

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
Miami Division
Case Number: 11-21118-CIV-MORENO

ELBERT JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SANJAY RAZDAN,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

THE MATTER was referred to the Honorable Patrick A. White, United States Magistrate Judge for a Report and Recommendation on Defendant Razdan's Motion to Dismiss (D.E. No. 20), filed on August 31, 2011. The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation (D.E. No. 25) on September 21, 2011. The Court has reviewed the entire file and record. The Court has made a *de novo* review of the issues that the objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation present, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is

ADJUDGED that United States Magistrate Judge Patrick A. White's Report and Recommendation (D.E. No. 25) on September 21, 2011 is **AFFIRMED** and **ADOPTED**. Accordingly, it is

ADJUDGED that:

- (1) Defendant Razdan's Motion to Dismiss is **DENIED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 23rd day of October, 2011.


FEDERICO A. MORENO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies provided to:

United States Magistrate Judge Patrick A. White

Counsel of Record

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE P. A. WHITE

ELBERT JOHNSON, :
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 Plaintiff, :
 : ORDER SCHEDULING PRETRIAL
 v. : PROCEEDINGS WHEN PLAINTIFF
 : IS PROCEEDING PRO SE
 SANJAY RAZDAN, et al., :
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 Defendants. :

The plaintiff in this case is incarcerated, without counsel, so that it would be difficult for either the plaintiff or the defendants to comply fully with the pretrial procedures required by Local Rule 16.1 of this Court. It is thereupon

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. All discovery methods listed in Rule 26(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall be completed by **February 21, 2012**. This shall include all motions relating to discovery.

2. All motions to join additional parties or amend the pleadings shall be filed by **March 6, 2012**.

3. All motions to dismiss and/or for summary judgment shall be filed by **March 27, 2012**.

4. On or before **April 10, 2012**, the plaintiff shall file with the Court and serve upon counsel for the defendants a document called "Pretrial Statement." The Pretrial Statement shall contain the following things:

- (a) A brief general statement of what the case is about;
- (b) A written statement of the facts that will be offered by oral or documentary evidence at trial; this means that the plaintiff must explain what he intends to prove at trial and how he intends to prove it;
- (c) A list of all exhibits to be offered into evidence at the trial of the case;
- (d) A list of the full names and addresses of places of employment for all the non-inmate witnesses that the plaintiff intends to call (the plaintiff must notify the Court of any changes in their addresses);
- (e) A list of the full names, inmate numbers, and places of incarceration of all the inmate witness that plaintiff intends to call (the plaintiff must notify the Court of any changes in their places of incarceration); and
- (f) A summary of the testimony that the plaintiff expects each of his witnesses to give.

5. On or before **April 24, 2012**, defendants shall file and serve upon plaintiff a "Pretrial Statement," which shall comply with paragraph 4(a)-(f).

6. Failure of the parties to disclose fully in the Pretrial Statement the substance of the evidence to be offered at trial may result in the exclusion of that evidence at the trial. Exceptions will be (1) matters which the Court determines were not discover-

able at the time of the pretrial conference, (2) privileged matters, and (3) matters to be used solely for impeachment purposes.

7. If the plaintiff fails to file a Pretrial Statement, as required by paragraph 4 of this order, paragraph 5 of this order shall be suspended and the defendants shall notify the Court of plaintiff's failure to comply. The plaintiff is cautioned that failure to file the Pretrial Statement may result in dismissal of this case for lack of prosecution.

8. The plaintiff shall serve upon defense counsel, at the address given for him/her in this order, a copy of every pleading, motion, memorandum, or other paper submitted for consideration by the Court and shall include on the original document filed with the Clerk of the Court a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the pleading, motion, memorandum, or other paper was mailed to counsel. All pleadings, motions, memoranda, or other papers shall be filed with the Clerk and must include a certificate of service or they will be disregarded by the Court.

9. A pretrial conference may be set pursuant to Local Rule 16.1 of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, after the pretrial statements have been filed. Prior to such a conference, the parties or their counsel shall meet in a good faith effort to:

- (a) discuss the possibility of settlement;
- (b) stipulate (agree) in writing to as many facts and issues as possible to avoid unnecessary evidence;
- (c) examine all exhibits and documents proposed to be used at the trial, except

that impeachment documents need not be revealed;

- (d) mark all exhibits and prepare an exhibit list;
- (e) initial and date opposing party's exhibits;
- (f) prepare a list of motions or other matters which require Court attention; and
- (g) discuss any other matters that may help in concluding this case.

