that Defendants Michael Haske's and Amy Haske's motion for summary judgment be granted on all claims and that they be dismissed from the case. With regard to Plaintiff's retaliation claim, the magistrate judge concluded that Plaintiff failed to demonstrate the causation requirement for such a claim because Plaintiff filed his grievances after Defendants made the decision to transfer Plaintiff and prisoner Owens. Regarding Plaintiff's equal protection claim, the magistrate judge concluded that, while Defendant Amy Haske treated Plaintiff differently from prisoner Owens by allowing Owens to request only one type of job assignment, Plaintiff has failed to present any evidence showing that Defendant Amy Haske's job assignment decision was motivated by Plaintiff's race. Finally, the magistrate judge concluded that Plaintiff's due process claim fails because Plaintiff has no constitutionally protected property or liberty interest in prison employment or to any particular job.

After conducting a *de novo* review of the report and recommendation, the Court will adopt it in its entirety.

