

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOEY HOWARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNATHAN WELCH, *et. al.*,

Defendants.

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CASE NO. 1:18-cv-704-RAH-CSC

**ORDER**

Before the court is the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation filed April 26, 2021 (Doc. 53) to which no objections have been filed. Based upon an independent and *de novo* review of the Recommendation, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), it is ORDERED that:

1. The Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge is ADOPTED;
2. Defendants' motions to dismiss and for summary judgment are GRANTED;
3. This case is DISMISSED with prejudice;
4. No costs are taxed.

A separate Final Judgment will be entered in accordance with this order.

DONE, on this the 20th day of May, 2021.

/s/ R. Austin Huffaker, Jr.  
R. AUSTIN HUFFAKER, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE