IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WALTER MAY, III,	: C
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Plaintiff	: (0
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v .	:
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RONALD JONES, P.A.,	:
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Defendant	:

CIVIL NO. 1:07-CV-1787 (Chief Judge Conner)

ORDER

AND NOW, this 10th day of January, 2018, upon consideration of plaintiff's motion (Doc. 177) for return of filing fees, wherein he seeks a return of filing fees based on the settlement of his claim, and the court noting that the settlement agreement provided for both parties to assume or bear their own costs, <u>see</u> (Doc. 178-1, Release and Settlement Agreement), and the court further noting that no basis exists for the return of filing fees in this *pro se* civil rights action, <u>see Porter v.</u> <u>Dep't of Treasury</u>, 564 F.3d 176, 180 (3d Cir. 2009); <u>Bookwalter v. Keen</u>, 2015 WL 7294462, at *1 (M.D. Pa. Nov. 19, 2015) (the court has "no authority to waive an inmate's not-yet-paid filing fees or refund any portion of filing fees once he has brought the action"), it is hereby ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 177) is DENIED.

<u>/S/CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER</u> Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge United States District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania