## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Alexandria Division

| ARNAUD BA,                 | )     |                             |
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| Plaintiff,                 | )     |                             |
|                            | )     |                             |
| <b>v.</b>                  | )     | Civil Action No. 1:15cv1669 |
|                            | )     |                             |
| ZACHARY RIDENHOUR, et al., | )     |                             |
| Defendants.                | )     |                             |
|                            | ORDER |                             |

On September 9, 2016, the magistrate judge assigned to this matter filed a Report and Recommendation (i) concluding that the *pro se* plaintiff's one-page complaint failed to include allegations sufficient to state a valid claim against any named defendant, and (ii) recommending that the complaint be dismissed without prejudice to plaintiff's right to file an amended complaint that states a valid cause of action within thirty days.

Based upon an independent *de novo* review of the record, and no objections having been filed to the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation,

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Court **ADOPTS** as its own the magistrate judge's findings of fact and recommendation, as set forth in the September 9, 2016 Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, it is further **ORDERED** that plaintiff's complaint is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim, without prejudice to plaintiff's right to file an amended complaint that states a viable cause of action against specifically named defendants<sup>1</sup> by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016. Should plaintiff fail to file an amended complaint that complies with this

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff named three defendants in his original complaint: Zachary Ridenhour, "Chris," and "Ches." Any individual defendants named in plaintiff's amended complaint, should he choose to file one, must be specifically identified by first and last name.

Order by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016, a further order will issue placing this dismissed matter among the ended causes.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the pro se plaintiff and to the defendants at the addresses identified in the file.

Alexandria, VA September 27, 2016

T. S. Ellis, III

United States District Judge