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

MICHAEL WINSTON, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:10-CV-0867

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**Plaintiff** : (Judge Conner)

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EDWARD RENDELL, TOM

CORBETT, FRANK E. PAWLOWSKI,

and MICHAEL P. DALEY,

v.

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**Defendants** 

## **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 29th day of June, 2010, upon consideration of the report (Doc. 7) of the magistrate judge, recommending that the complaint (Doc. 1) filed by plaintiff Michael Winston ("Winston") be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, and, following an independent review of the record, it appearing that Winston has alleged that his civil rights were violated, but has not alleged that any of the above-named defendants participated in, or were personally involved in, those purported violations, and recognizing that "[an individual government] defendant in a civil rights action must have personal involvement in the alleged wrongdoing," Evancho v. Fisher, 423 F.3d 347, 353 (3d Cir. 2005), and that "if a plaintiff requests leave to amend a complaint vulnerable to dismissal before a responsive pleading is filed, such leave must be granted in the absence of undue delay, bad faith, dilatory motive, unfair prejudice, or futility of amendment," Grayson v. Mayview State Hosp., 293 F.3d 103, 108 (3d Cir. 2002), and concluding that Winston should be afforded an opportunity to seek leave to amend in order to

rectify the deficiencies identified in the magistrate judge's report, it is hereby

## ORDERED that:

- 1. The report and recommendation (Doc. 7) of the magistrate judge is ADOPTED in part and REJECTED in part as follows:
  - a. The report is ADOPTED insofar as it recommends that the complaint (Doc. 1) be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
  - b. The report is REJECTED insofar as it recommends that Winston be denied the opportunity to amend the complaint. See Grayson, 293 F.3d at 108.
- 2. Winston shall be permitted to file, on or before July 20, 2010, an amended complaint that alleges that each of the above-named defendants was personally involved in the civil rights violations for which he seeks relief. Failure to comply with this Paragraph shall result in the complaint (Doc. 1) being dismissed with prejudice.
- 3. The above-captioned case is REMANDED to the magistrate judge for further proceedings.

S/ Christopher C. Conner CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER United States District Judge