Maier v. Frink et al

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

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LLOYD SCOTT MAIER,

CV 13-92-GF-DWM-JTJ

Plaintiff,

VS.

ORDER

MARTIN FRINK and MR. ROSS,

Defendants.

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Lloyd Scott Maier's Motion for Default Judgment. (Doc. 23.) Magistrate Judge John Johnston entered Findings and Recommendations on March 10, 2015, recommending the Court deny the motion. (Doc. 26.) Maier has not filed objections to Judge Johnston's findings and recommendations.

The Court reviews the findings and recommendations that are not specifically objected to for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a "definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed." *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000). The Court finds no clear error with Judge Johnston's determination that there is no basis for a

judgment to be entered against Warden Frink at this early stage in the litigation.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Findings and Recommendations (Doc. 26) are ADOPTED IN FULL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Maier's Motion for Default Judgment

(Doc. 23) is DENIED.

DATED this 4 day of April, 2015.

Donald W. Molloy, District Judge

United States District Court