

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
NORTH CAROLINA

Suggs v. Prince Court LLC, Letecia Cortez, and Jose Cortez

Suggs · No. 4:25-CV-112-FL-BM · Decided March 26, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina adopted a magistrate judge’s recommendation to dismiss Timothy E. Suggs’s pro se complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2) (B). The court dismissed the federal claims with prejudice, dismissed the state-law claims without prejudice, terminated the motion for summary judgment as moot, and directed the clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
DECIDED	March 26, 2026
DOCKET	4:25-CV-112-FL-BM
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a pro se complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) after a magistrate judge recommended dismissal. No timely objections to the memorandum and recommendation were filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no timely objections are filed to a magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation, the district court reviews the magistrate judge's findings and conclusions for clear error and need not provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- standard of review
- appellate procedure
- summary judgment

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights
- civil procedure
- federal courts

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation when no timely objections were filed.
2. Whether plaintiff's federal claims should be dismissed with prejudice and his state-law claims dismissed without prejudice under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
3. Whether plaintiff's motion for summary judgment should be terminated as moot following dismissal of the complaint.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objections are filed, the district court reviews the magistrate judge's findings and conclusions for clear error and may adopt the recommendation without providing a separate explanation.
2. The magistrate judge's recommendation was adopted, plaintiff's federal claims were dismissed with prejudice, and plaintiff's state-law claims were dismissed without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
3. Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment was terminated as moot after dismissal of the complaint.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Because no objections have been filed, the court reviews the magistrate judge’s findings and conclusions only for clear error, and need not give any explanation for adopting the M&R.” (slip op.)

“Plaintiff’s federal claims are DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE, and plaintiffs state law claims are DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).” (slip op.)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Timothy E. Suggs filed a pro se complaint asserting federal and state-law claims against Prince Court LLC, Letecia Cortez, and Jose Cortez. The district court reviewed the complaint under the prisoner or indigent litigant screening provision, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e), and considered plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal of the federal claims with prejudice and the state-law claims without prejudice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a pro se complaint and a motion for summary judgment. United States Magistrate Judge Brian S. Meyers issued a memorandum and recommendation recommending dismissal of the federal claims with prejudice and the state-law claims without prejudice. Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal but did not timely object to the recommendation. The district court adopted the recommendation, dismissed the claims as recommended, terminated the summary-judgment motion as moot, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)
- *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 200 (4th Cir. 1983)

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