

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

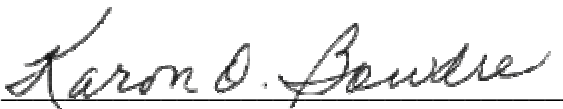
LAKEISHA CHESTNUT, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Case No. 2:18-CV-00907-KOB
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JOHN H. MERRILL,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

This matter comes before the court on Defendant’s “Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings.” (Doc. 27). At this time, the court only addresses Defendant’s argument that this court lacks jurisdiction and that this case must be referred to a three-judge panel.

As explained in the Memorandum Opinion filed with this Order and discussed at the hearing on January 16, 2019, the court DENIES Defendant’s motion for judgment on the pleadings as to the jurisdictional issue. So, this case will remain before this judge. The court will rule separately on the remaining issues raised in Defendant’s motion for judgment on the pleadings.

DONE and ORDERED this 28th day of January, 2019.



KARON OWEN BOWDRE
 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE