

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, FLORENCE DIVISION

Henry Woods v. Capt. Williams, Lieutenant Isaac/Issac, and Nurse
Lapoint

Woods · No. 4:25-3964-MGL-TER · Decided February 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopts the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation and dismisses Defendant Issac/Isaac without prejudice. The action continues against the other defendants who have answered, and the plaintiff is notified of his right to appeal within thirty days.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Florence Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Mary Geiger Lewis
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Florence Division
DECIDED	February 19, 2026
DOCKET	4:25-3964-MGL-TER
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal without prejudice of Defendant Lieutenant Isaac/Issac. Plaintiff filed no objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When a party makes specific objections to a magistrate judge's report, the district court conducts de novo review of the objected-to portions. In the absence of timely objections, the district court need only determine whether there is clear error on the face of the record.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order adopting a Report and Recommendation

TOPICS

prisoners rights

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civil procedure

standard of review

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

prisoner civil rights

appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when the plaintiff filed no objections.
2. Whether Lieutenant Isaac/Issac should be dismissed from the action without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. Because Woods filed no timely objections, the district court was not required to conduct de novo review and instead reviewed the record for clear error before adopting the recommendation.
2. Lieutenant Isaac/Issac was dismissed from the action without prejudice, while the action continued against the other defendants who had answered.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein."

"It is therefore the judgment of the Court Issac/Issac is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, and this action will continue to proceed against the other Defendants who have answered."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Henry Woods is a self-represented state prisoner who sued Capt. Williams, Lieutenant Isaac/Issac, and Nurse Lapoint. The magistrate judge recommended dismissing Isaac/Issac without prejudice while allowing the action to proceed against the defendants who had answered. Woods did not file objections to the recommendation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Henry Woods, a self-represented state prisoner, filed suit against Capt. Williams, Lieutenant Isaac/Issac, and Nurse Lapoint. The magistrate judge recommended dismissing Isaac/Issac without prejudice and allowing the action to proceed against the defendants who had answered. After Woods failed to object, the district court reviewed the record for clear error, adopted the Report and Recommendation, dismissed Isaac/Issac without prejudice, and allowed the action to continue against the remaining defendants.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976)
- Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

- Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION HENRY WOODS, § Plaintiff, § § VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-3964-
MGL-TER § CAPT. WILLIAMS, LIEUTENANT ISAAC/ § ISSAC, and NURSE LAPOINT, §
Defendants. § ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AND
DISMISSING A DEFENDANT FROM THE LAWSUIT Plaintiff Henry Woods (Woods) who is a
self-represented state prisoner, filed this lawsuit against Defendants Capt.

Williams, Lieutenant Isaac/Issac, and Nurse Lapoint. The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge suggesting Issac/Issac be dismissed without prejudice and this action continue to proceed against the other Defendants who have answered.

The Report was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina. The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight.

The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on January 22, 2026, but Woods failed to file any objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc.

Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985). After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein.

It is therefore the judgment of the Court Issac/Issac is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, and this action will continue to proceed against the other Defendants who have answered. IT IS SO ORDERED. Signed this 19th day of February, 2026, in Columbia, South Carolina. /s/ Mary Geiger Lewis MARY GEIGER LEWIS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE ***** NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL Woods is hereby notified of the right to appeal this Order within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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