UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RONALD CARNEY,)	
	Plaintiff,	Case No. 2:14-cv-00565-JAD-GWF
VS.	}	<u>ORDER</u>
B. JOHN KAUFMAN,		Plaintiff's Motion for Final Disclosure of Expert Witness (#23)
	Defendant.	of Expert Withess (#25)

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Disclosure of Expert Witness (#23), filed on September 10, 2014.

Plaintiff filed his Complaint on April 14, 2014. *See Doc. #1*. Defendant subsequently filed a motion to extend time to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, which was granted on May 1, 2014. *See Doc. #6*. Defendant's time to respond was extended to June 9, 2014. *Id.* On May 8, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion for pretrial conference, which was denied because the Defendant had not responded nor had the parties attempted to meet and confer. *See Dkt. #8*. On June 2, 2014, Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss (#11), which is pending before the Court. *See Dkt. #11*.

On June 3, 2014, Plaintiff filed a document titled "SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 26-1(e)" in which he purported that the parties met and conferred. The document seemingly appeared to be a stipulated discovery plan however lacked the necessary information, discovery deadlines, and signatures from both parties. The Court Clerk summarily returned the document to the Plaintiff, as it appeared to be a discovery document that should not have been filed with the Court. On June 16, 2014 and subsequently on June 30, 2014, Plaintiff filed two motions for a Rule 16 Conference, which the Court dismissed as premature because the parties had not yet met

and conferred. *See Dkt. 18*. The Court did enter a scheduling order, however, setting the discovery deadlines with a cut-off date scheduled for January 19, 2015. *Id*.

On July 24, 2014, Plaintiff filed a "Motion for Entry of Proposed Stipulated Order & Consent Judgement" therein alleging that the Defendant agreed that "there is nothing B. John Kaufman can do about this civil action" and represented that the parties have agreed to a settlement. *See Dkt. #19*. Noticeably absent from the alleged stipulated motion was Defendant's signature. Plaintiff subsequently filed an Interim Status Report therein alleging that the Defendant failed to meet and confer or answer otherwise, but then went on to allege that "[t]he parties have exchanged disclosures required by federal civil rules. And multiple motions and supplements have been served." *See Dkt. #22 at 2*. In his Affidavit in support of his interim report, Plaintiff requested that the Court schedule a hearing "for proper discovery plans by reason of conduct shall have pretrial orders for trial." *Id.* On September 10, 2014, Plaintiff similarly filed the present Motion for Final Disclose of Expert Witness, therein requesting that the Court schedule a "hearing for trial by reason of conduct shall have the force & effect of final judgment in this case." *See Dkt. #23*.

Pursuant to the discovery plan, the parties have until January 19, 2015 to complete discovery and until March 18, 2015 within which to file their joint pretrial order. *See Dkt. #18*. The Court therefore finds that Plaintiff's request to schedule a trial date is premature. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Final Disclosure of Expert Witness (#23) is denied.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2014.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE