

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN

Edward Albert Stenberg v. Suzanne Groff et al.

Stenberg · No. 24-13112 · Decided February 18, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan adopts a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation after the parties failed to file timely objections. The court partially grants certain defendants’ motion to dismiss, denies other pending motions without prejudice, and transfers the case to the Western District of Michigan.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Laurie J. Michelson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
DECIDED	February 18, 2026
DOCKET	24-13112
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's report and recommendation addressing three pending motions after no party filed timely objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Because no timely specific objections were filed, the court treated review of the magistrate judge's findings as waived under the procedural-default rule governing objections to a report and recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district-court order; precedential status not stated.

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- waiver
- prisoners rights
- civil rights
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Civil rights
- Prisoner civil-rights litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the parties' failure to file timely objections to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation waived further district-court review.
2. Whether the court should adopt the report and recommendation, grant Defendants Blessman, McIntyre, Morrison, and Washington's motion to dismiss in part, deny the remaining motions without prejudice, and transfer the case to the Western District of Michigan.

HOLDINGS

1. A party's failure to file timely specific objections to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation constitutes procedural default and waives further review of the magistrate judge's findings by the district court.
2. The court accepted the report and recommendation in full, granted in part the motion to dismiss filed by Defendants Blessman, McIntyre, Morrison, and Washington, denied without prejudice the motions to dismiss filed by Defendants Coleman and Massery and Wellpath/Grand Prairie Health Care, and transferred the case to the Western District of Michigan.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The Court finds that Stenberg's failure to timely object is a procedural default, waiving review of Judge Altman's findings by this Court." (ECF No. 96)

"The Court therefore finds that the parties have waived further review of Judge Altman's report and recommendation (ECF No. 96), and accepts its recommended disposition." (ECF No. 96)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Edward Albert Stenberg, proceeding pro se, alleged that twelve defendants, primarily medical personnel and other staff at the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer, Michigan, violated the Eighth Amendment through deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. The district court considered a report and recommendation concerning pending motions to dismiss and other motions, but Stenberg filed no timely objections.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Stenberg filed a pro se civil-rights action alleging that medical personnel and staff at the Thumb Correctional Facility were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment. Magistrate Judge Altman issued a report and recommendation regarding three motions. The district court concluded that no timely objections had been filed, accepted the report and recommendation in full, granted one motion to dismiss in part, denied two motions without prejudice, and transferred the case to the Western District of Michigan.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The case was transferred to the Western District of Michigan. The order does not provide additional substantive instructions to the transferee court.

CASES CITED

- United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981)
- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149, 149-52 (1985)
- Garrison v. Equifax Info. Servs., LLC, No. 10-13990, 2012 WL 1278044, at *8 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 16, 2012)

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