10. All motions filed by defense counsel must include a proposed order for the undersigned Magistrate Judge's signature.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 3rd day of November, 2011.

s/Patrick A. White
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, AND JURY DEMAND

Defendant, Sanjay Razdan, M.D., by and through his attorneys, Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., states by way of Answer to the Complaint¹ filed by the plaintiff, Elbert Johnson, as follows:

1. In Item A below, place your name in the first blank and place your present address in the third blank.

A. Name of plaintiff: Elbert Johnson
Inmate #: 013118
Address: Dade Correctional Institution
19000 S.W. 377 Street
Florida City, FL 33034

ANSWER: Defendant admits that plaintiff identified himself as reflected in paragraph 1, sub-paragraph A.

¹ Plaintiff's complaint is presented in narrative form as opposed to containing numbered paragraphs as required by Rule 10(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant has broken the narrative complaint into individually numbered paragraphs in order to prepare and present his answer.

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2. In Item B below, place the full name of the defendant in the first blank, his/her official position in the second blank, and his/her place of employment in the third blank. Use Item C for the names, positions, and places of employment for any additional defendants.

B. Defendant: Sanjay Razdan, is employed as urology at Kendall Regional Medical Center, 11750 S.W. 40th St., Miami, FL 33175

ANSWER: Defendant admits that he is a board certified urologist licensed to practice medicine in the State of Florida. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained at paragraph 2.

C. Additional Defendants: Dwares, J, NP at Dade Correctional Institution, 1900 S.W. 377 Street, Florida City, FL 33034. Ron Ruell, nurse at Dade Correctional Institution, 1900 S.W. 377 Street, Florida City, FL 33034

ANSWER: Defendant denies that Dwares, J or Ron Ruell are parties this action pursuant to the order dated August 3, 2011.

4. On or about May 2009, I was on call-out to see Doctor Poveda. He said, "Elbert, I've been going through your medical record and you are in good health, but I notice that your prostate number is high.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 4 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

5. I said, "I just taking a prostate biopsy a few months ago before I was transferred here and the number that you are referring to were the same as they are now, and the result came back negative as you can also notice in my medical record."

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ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 5 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

6. The he said, “well, I still like for you to see the urology.” I signed a refusal.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 6 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

7. On and about June 2009, I was call, put into a van with two other inmates and taking to Jackson South Medical Center to see Doctor Razdan office.

ANSWER: Dr. Razdan admits that he saw Johnson in June 2009. Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained at paragraph 7 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

8. Doctor Razdan assistance came into the inmates waiting room and said, “Elbert, if you will fill out these papers, we will go ahead with the biopsy.” I said, “Ms. I do not know what you are talking about, because I am not taking a biopsy. Matter of fact, I really do not know why I am here because I’ve signed a refusal. She said, “O.K.” and walked out.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 8 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

9. On and about July 2009, I was call-out to see Aguilar and he said, “Elbert, I strongly think that you

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should take the biopsy.” I said, “look, its nothing wrong with me. I do not have cancer, so why should I take it.” I signed another refusal.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 9 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

10. In Aug. 2009, I was call and put into a van with three inmates and taking to Kendall Medical Center to Doctor Razdan new office. Doctor Razdan came into the inmates waiting room and said, “Elbert, are you ready today to take the biopsy?” I said, “no, and I do not know why I am here. I’ve signed a refusal. He said, “O.K.”

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 10.

11. In Sept. 2009, I was on call-out to see Dwares and he said, “Elbert, I notice in your record that you’ve taking a prostate biopsy and it came back negative, but it will not hurt to take it again.” I said, “you are right. I’ve taking one and I am not taking another one.” I signed another refusal.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 11 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

12. On and about Nov. 2009, I was on call-out, put into a van and taking to Kendall Medical Center to Doctor Razdan Office. Doctor Razdan came into the inmates waiting room and said, “Elbert, are you to take the biopsy?” I said, “No.” Then he said, “look at you. Cancer is eating you up. Do you want to die. I do not care. You have cost me to lose ten-thousand dollars by keep coming here.” I said, “I’ve not cost you to lose anything. I’ve been signing refusal and you must be keep sending for me.” He looked toward officer Polk and officer Terry and said in a

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real loud voice, “do not bring him here again! I do not want to see him.” And rushed out of the room.

