

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
WEST VIRGINIA

Dishannon Workman v. FCI Beckley Warden

Workman · No. 5:24-cv-00556 · Decided January 28, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia adopts a magistrate judge’s proposed findings and recommendation in a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas action. The court grants the respondent’s motion to dismiss, denies Dishannon Workman’s petition, and removes the matter from the docket after no objections were filed.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Frank W. Volk
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
DECIDED	January 28, 2026
DOCKET	5:24-cv-00556
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Respondent moved to dismiss. After a magistrate judge issued a proposed findings and recommendation recommending dismissal and denial of the petition, no objections were filed, and the district court adopted the recommendation.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Absent timely objections, the district court need not conduct de novo review of the magistrate judge's factual or legal conclusions. General and conclusory objections that do not identify a specific error likewise do not require de novo review.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order.
PARTIES	Dishannon Workman v. FCI Beckley Warden

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- motions to dismiss
- post-conviction relief
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

federal habeas corpus

federal civil procedure

magistrate judge recommendations

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court was required to conduct de novo review of the magistrate judge's PF&R when no objections were filed.
2. Whether the magistrate judge's recommendation should be adopted, the Warden's motion to dismiss granted, and the § 2241 petition denied.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court was not required to conduct de novo or other review of the magistrate judge's factual or legal conclusions because no objections were filed.
2. The court adopted the PF&R, granted the Respondent Warden's motion to dismiss, denied Workman's § 2241 petition, and removed the matter from the docket.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Parties may not typically “appeal a magistrate judge’s findings that were not objected to below, as § 636(b) doesn’t require de novo review absent objection.””

“A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains no substantive factual findings concerning the underlying habeas claims. Workman filed a petition under § 2241, and the FCI Beckley Warden moved to dismiss. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal and denial of the petition, and Workman filed no objections.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Workman filed the § 2241 petition on October 9, 2024, and the Warden moved to dismiss on December 13, 2024. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Joseph K. Reeder, who issued a PF&R on January 5, 2026, recommending that the motion to dismiss be granted and the petition denied. Because no objections were filed by the January 22, 2026 deadline, the district court adopted the PF&R, granted the motion to dismiss, denied the petition, and removed the matter from the docket.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985)

- United States v. De Leon-Ramirez, 925 F.3d 177, 181 (4th Cir. 2019)
- Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989)
- Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982)

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