

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Juan Martinez Rivas v. Ariel Auto Collision Corp. and Rodshel Khaimov

Rivas v. Ariel Auto Collision Corp. · No. 2:23-cv-5371 (NJC) (SIL) · Decided February 11, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York adopts a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation following approval of a settlement resolving claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law. The court finds no timely objections and directs the Clerk of Court to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Nusrat J. Choudhury
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
DECIDED	February 11, 2026
DOCKET	2:23-cv-5371 (NJC) (SIL)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's sua sponte report and recommendation that the action be dismissed after the magistrate judge approved the parties' FLSA and NYLL settlement. No party filed timely objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of an unobjected-to magistrate judge's report and recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court memorandum and order; nonprecedential

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- wage and hour
- flsa
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- employment law
- wage and hour
- FLSA settlement approval

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should review the magistrate judge's unobjected-to report and recommendation for clear error.
2. Whether the court should adopt the report and recommendation recommending dismissal and closure of the action after approval of the parties' settlement.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objections are filed to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court may review the recommendation for clear error.
2. The court adopted the magistrate judge's recommendation that the resolved claims be dismissed and directed the Clerk of Court to close the case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"If no objections are filed, a district court reviews a report and recommendation for clear error." (2)

"Having reviewed the procedural history of this action and the applicable law, I adopt the R&R's recommendation that the claims in this action have been resolved and that the case be closed." (2-3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Rivas brought claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law against Ariel Auto Collision Corp. and Rodshel Khaimov. After mediation, the parties reached a settlement and jointly sought settlement approval. The magistrate judge approved the settlement and recommended dismissal because the claims had been resolved; no party objected.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed FLSA and NYLL claims in July 2023 and later amended the complaint. Following mediation, the parties reached a settlement and moved for approval under *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.* The magistrate judge approved the settlement and recommended dismissal after the claims were resolved. The district court reviewed the unobjected-to recommendation for clear error, adopted it, and directed the Clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015)
- *King v. Paradise Auto Sales I, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-1188, 2016 WL 4595991, at *1 (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 2, 2016)
- *Covey v. Simonton*, 481 F. Supp. 2d 224, 226 (E.D.N.Y. 2007)

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