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

Michael A. Singleton, Petitioner, v. State of South Carolina, Prosecutor's Office; The Charleston County Sherriff's Office; 9th Circuit Public Defender's Office, Respondents.	)	Civil Action No.: 8:10-2548-TLW-BHH

ORDER

Petitioner, Michael A. Singleton, ("petitioner"), brought this civil action, *pro se*, on October 1, 2010. (Doc. # 1).

This matter now comes before this Court for review of the Report and Recommendations ("the Report") filed by United States Magistrate Bruce Howe Hendricks, to whom this case had previously been assigned. In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the District Court dismiss the petition without prejudice and without requiring the respondents to file an answer. (Doc. # 16). The petitioner filed objections to the report. (Doc. # 18). In conducting this review, the Court applies the following standard:

> The magistrate judge makes only a recommendation to the Court, to which any party may file written objections...The Court is not bound by the recommendation of the magistrate judge but, instead, retains responsibility for the final determination. The Court is required to make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which no objections are addressed. While the level of scrutiny entailed by the Court's review of the Report thus depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case,

> the Court is free, after review, to accept, reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's findings or recommendations.
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> Wallace v. Housing Auth. of the City of Columbia, 791 F. Supp. 137, 138 (D.S.C. 1992) (citations omitted).

In light of the standard set forth in Wallace, the Court has reviewed, de novo, the Report and the objections. After careful review of the Report and objections thereto, the Court **ACCEPTS** the Report. (Docs. # 16). Therefore, for the reasons articulated by the Magistrate Judge, the petition is dismissed without prejudice and without requiring the respondents to file an answer.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Terry L. Wooten
United States District Judge

January 21, 2011
Florence, South Carolina