

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Vidal Licea Morales v. Jared Rardin

Morales · No. Civ. No. 24-4635 (JWB/JFD) · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota accepted a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after finding no clear error and receiving no timely objections. The court denied Vidal Licea Morales's petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jerry W. Blackwell
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
DECIDED	January 9, 2026
DOCKET	Civ. No. 24-4635 (JWB/JFD)
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The magistrate judge recommended denial, and the district court adopted the Report and Recommendation after no timely objections were filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review applies to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no timely objections are filed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status is not identified in the source.
PARTIES	Vidal Licea Morales v. Jared Rardin

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Magistrate judge reports and recommendations

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should accept the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no timely objections were filed and no clear error was found.
2. Whether the petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 should be denied.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objections are filed to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error.
2. The petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner Vidal Licea Morales’s Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (Doc. No. 1) is DENIED.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The order contains no substantive facts concerning the underlying habeas claims. It identifies Vidal Licea Morales as the petitioner and Jared Rardin as the respondent and states that Morales filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

United States Magistrate Judge John F. Docherty issued a Report and Recommendation on December 5, 2025. No objections were filed within the permitted period. The district court reviewed the Report and Recommendation for clear error, found none, accepted it, and denied the § 2241 petition.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

CASES CITED

- *Grinder v. Gammon*, 73 F.3d 793, 795 (8th Cir. 1996)

OPINION

Morales

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Vidal Licea Morales Civ. No. 24-4635 (JWB/JFD) Petitioner, v.

ORDER ACCEPTING

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Jared Rardin,

OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Respondent. Vidal Licea Morales, pro se Petitioner. Ana H. Voss, Esq., and Trevor Brown, Esq., United States Attorney's Office, counsel for Respondent. United States Magistrate Judge John F. Docherty issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") on December 5, 2025. (Doc. No. 15.) No objections have been filed to that R&R in the time permitted. Absent timely objections, the R&R is reviewed for clear error. See Fed R. Civ. P. 72(b); *Grinder v. Gammon*, 73 F.3d 793, 795 (8th Cir. 1996). Having reviewed the R&R, no clear error is found. Based on the R&R of the Magistrate Judge, and on all the files, records, and proceedings in this case, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The December 5, 2025 Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 15) is ACCEPTED; and
2. Petitioner Vidal Licea Morales's Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (Doc. No. 1) is DENIED. LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Date: January 9, 2026 s/ Jerry W. Blackwell

JERRY W. BLACKWELL

United States District Judge