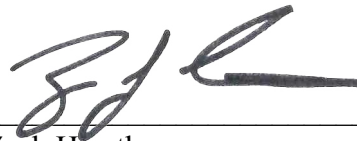


convince a reasonable person that bias exists; and (3) the facts show that the bias is personal in nature. *Netsphere, Inc. v. Baron*, 703 F.3d 296, 315 (5th Cir. 2012). Absent surrounding comments or accompanying opinion, judicial rulings alone will rarely constitute a valid basis for a motion to recuse or disqualify. *Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994); *Andrade v. Chojnacki*, 338 F.3d 448, 455 (5th Cir. 2003).

Plaintiff's motion to recuse the magistrate judge is not legally sufficient. Plaintiff's complaints about judicial rulings are not a valid basis for recusal or disqualification. In this situation, a reasonable person would not be convinced that bias exists. As a result, plaintiff's affidavit is legally insufficient to require recusal of the magistrate judge. It is accordingly

ORDERED that plaintiff's request for recusal of the magistrate judge (document no. 24) is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 30th day of September, 2020.



Zack Hawthorn
United States Magistrate Judge