

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Spencer Curtis Mairs v. B. Eischen, Warden

Mairs · No. 25-cv-3153 (ECT/EMB) · Decided January 27, 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 because no party objected. The court denied Spencer Curtis Mairs's petition for a writ of habeas corpus and dismissed the matter without prejudice.

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	January 27, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-3153 (ECT/EMB)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation concerning a federal habeas petition. No party objected, so the court reviewed the recommendation for clear error.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of an unobjected-to magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order with limited precedential value.
PARTIES	Spencer Curtis Mairs v. B. Eischen, Warden

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Post-conviction relief
- Federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation contained clear error when no party objected to it.

2. Whether the habeas petition should be denied and the matter dismissed without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. When no party objects to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews it for clear error; the court found no clear error here and accepted the recommendation in full.
2. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied, and the matter was dismissed without prejudice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Finding no clear error, and based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein, IT IS ORDERED THAT:"
(at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The petitioner, Spencer Curtis Mairs, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus against B. Eischen, Warden. The opinion contains no further substantive facts concerning the underlying conviction, custody, or habeas claims.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Elsa M. Bullard issued a Report and Recommendation on December 29, 2025. With no objections filed, the district court found no clear error, accepted the Report and Recommendation in full, denied the habeas petition, and dismissed the matter without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

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