

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Shelley Jane Mills v. Anoka County Jail, Sheila Larson, and Brad Wise

Mills · No. 25-cv-2347 (ECT/ECW) · Decided November 25, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota accepted a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after no party objected and the court found no clear error. The court dismissed Shelley Jane Mills's complaint without prejudice for failure to prosecute and directed that judgment be entered.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Eric C. Tostrud
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
DECIDED	November 25, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-2347 (ECT/ECW)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after no party objected and accepted the recommendation to dismiss the complaint without prejudice for failure to prosecute.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of an unobjected-to magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation
PARTIES	Shelley Jane Mills v. Anoka County Jail, Sheila Larson, Brad Wise

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Civil procedureCivil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should accept an unobjected-to magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after reviewing it for clear error.
2. Whether the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

HOLDINGS

1. When no party objects to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews it for clear error.
2. The complaint was properly dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Plaintiff’s Complaint [ECF No. 1] is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to prosecute.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff filed a complaint against Anoka County Jail, Sheila Larson, and Brad Wise. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Cowan Wright, who issued a Report and Recommendation. The district court dismissed the complaint without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Cowan Wright issued a Report and Recommendation on October 28, 2025. Because no party objected, the district court reviewed the recommendation for clear error, found none, accepted it, and dismissed the complaint without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

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