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 12.

13. On and about Jan. 2010, I was on call-out again to see Doctor Poveda and I was persuaded to take the biopsy.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 13 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

14. On and about March 2010, I was taking to Kendall Medical Center to Doctor Razdan office. He came into the waiting room and said, “Elbert, are you ready this time?” With a smile on his face. I said, “yes, I am going to go ahead and take it.” He then did the paperwork and said, “I will see you in my office in about a month or so, O.K.”

ANSWER: Defendant admits seeing Johnson in March 2010. Defendant denies the remaining allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 14.

15. On and about May 2010, I was taking to Doctor Razdan office at Kendall Medical Center. Doctor Razdan assistance come into the waiting room and said, “Elbert, we are ready for you.”

ANSWER: Defendant admits seeing Johnson in May 2010. Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained at paragraph 15.

16. She taking officer Polk and I into a office which I notice that I did not see any kind of machines in there, so, I asked her “are you going to give me something to clean me out?” She said, “no, its not necessary.”

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ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 16 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

17. In about five minutes Doctor Razdan came in, sit down and said, "pass me." Then I looked back and she passed him a long too with little blades on the end of it. He was doing the biopsy manual.

ANSWER: Defendant admits that he performed a transrectal ultrasound guided biopsy on May 17, 2010 and that the procedure involves the utilization of certain instruments. Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained at paragraph 17 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

18. Doctor Razdan start digging into my prostate like he did not care whether or not that he was hurting me. I was in unbearable pains. I was groaning and moaning. He was hurting me so bad!

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 18.

19. And he was just saying, "o you've a large prostate, don't push me out over and over.

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 19.

20. When he finished, he just got up and walked out.

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 20.

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21. I was still hurting. I asked officer Polk to take me to the bathroom and I drop my pants and I was bleeding pretty bad from the biopsy procedure.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 21 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

22. When we arrived back at the Institution, I had to be check out through the infirmary and as the nurse was taking my blood pressure, she saw blood on my pants and she said, "what is that?" I said, "I just taking a prostate biopsy and its just blood from it." She said, "oh no, I am going to keep you over night to see the doctor. " I then said, "can I have some antibiotic." She said, "the doctor will give you something in the morning."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 22 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

23. When morning came, I was release without seeing a doctor. Later that day, I felt something running down my leg. I drop my pants and my boxer was bloody and my right testic[le] was swollen about the size of a golf ball and paining real bad!

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 23 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

24. I went to medical and was told that the urology had a follow-up on me and its nothing that they can do for me.

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ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 24 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

25. I then filed a emergency grievance to the warden which was approved 13 days later. Meanwhile, I was going through severe pains. I went to a supervisor name is Maldonado and asked him can he get me into medical and get me some help.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 25 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

26. He taken me and declared a medical emergency and he was told that I can not declare a medical emergency. Maldonado got a little upset and went to security and was told that they cannot stop me from declaring a medical emergency.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 26 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

27. Security told me to sit because somebody is going to see me. After a while, a nurse case and said, "what's your problem." I said, "I am bleeding any my testic[le] is swollen and I am in pains."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 27 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

28. She gave me a small container and said, "bring me some urine." I went into the bathroom and

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grabbed the sink and went through pains to get some urine out. I took her what I had.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 28 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

29. She left and came back with two pills and said, "this is all that I can do for you. The urology has a follow-up on you. I am sorry."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 29 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

30. That night, I tried to urinate and I had to grab the sink and cry out oh god help me! I was in unbearable pains and I needed help.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 30 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

31. Morning come. I tried to sign up for sick-call and was told that the list was full. I was in pains. A female Sgt. Mrs. Wilson said, "Johnson how are you doing." I said, Sgt. I am in pain and the officer said that the sick-call list is full. Sgt. Wilson call the officer and said, "put Johnson on that list." Then the officer added my name on the list.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 31 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

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32. When I did get a chance to be seen by Ron Espina[? Who does sick call, he said, "Elbert what is your problem?" I said, "I am in pains and bleeding, please give me something for pains. Man that urology has messed me up."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 32 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

33. He said, "I believe that you are in pains and maybe the urology was a little rough doing the biopsy, but was here yesterday and they did not do any thing for you, its nothing that I can do."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 34 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

