

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
DANVILLE DIVISION

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
*ex rel.* JOSEPH M. THOMAS, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
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v. )  
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DUKE UNIVERSITY, *et al.*, )  
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Defendants. )  
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Case No.: 4:13-cv-17

**ORDER**

By: Hon. Jackson L. Kiser  
Senior United States District Judge

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On January 4, 2017, Defendants Duke University, Duke University Health Systems, Inc., and Dr. William M. Foster filed a Motion to Transfer, seeking transfer of this action to the Middle District of North Carolina. [ECF No. 68]. The matter was fully briefed, and the parties appeared before me on March 21, 2017, to argue their respective positions on the facts and the law. The matter is now ripe for disposition. For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, Defendants' Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. The Clerk shall transfer this case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, Durham Division.

The Clerk is further directed to forward a copy of this Order and accompanying Memorandum Opinion to pro se defendant and all counsel of record and dismiss this action from the Court's active docket.

Entered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

s/Jackson L. Kiser  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE