

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

Jaquell Antonio McCullum v. Nurse Eric McDaniel and Nurse
Practitioner Jordan Sauls

McCullum · No. 1:25-cv-6116-JFA-SVH · Decided December 1, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopted the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation and dismissed Plaintiff Jaquell Antonio McCullum’s civil action without prejudice. The dismissal was based on Plaintiff’s failure to maintain a current address, respond to court orders, or prosecute the case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
DECIDED	December 1, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-6116-JFA-SVH
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The plaintiff failed to maintain a current address, failed to respond to an order directing him to provide an updated address, and failed to object to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. The District Court reviewed and adopted the Report and Recommendation and dismissed the action without prejudice for failure to prosecute.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Absent specific objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the District Court is not required to conduct de novo review of the unobjected-to portions or provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Jaquell Antonio McCullum v. Nurse Eric McDaniel, Nurse Practitioner Jordan Sauls

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41 for the plaintiff's failure to prosecute.
2. Whether the District Court could adopt the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation without conducting de novo review or providing a detailed explanation when the plaintiff filed no specific objections.

HOLDINGS

1. The action was properly dismissed without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41 because the plaintiff failed to maintain a current address, failed to comply with the court's order, and failed to prosecute the case.
2. When a party fails to make specific objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the District Court is not required to conduct de novo review of specific portions of the report or explain its adoption of the recommendation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Consequently, this action is dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute.” (Opinion text)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Jaquell Antonio McCullum filed a civil action against Nurse Eric McDaniel and Nurse Practitioner Jordan Sauls. Court mail sent to McCullum's address of record was returned as undeliverable, and he failed to notify the court of a new address despite being warned that he was responsible for keeping the court apprised of his address. He also failed to respond to the order directing him to provide an updated address and failed to object to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was referred to a Magistrate Judge for initial review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2). After mail to the plaintiff was returned as undeliverable, the Magistrate Judge directed him to provide an updated address and warned that failure to respond would result in a recommendation of dismissal for failure to prosecute. The plaintiff did not respond or object to the resulting Report and Recommendation, which the District Court adopted.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Carniewski v. W. Virginia Bd. of Prob. & Parole*, 974 F.2d 1330 (4th Cir. 1992)
- *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983)
- *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976)

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