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U.S.C. § 636 and applicable case law, and good cause appearing, the

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ADOPTS AND ACCEPTS the report and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (#58). The court notes that in his opposition to the motion for summary judgment, plaintiff argues that he has been unable to procure affidavits necessary to support his opposition. He therefore asserts that the defendants' motion should be denied pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(f). However, plaintiff does not explain how such affidavits would create a genuine issue of material fact. Accordingly, plaintiff's Rule 56(f) argument amounts to a conclusory assertion insufficient to overcome the grant of summary judgment to defendants. Therefore, defendants' motion for summary judgment (#36) is GRANTED. The clerk of the court shall enter judgment accordingly.

Howard DMEKiller

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 15th day of September, 2010.