

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

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| Earnest M. Johnson, #192066, |) | C/A NO. 3:11-2594-CMC-JRM |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | OPINION and ORDER |
| v. |) | |
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| The City Police of Columbia Dept.; |) | |
| Sgt. Shuler, Douglas A; |) | |
| Officer Chatara, K.C., |) | |
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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)(e), 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 12, 2011, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that this matter be dismissed without prejudice as to Defendants “The City Police of Columbia Department” and “Sgt. Shuler, Douglas A.” 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 has filed no objections and the time for doing so has expired.

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). The court reviews the Report only for clear error in the absence of an objection. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “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.”) (citation omitted).

After reviewing the Report, the record, and the applicable law, the court agrees with the Report. Therefore, the court adopts and incorporates the Report by reference in this Order.

This matter is dismissed without prejudice and without issuance of service as to Defendants “The City Police of Columbia Department” and “Sgt. Shuler, Douglas A.” This matter is returned to the Magistrate Judge for further pretrial proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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

Columbia, South Carolina
November 7, 2011