

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Craig Arthur Iams v. FBI, et al.

No. CV-25-04422-PHX-CDB (D. Ariz. Mar. 10, 2026) · No. No. CV-25-04422-PHX-CDB · Decided March 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Arizona reviewed a Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation in Craig Arthur Iams’s action against the FBI and other defendants. The court modified the recommendation, dismissed the complaint without prejudice and without leave to amend, denied the plaintiff’s pending motions as moot, and directed the Clerk to terminate the action.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stephen M. McNamee
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
DECIDED	March 10, 2026
DOCKET	No. CV-25-04422-PHX-CDB
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of the complaint and denial of the plaintiff's pending motions. No objections were filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), the district court may accept, reject, or modify a magistrate judge's findings or recommendations in whole or in part. Specific objections trigger de novo review of the objected-to portions; failure to object waives objections to factual findings on appeal and relieves the district court of conducting de novo review of those findings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Craig Arthur Iams v. FBI, et al.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no objections were filed.
2. Whether the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice and without leave to amend.
3. Whether the plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis, motion to allow electronic filing, and motion for service by U.S. Marshals should be denied as moot.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court may incorporate and modify the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, and, after reviewing the unobjected-to recommendation, dismissed the complaint without prejudice and without leave to amend.
2. When no party objects to a magistrate judge's recommendation, the district court is relieved of conducting de novo review of the magistrate judge's factual findings, and objections to those findings are waived on appeal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Having reviewed the R&R of the Magistrate Judge, and no Objections having been made by any party thereto, the Court hereby incorporates and modifies the R&R to dismiss the Complaint without prejudice." (at 2)

"A failure to object to a Magistrate Judge's conclusion "is a factor to be weighed in considering the propriety of finding waiver of an issue on appeal."" (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff filed a civil complaint and applications or motions to proceed in forma pauperis, to file electronically as a self-represented party, and for service by U.S. Marshals. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal of the complaint and denial of the other motions as moot. No party filed objections to the Report and Recommendation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was assigned to Magistrate Judge Camille D. Bibles, who issued a Report and Recommendation on January 27, 2026. The R&R recommended dismissing the complaint and denying the application to proceed in forma pauperis, motion for electronic filing, and motion for service by U.S. Marshals as moot. The district court incorporated and modified the R&R, dismissed the complaint without prejudice and without leave to amend, denied the remaining motions as moot, and directed the Clerk to terminate the action.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Baxter v. Sullivan, 923 F.2d 1391, 1394 (9th Cir. 1991)
- Turner v. Duncan, 158 F.3d 449, 455 (9th Cir. 1998)
- Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 34 (1992)

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