

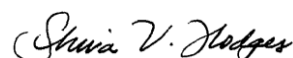
of Wells is governed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2), which requires a court order. **Therefore, Wells is directed to advise the court by August 25, 2020, whether she consents to Plaintiff's motion to dismiss her from this lawsuit.**

Additionally, Plaintiff seeks to add Lieutenant Washington as a defendant. [ECF No. 26 at 2–6]. Plaintiff alleges Washington failed to adequately respond to his grievances and/or interfered with Plaintiff's appeal to his grievance. *Id.* at 4–6. “[L]eave [to amend] shall be freely given when justice so requires.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). “A motion to amend should be denied only when the amendment would be prejudicial to the opposing party, there has been bad faith on the part of the moving party, or the amendment would be futile.” *HCMF Corp. v. Allen*, 238 F.3d 273, 276 (4th Cir. 2001) (internal quotation marks omitted).

Plaintiff's proposed amendment is futile. Plaintiff has no constitutional right to a proper grievance response, or even to any grievance procedure at all. *Adams v. Rice*, 40 F.3d 72, 74–75 (4th Cir. 1994). Therefore, Plaintiff's motion to amend to add Lieutenant Washington as a defendant is denied as futile.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

August 11, 2020
Columbia, South Carolina



Shiva V. Hodges
United States Magistrate Judge