34. I said, "I said, "please! Give me something." He said, "the only thing that I've to give you some Ibuprofen."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 34 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

35. I took them and left. That night I was going through unbearable pains trying to urinate. I only could call-out to God to help me.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 35 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

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36. Morning came and I had to get some help. I went to another maintenance supervisor named Pedro. He took me back to medical sick call and said, "Elbert is in severe pains. What about seeing him."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 36 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

37. Espinal said, "he is no better than anyone else. He is going to have to wait out there like the rest." Pedro said, "well, Elbert, I guess that you have to wait."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 38 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

38. In about an hour, I was call. Espinal said, "Elbert what going on." I said, "man, I need help. I am bleeding and in sever pains when I try to urinate. My testis is swollen and hurting." He said, "let me see."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 38 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

39. I drop my pants and Dwares said less drop all the red tape and put him on 500cc penicillin starting right now for three days then put him on antibiotic twice a day for ten days."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 39 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

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40. After the penicillin the bleeding stop, and the antibiotic was seem to help or ease the pains in my testis. I was on antibiotic for seven days and I was told that was my last day.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 40 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

41. In three days my testis started paining and when I try to urinate it hurted me so bad. That night I thought that I was going to die! I just prayed and ask God to help me.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 41 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

42. I could not urinate. I could only cry out for help please! Somebody help me! God help me!

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 42 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

43. I made it til morning and a inmate ran to my cell and said, "pop what's wrong? I could only say help me please!

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 43 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

44. He ran and got another wheel chair put me into it and called for the officer over the dorm to open the door and call medical and tell them we are coming.

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ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 44 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

45. When we got to medical, I was put on table and the nurses were holding me down. No one knew what to do. I was just hollowing calling out for something for pains!

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 45 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

46. Please! Help me oh God help me! They just let me suffered.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 46 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

47. Everyone was just standing there looking. A nurse name Ms. Morales was holding my head. I asked her why the will not give me something for pains. She said, "I've been to them four times and asked them to give you something and I am going to ask them again."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 47 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

48. In about three hours or so a nurse name Ron Ruell decided to put a tube into my penis. I was hollowing and crying out. God Help me! Ron poke and push for about an hour and thirty minutes and could not get the tube

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into my penis then he shot two tubes of water into my penis.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 48 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

49. I just knew that I was going to die. I can not describe the pains that I was going through. Ron could not get the tube into my penis only blood came out.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 49 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

50. Then Dwares start poking and nothing trying to put the tube into my penis. Dwares poke for about an hour or so, final they decide to give me something for pains.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 50 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

51. I was admitted to the infirmary. The next day, I was taking to Kendall Regional Medical Center.

ANSWER: Defendant admits that Johnson was taken to Kendall Regional in July 2010. Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained at paragraph 51 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

52. After being admitted to a bed, a R.N. by the name Arthur looked at the urine bag that I had on me which the other thing was in it was blood. He said, "something is

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wrong. Let me take a look at that.” Then he said, “who done this?” I said, “they done it at the institution.” He said, “I hate to say this, but they did not know what they was doing. The number is not right.”

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 52 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

53. He rejust the number and pushed down and the urine start flowing out. Three and one half liters come out of me. Arthur and the rest of the R.N. that was there was astonish and said, “Johnson, you are a lucky man. I do not know how that you made it.”

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 53 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

54. About an hour or so, a Doctor came in with a ultra sound machine and went over my lower body and left. The next morning Doctor Razdan came and said, “Elbert, your liver has been damage. I will write a prescription for that, by the way, you biopsy test result came back negative” and he walked out.

ANSWER: Defendants denies the allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 54.

55. I was there in the hospital for three days and was transferred back to the institution. I had a urine bag which I wore for twenty-two days and it was taken off at the institution medical nurse.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 55 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

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56. Three days after the bag was remove, my urine stop again and I was rushed back to medical. I was going through unbearable pains no one in the informary would give me anything for pains until about two or three hours later.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 57 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

57. I was final put into a van and taking back to Kendall Medical Center. I was in unbearable pains. My testis was swollen and paining so bad! I could urinate a little. I did not have any control over it. It just run a little and stop. I just knew that I was going to die!

