

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
- appellate procedure
- 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)

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