

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS, CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

Aaron A. Ramos v. Chaplain J. Stehle, et al.

Ramos · No. 2:25-CV-00024 · Decided January 22, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas adopts the magistrate judge’s memorandum and recommendation after no timely objections were filed. The court dismisses Defendant Warden J. Fikes without prejudice for failure to timely serve him with the complaint.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Nelva Gonzales Ramos
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division
DECIDED	January 22, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-CV-00024
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed and adopted a magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation recommending dismissal of Warden J. Fikes for failure to timely serve him with the complaint.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of a magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation when no timely objection is filed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown
PARTIES	Aaron A. Ramos v. Chaplain J. Stehle, et al.

TOPICS

- service of process
- civil procedure
- civil rights
- prisoners rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- civil rights
- prisoner litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should accept the magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation when no timely objection was filed and the record revealed no clear error.
2. Whether Warden J. Fikes should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to timely serve him with the complaint.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection to a magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation is filed, the district court need only determine whether the record contains clear error before accepting the recommendation.
2. Warden J. Fikes was dismissed without prejudice for failure to timely serve him with the complaint.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When no timely objection to a magistrate judge’s memorandum and recommendation is filed, the district court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record and accept the magistrate judge’s memorandum and recommendation.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Aaron A. Ramos failed to timely serve Warden J. Fikes with the complaint. The magistrate judge recommended dismissing Warden J. Fikes for that failure. Ramos received notice of the recommendation and an opportunity to object but did not timely object.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 15, 2025, Magistrate Judge Jason B. Libby issued a memorandum and recommendation recommending dismissal of Warden J. Fikes for failure to serve. Plaintiff received notice and an opportunity to object but filed no timely objections. After reviewing the record and finding no clear error, the district court adopted the recommendation and dismissed Warden J. Fikes without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Guillory v. PPG Industries, Inc.*, 434 F.3d 303, 308 (5th Cir. 2005)
- *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1420 (5th Cir. 1996)