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 57 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

58. My prostate had swollen so severely until no one at the hospital could another urine tube into my bladder. The next morning Doctor Razdan came and tried to put a tube into my bladder and I felt liquid running over my body. Doctor Razdan had cut a hole into my bladder, put the tube into it, and sewed it up and said, "clean him up" and walked out.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 58 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

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59. In about thirty minutes, two nurses come with a form and said, "Johnson, sign this." I read it and refused to sign it.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 59 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

60. After I was there three days, I was given a cat-scan and taking back to my room. In about an hour, two specialist come into my room and said, "Elbert both of your kidneys have been damage and also your liver but we are going to fix you up O.K." I said, "O.K. doc."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 60 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

61. In three more days, I was taking to a specialist to do ultra-sound test of my right testis and as he was testing, he was looking as something was badly wrong. He just kept going over and over the same spot. I could tell that something was wrong, so I said, "Doc, whats going on? Whats wrong?" He said, "Johnson, it is bad."

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 61 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

62. I was taking back to my room. In about an hour those two specialist who said that they was going to fix me up come to my room with a ultra-sound machine and tested my right testis again over and over and they was looking at each other and from their body language and hearing bits and pieces of their conversation, I knew

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something was wrong and Doctor Razdan had something to do with it. They left and I never saw either again.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 62 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

63. On my ninth day, Doctor Razdan showed up for the first time with his head down looking as if he knew that he had did something wrong during the procedure of the prostate biopsy to cause me my life. He walk up to my bed and said, "Elbert" in a sad voice "how are you doing?" I did not say a word. I just looked at him, because I knew that he had dome something wrong to me.

ANSWER: Defendant lacks information sufficient to form a knowledge or belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained at paragraph 63 and, therefore, neither admits nor denies same.

64. Then he said, "Elbert, I am going to have to do surgery on you." I said, "what!" He said, I am not going to cut you, it will be laser surgery and it will not hurt you. I want to go up in there and trim around the edge of your prostate so that you can peen out of your penis. I am going to send you back to the institution and I will see you in my office in about two weeks O.K."

ANSWER: Defendant admits recommending that Johnson undergo HoLEAP. Defendant denies the remaining allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 64.

65. Around Sept. 2010, I was taking to Kendall Medical Center to have surgery. After the surgery, I had to have a urine bag for two weeks and it was remove. I can not urinate normal and my right testis is still swollen with knots on it and my penis will not erect proper.

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ANSWER: Defendant admits performing HoLEAP at Kendall Medical Center on September 17, 2010. Defendant denies the remaining allegations and characterizations contained at paragraph 65.

66. Its obvious that during the prostate biopsy something was done wrong to cause my testis to swelled as it did and cause my urine to stop which almost took my life and has damage my life forever. My health was good until Doctor performed the prostate biopsy on me and my medical record will reveal that I did not have any kind of health problem.

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations, characterizations and legal conclusions contained at paragraph 66.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Sanjay Razdan, M.D., denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief whatsoever and respectfully requests that his Court enter judgment in his favor and against the Plaintiff, Elbert Johnson or for whatever other relief this Court deems just and proper.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

In the alternative, without prejudice to his previous denials and without waiving Plaintiff's obligation to put on evidence regarding the elements necessary to sustain his claim, Sanjay Razdan, M.D., states by way of his Affirmative Defenses, as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

1. To the extent that the allegations contained in the complaint constitute the basis for any claim, it is only one for medical negligence.

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2. Johnson did not, prior to filing suit, comply with the Florida requirements for maintaining such a claim.

3. As the 11th Circuit has observed, “Florida law requires that before filing any claim for personal injury or wrongful death arising from medical malpractice, the claimant conduct an investigation of the claim and send the defendant(s) a notice of intent to sue, along with a corroborating opinion by a medical expert.” *Johnson v. McNeil*, 278 Fed.Appx. 866, 871 (11th Cir. 2008); citing Fla.Stat. Ann. §766.203(2).

4. The failure to comply with Florida’s pre-suit requirements in a medical negligence action is grounds for dismissal. “Florida law mandates the dismissal of a claim for medical malpractice when the pre-suit requirements have not been fulfilled.” *Johnson*, 278 Fed.Appx. at 872; citing Fla.Stat. Ann. §766.206(2).

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. Dr. Razdan asserts that this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this action by the Plaintiff’s failure to comply with the conditions precedent prior to the filing of this action pursuant to Florida Statute §766.106 and §766.203.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. Dr. Razdan states that at all material times, he conducted himself within the prevailing professional standard of care and therefore the Plaintiff may not recover against this him.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Dr. Razdan states that Hutchinson has failed to mitigate his damages as and any such recovery should be proportionately reduced as a result of this failure.

