UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Plaintiff, vs. JOHN GROSS, POLICE OFFICER AT MINNEHAHA POLICE STATION, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; CRYSTAL JOHNSON, STATES ATTORNEY AT MINNEHAHA COURTHOUSE, IN HER INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; ERIC DOPPENBERG, CORRECTION OFFICER AT MINNEHAHA COUNTY JAIL, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; AND JUDGE BRAD ZELL, JUDGE AT MINNEHAHA COURTHOUSE, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY;	JONATHAN D. CLARK SR.,	4:15-CV-04068-KES
Defendants.	vs. JOHN GROSS, POLICE OFFICER AT MINNEHAHA POLICE STATION, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; CRYSTAL JOHNSON, STATES ATTORNEY AT MINNEHAHA COURTHOUSE, IN HER INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; ERIC DOPPENBERG, CORRECTION OFFICER AT MINNEHAHA COUNTY JAIL, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; AND JUDGE BRAD ZELL, JUDGE AT MINNEHAHA COURTHOUSE, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL	TAKE PLAINTIFF CLARK'S DEPOSITION

This matter is before the court on a complaint filed by Jonathan D. Clark Sr. representing himself *pro se*, alleging claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. <u>See</u> Docket No. 1. Mr. Clark is currently living at the Mike Durfee State Prison at Springfield, South Dakota. <u>Id.</u> The district court, the Honorable Lawrence L. Piersol, referred this case to this magistrate judge for management of pretrial motions, either through issuance of an order or a report and recommendation. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B).

Defendants have filed a motion for leave of the court to depose plaintiff. See Docket No. 26. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(B), leave of the court is required in order to conduct a deposition of one who is confined in prison. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(B). Defendants allege by affidavit that it is necessary to depose plaintiff as he is in possession of the relevant and material facts of his claims. <u>See</u> Docket No. 26. Good cause appearing, it is hereby

ORDERED that defendants' motion for leave to depose Jonathan D. Clark Sr. at the Mike Durfee State Prison [Docket No. 26] is GRANTED. Defendants shall arrange for a date and time for the deposition that is mutually agreeable to both plaintiff and prison officials.

Dated September 21, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

15/ Veronica L. Duffy

VERONICA L. DUFFY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE