

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CHARLES WHITNEY,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 2: 12-cv-01623
)	
v.)	Chief United States District Judge
)	Joy Flowers Conti
JOHN E. WETZEL, et al.,)	
)	United States Magistrate Judge
Defendants.)	Cynthia Reed Eddy

ORDER

AND NOW, this 24th day of October, 2013, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 29) is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART** as follows:

(a) The Motion is **GRANTED** with respect to Plaintiff's claims under the First Amendment that his privileged mail was improperly opened;

(b) The Motion is **GRANTED** with respect to Defendants' request to dismiss Defendants Wetzels, House, Switzer, Linderman, and Oppman based on lack of personal knowledge;

(c) The Motion is **DENIED** with respect to Plaintiff's First Amendment Retaliation claim, his Eighth Amendment conditions of confinement claim, and his Fourteenth Amendment equal protection claim;

(d) The Motion is **DENIED** with respect to Defendants' request to dismiss Defendant Coleman.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 37) dated August 21, 2013, is **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the Court, as supplemented by the memorandum opinion accompanying this order.

It is further **ORDERED** that the remaining Defendants shall file a responsive pleading in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(4)(A).

It is further **ORDERED** that this matter is remanded back to the magistrate judge for all further pretrial proceedings.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Joy Flowers Conti
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Chief, United States District Judge

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