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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

DENNIS MANKEL,)	3:16-cv-00657-HDM-VPC
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER
vs.)	
)	
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

17 Before the court is the defendant's motion for partial summary
18 judgment (ECF No. 27). Plaintiff has opposed (ECF No. 37), and
19 defendant has replied (ECF No. 42).

20 Plaintiff filed his complaint in this action in state court on
21 June 27, 2016, asserting breach of contract and bad faith claims
22 against his insurer, defendant, for its handling of an underinsured
23 motorists claim. Plaintiff also seeks punitive damages. Defendant
24 removed to this court on November 14, 2016, and now moves for
25 summary judgment on the bad faith and punitive damages claims.

26 After reviewing the pleadings and evidence in this matter, the
27 court concludes that genuine issues of material fact exist as to
28 whether defendant reasonably handled plaintiff's claim such that

1 summary judgment on the bad faith and punitive damages claim would
2 be improper. Accordingly, defendant's motion for summary judgment
3 (ECF No. 27) is hereby **DENIED**.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED: This 12th day of October, 2017.

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Howard D McKibben

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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