

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA, ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

Ethan Neal Hendricks v. Warden FCI Pollock

Hendricks · No. 1:25-CV-01275 · Decided March 12, 2026

SUMMARY

The document is a Report and Recommendation addressing Ethan Neal Hendricks’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition challenging the Bureau of Prisons’ calculation and denial of First Step Act earned time credits. The magistrate judge recommends dismissal without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) because Hendricks failed to comply with an order requiring amendment of the petition and proof of exhaustion.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Joseph H. L. Perez-Montes
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria Division
DECIDED	March 12, 2026
DOCKET	1:25-CV-01275
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging the Bureau of Prisons' computation of the petitioner's sentence and denial of First Step Act earned-time credits; report and recommendation to dismiss without prejudice for failure to comply with an order to amend.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A district court may dismiss an action for failure to prosecute or failure to comply with a court order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), on motion or sua sponte.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Ethan Neal Hendricks v. Warden FCI Pollock

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the § 2241 petition should be dismissed without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) because the petitioner failed to comply with the court's order to amend.

HOLDINGS

1. The magistrate judge recommended that the petition be dismissed without prejudice because Hendricks failed to comply with the order to amend and did not request an extension of time.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Because Hendricks failed to comply with the Court’s Order, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Petition (ECF No. 1) be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.” (Conclusion)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Hendricks is incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Pollock, Louisiana. He alleged that the Bureau of Prisons denied him earned-time credits under the First Step Act of 2018 and sought application of those credits and speedier release. The court ordered him to provide information and proof concerning exhaustion of administrative remedies, but he failed to amend the petition by the deadline and did not seek additional time.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Hendricks filed a § 2241 petition alleging that the Bureau of Prisons denied him earned-time credits under the First Step Act and seeking application of the credits and speedier release. The magistrate judge ordered him to amend the petition to state whether he had exhausted administrative remedies and to submit proof of exhaustion by December 5, 2025. Hendricks did not comply or request an extension, so the magistrate judge recommended dismissal without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), subject to objections under Rule 72(b).

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- 370 U.S. 626, 629-31 (1962)
- 730 F.2d 248, 251 (5th Cir. 1984)
- 617 F.2d 1164, 1167 (5th Cir. 1980)

