

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

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| Terry Cooper, #118061,                 | ) | C/A NO. 3:08-1006-CMC-JRM |
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| Plaintiff,                             | ) |                           |
|  | ) | <b>OPINION and ORDER</b>  |
| v.                                     | ) |                           |
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| Sgt. K. Miller;                        | ) |                           |
| Nurse McDougal; and                    | ) |                           |
| Edward J. Turmell, individually and in | ) |                           |
| their official capacities,             | ) |                           |
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| Defendants.                            | ) |                           |
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This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's *pro se* complaint, filed in this court pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02 (B)(2)(d), DSC, this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Joseph R. McCrorey for pre-trial proceedings and a Report and Recommendation ("Report"). On October 3, 2008, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that Defendants' motion for summary judgment be granted and Plaintiff's motion for default judgment be denied. The Magistrate Judge advised Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. Plaintiff filed objections to the Report on October 22, 2008.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of any portion of the Report of the Magistrate Judge to which a specific objection is made. The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by

the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

After reviewing the record of this matter, the applicable law, the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, and Plaintiff's objections, the court agrees with the conclusions of the Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, the court adopts and incorporates the Report and Recommendation by reference in this Order. Plaintiff's complaint is defective for failure to exhaust administrative remedies. However, even if Plaintiff were to properly exhaust his administrative remedies and return to this court, he cannot overcome Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Therefore, Defendants' motion for summary judgment is **granted**, Plaintiff's motion for default judgment is **denied**, and this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Cameron McGowan Currie  
CAMERON MCGOWAN CURRIE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina  
October 31, 2008

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