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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

Michael Bernard Lesane, # 258515,	
Plaintiff,)
V.) Civil Action No.: 2:12-cv-00508-JMC
William Byars, Dept. of Corrections)
Director; Anthony Padula, Warden;	
Major James Dean; Capt. A. Pinkney;	
Lt. B. Durant; Sgt. Epps; Lt. Commandeer;)
Lt. Goodman; Officer Lighty, et al.;)
Dr. Stein; Nurse Fulton; Nurse Scott;)
Nurse Floyd; Nurse McCallaster,) ORDER
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Defendants.)
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This matter is before the court for review of the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation ("Report") [Dkt. No. 58], filed on August 2, 2013, recommending that Plaintiff's Motion to Amend [Dkt. No.44] be granted in part and denied in part. More specifically, the Magistrate Judge recommends that to the extent Plaintiff wishes to Amend his Complaint, that request should be denied; to the extent Plaintiff wishes to amend his Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, that request should be granted. It is further recommended that Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment [Dkt. No. 35] be granted as to Plaintiff's claim for money damages, and that Plaintiff's request for declaratory and injunctive relief be dismissed.

Plaintiff brought this action seeking relief pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Report sets forth in detail the relevant facts and legal standards on this matter which the court incorporates herein without a recitation.

The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation is made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina. "The court is not bound by the recommendation of the magistrate judge but, instead, retains responsibility for the final determination." *Wallace v. Hous. Auth.*, 791 F. Supp. 137, 138 (D.S.C. 1992) (citing *Matthews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 271 (1976)). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objections are made, and the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the Magistrate Judge's recommendation or recommit the matter with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Plaintiff was advised of his right to file objections to the Report [Dkt. No. 28 at 29]. However, Plaintiff filed no objections to the Report.

In the absence of objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report, this court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983). Rather, "in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must 'only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (*quoting* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee's note). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party's waiver of the right to appeal from the judgment of the District Court based upon such recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985); *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984).

Therefore, after a thorough and careful review of the Report and the record in this case, the court finds the Report provides an accurate summary of the facts and law in the instant case and the

record in this case. The court **ACCEPTS** the Report and Recommendation [Dkt. No. 58]. For the

reasons articulated by the Magistrate Judge, it is therefore **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to

Amend [Dkt. No.44] is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**. To the extent Plaintiff

wishes to Amend his Complaint, that request is **DENIED**; to the extent Plaintiff wishes to amend

his Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, that request is

GRANTED and Plaintiff shall file the amended response by September 3, 2013. It is further

ORDERED that Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment [Dkt. No. 35] is **GRANTED** as to

Plaintiff's claim for money damages, and that Plaintiff's request for declaratory and injunctive relief

is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

J. Michelle Childs

United States District Judge

August 20, 2013

Greenville, South Carolina

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