

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN

Ronald DeRyke v. Corizon Health, Inc., et al.

DeRyke · No. 24-12857 · Decided February 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan adopted a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of Ronald DeRyke’s civil rights action for failure to prosecute and comply with court orders. The court denied the defendants’ pending dispositive motions as moot and dismissed DeRyke’s cause of action with prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jonathan J.C. Grey
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
DECIDED	February 24, 2026
DOCKET	24-12857
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed and adopted a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of the civil-rights complaint for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders. The court denied the defendants' pending motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment as moot.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Ronald DeRyke v. Corizon Health, Inc., Wellpath, Grand Prairie Healthcare Services, Vital Core, Sara Gdowski, Trinh Le, Stacy Lindahl, Kalee Ross, B. Stricklin, Nancy Roland, Karine Poland, Jessica Jones, Leslie Murray, Nigel Wyckoff, other healthcare professionals employed by the defendant providers and the Michigan Department of Corrections

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- prisoners rights
- section 1983
- motions to dismiss
- summary judgment

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

prisoner civil rights

constitutional law

health law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders.
2. Whether the defendants' pending motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment should be denied as moot after dismissal of the action.
3. Whether the parties waived further objections by failing to object to the Report and Recommendation.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court adopted the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation in its entirety because it reached the correct conclusions for the proper reasons and no error was identified.
2. The complaint was dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with the court's orders.
3. The parties waived further objections to the Report and Recommendation by failing to file objections.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

DeRyke, a prisoner, sued private healthcare providers, healthcare professionals, and Michigan Department of Corrections personnel over alleged retaliation, denial or delay of medical treatment, deliberate indifference, and related emotional-distress and negligence claims. He asserted the defendants acted in their individual and official capacities. The court's disposition rested on DeRyke's failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders rather than on adjudication of the underlying medical-care or constitutional claims.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

DeRyke filed a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action on October 29, 2024, asserting First Amendment retaliation, Eighth Amendment medical-care claims, and related state-law claims. Defendants filed multiple motions to dismiss and for summary judgment, including motions based on exhaustion and bankruptcy discharge. Magistrate Judge Curtis Ivy recommended dismissal for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders; no party objected. On February 24, 2026, the district court adopted the recommendation in its entirety and dismissed the cause of action with prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Smith v. Detroit Fed'n of Tchrs. Loc. 231, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373 (6th Cir. 1987)
- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985)

