Discovery motions may only be filed after the movant conducts a pre-filing conference in an attempt to resolve or narrow the issues in dispute. *See*, *e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(1); Local Rule 26-7(c). The Court expressly advised Plaintiff of these requirements in the scheduling order in this case. Docket No. 35 at 2-3. The Court further explained that inmates bringing civil rights claims are not exempt from this requirement, except that they may rely on the exchange of letters rather than personal consultation. *See id.* at 3. The pending motions lack a certification that a good faith meet-and-confer was conducted.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It appears these motions were mailed on June 29, 2017. Docket No. 49 at 4.

Moreover, Defendants affirmatively represent to the Court that such a pre-filing conference was never conducted by Plaintiff. Docket No. 52 at 6; Docket No. 55 at 6.

Accordingly, as a proper meet-and-confer has not been certified or conducted, Plaintiff's motions are hereby **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 28, 2017

NANCY J. KOPPE United States Magistrate Judge