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

Jonathan Arnold,	Civil Action Number: 9:11-00712-JFA-BM
Plaintiff,	
South Carolina Department of Corrections, Edmund S. Higgins, M.D., Leonard William Mulbury, Jr., M.D., Robert E. Babb, M.D., Andrew Hedgepath, M.D., and Officer Reginald Gadson, Defendants.	ORDER OF DISMISSAL ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS, LEONARD WILLIAM MULBRY, JR., M.D. ROBERT E. BABB, M.D., AND ANDREW HEDGEPATH, M.D.

In the Complaint, the Plaintiff's allegations against the Defendants, South Carolina Department of Corrections, Leonard William Mulbry, Jr., M.D., Robert E. Babb, M.D., and Andrew Hedgepath, M.D., involve only state court claims for medical negligence. Accordingly, any tort action brought against the Defendants is governed by the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S. C. Code Section Ann. 15-78-10, et. seq. The Act states that any claim/lawsuit alleging negligence or gross negligence by an employee of a governmental agency/entity acting within the scope of his official duty must be brought against the employing governmental agency/entity.

Based on the Affidavit of Pamela Vaughan, Employee Records Supervisor for the Division of Human Resources for SCDC, at the time of the matters alleged in the Complaint, Leonard William Mulbry, Jr., M.D., Robert E. Babb, M.D., and Andrew Hedgepath, M.D., were employed by and acting within the scope of their official duties with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, a governmental agency/entity of the State of South Carolina. Therefore, with the consent of the attorneys for the Plaintiff, it is

ORDERED that Leonard William Mulbry, Jr., M.D., Robert E. Babb, M.D., and Andrew Hedgepath, M.D., shall be dismissed from the Complaint, and the South Carolina Department of Corrections shall be substituted as the named defendant.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Joseph F. Anderson, Jr. United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina

June 22, 2011

I CONSENT:

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