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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 3 Mar 21, 2017 SEAN F. MCAVOY, CLERK 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 DONALD WHITE, JR., 7 NO: 4:16-CV-5122-SMJ Plaintiff, 8 ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO AMEND v. 9 OR VOLUNTARILY DISMISS AND REJECTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION 10 BRIAN EWERT, 11 Defendants. 12 On March 1, 2017, Magistrate Judge Dimke recommended this action be 13 dismissed, ECF No. 11. Mr. White had not complied with the prior Order to 14 Amend or Voluntarily Dismiss, ECF No. 7, and he had not sought a further 15 extension of time to do so. 16 Plaintiff had commenced this action while housed at the Washington State 17 Penitentiary. ECF No. 1 at 1. He is now incarcerated at the Stafford Creek 18 Corrections Center. ECF No. 13 at 1. By letter received on March 17, 2017, 19 Plaintiff advised that he has been in the hospital of three correctional facilities 20 ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO AMEND OR VOLUNTARILY DISMISS AND REJECTING REPORT AND **RECOMMENDATION --1** 

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since September 2016, and was transferred to a facility in the Western District of Washington on February 20, 2017. *Id.* He indicates that he did not receive the Report and Recommendation issued on March 1, 2017, until March 10, 2017, and he attaches it to this letter. Plaintiff should refrain from sending to the Court documents which are already part of the court record.

Because Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, the Court will liberally construe his letter as Motion for Extension of Time to comply with the Order to Amend or Voluntarily Dismiss. ECF No. 13. Plaintiff asserts that when he was close to amending his case at the Airway Heights Corrections Center, his legal paper work was taken away. He complains that he is currently not allowed a pen and it appears that an officer may have drafted the letter received on March 17, 2017. ECF No. 13 at 1.

The decision to grant an extension of time is discretionary with the Court.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b). For good cause shown, **IT IS ORDERED** the Motion, ECF

No. 13, is **GRANTED**, and the Report and Recommendation to dismiss, ECF No.

11, is **REJECTED** so that Plaintiff may have the opportunity to amend or voluntarily dismiss.

Plaintiff shall comply with the Order to Amend or Voluntarily Dismiss, ECF No. 7, within **thirty** (**30**) **days** of the Date of this Order. Failure to do so will be construed as his consent to dismissal as set forth in that Order.

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IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk of Court shall: (1) enter this Order; (2) forward a copy of this Order to Plaintiff, re-note the deadline to comply with the Order to Amend or Voluntarily Dismiss to within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is entered; and (3) provide Plaintiff a copy of the Order to Amend or Voluntarily Dismiss, ECF No. 7, along with a form Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss and a Civil Rights Complaint form.

**DATED** this 21st day of March 2017.

SALVADOR MENLCZA, JR. United States District Judge

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