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JURY DEMAND

Defendant, Sanjay Razdan, M.D., demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable as of right by a jury.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on November 7, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 1:11-CV-21118-FAM
Magistrate Judge: Patrick White

ELBERT JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SANJAY RAZDAN, M.D.,

Defendant.

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**DEFENDANT'S FIRST MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO COMPLETE DISCOVERY**

Defendant, Sanjay Razdan, M.D. ("Dr. Razdan"), by and through his attorneys, Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., moves this Court for the entry of an Order enlarging the time within which to complete fact discovery. In support thereof, Dr. Razdan states as follows:

1. The present action involves a claim by an inmate, Elbert Johnson ("Johnson"), in which he alleges that the medical care and treatment he received from Dr. Razdan constituted cruel and unusual punishment in violation of his constitutional rights.

2. On November 3, 2011, Magistrate Judge Patrick A. White entered an Order pursuant to which all discovery in this action was to be completed by February 21, 2012. (DE 29, p. 1.)

3. Dr. Razdan's counsel has diligently attempted to obtain information, documents and all the relevant materials sufficient to prepare a defense to this action. That has included subpoenaing medical records from various third party healthcare

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providers involved in Johnson's treatment. However, due to the fact that Mr. Johnson is not represented by counsel and is proceeding pro se, the identification of the appropriate healthcare providers and the compilation of all these materials to ensure that they are complete has been rendered more difficult. This is not a criticism of Mr. Johnson. Rather, it is simply an acknowledgement of the circumstances involving pro se inmate litigation.

4. In addition, due to the delay in receiving certain records, Defendant has not proceeded with Mr. Johnson's deposition due to restrictions in place at Dade Correctional concerning time allotted for the completion of deposition. In order to completely and effectively examine Mr. Johnson within the time periods allotted at Dade Correctional, it requires significant advance preparation so that the examination can be completed.

5. The completion of Johnson's deposition likely will not be completed prior to the present date for the closure of discovery, February 21, 2012, due to an additional complication.

6. In addition, Robert E. Paradela, one of the attorneys primarily responsible for handling this matter, has been begun a four (4) week trial in the matter of *Robert Rhodes, individually and Robert and Karen Rhodes, as Husband and Wife vs. Michael J. Rush, M.D., et al.*, CACE 08-001102 (26), pending in the 17th Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida, before Judge Henning. That case is presently scheduled to take approximately four (4) weeks to try. This will render Mr. Paradela unavailable to depose Mr. Johnson within the remaining time for discovery.

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7. Accordingly, Dr. Razdan respectfully requests this Court for the entry of an Order granting the parties an additional forty-five (45) days within which to complete discovery. Similarly, Dr. Razdan would request the extension of the remaining discovery deadlines by a similar forty-five (45) day period.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Sanjay Razdan, M.D., respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order extending the deadline set forth in its November 3, 2011 Order (DE 29) by forty-five (45) days, or for whatever other relief this Court deems just and proper.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 3, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff,

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vs.

SANJAY RAZDAN, M.D.,

Defendant.

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S FIRST MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO COMPLETE DISCOVERY**

This matter coming to be heard on Defendant, Dr. Sanjay Razdan, M.D.'s First Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Discovery, all parties having been given due notice and the Court having been fully advised on the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Defendant's Motion is Granted;
2. The deadlines set forth in the Court's November 3, 2011 Order (DE 29)

are modified as follows:

a. All discovery methods listed in Rule 26(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall be completed by **April 6, 2012**. This shall include all motions relating to discovery.

b. All motions to join additional parties or amend the pleadings shall be filed by **April 20, 2012**.

c. All motions to dismiss and/or for summary judgment shall be filed by **May 11, 2012**.

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d. On or before May 25, 2012, the plaintiff shall file with the Court and serve upon counsel for the defendant a document called "Pretrial Statement." Said Pretrial Statement shall contain all information set forth in DE 29, ¶4(a)-(f).

e. On or before June 8, 2012, defendants shall file and serve upon plaintiff a "Pretrial Statement," which shall comply with DE 29, ¶4(a)-(f).

3. All other terms and conditions set forth in the Court's November 3, 2011 Order, DE 29, remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Hon. Patrick A. White
United States Magistrate Judge

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