

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

John Shapiro v. Joy Campanelli

Shapiro · No. 2:25-13861-RMG · Decided March 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopted the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation and dismissed John Shapiro's action against Joy Campanelli without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance or service of process. The dismissal was based on lack of venue, failure to state a claim, and failure to comply with the Court's proper-form order; no objections were filed.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Richard Mark Gergel
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
DECIDED	March 17, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-13861-RMG
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's report and recommendation recommending summary dismissal without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process. The plaintiff filed no objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Because Plaintiff filed no specific objections to the report and recommendation, the district court applied clear-error review and adopted the recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished, nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	John Shapiro v. Joy Campanelli

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's report and recommendation when Plaintiff filed no objections.
2. Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice for lack of venue, failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted, and failure to comply with the proper-form order.

HOLDINGS

1. When no specific objections are filed, the district court may review the report and recommendation for clear error and adopt it as the order of the court.
2. The action was properly summarily dismissed without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance or service of process because the complaint lacked allegations establishing venue, failed to state a viable claim, and Plaintiff failed to comply with the proper-form order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“DISMISSES this action without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance or service of process.” (3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's complaint contained a single conclusory allegation that Defendant conspired with others in violation of Fourteenth Amendment rights. The complaint did not state Plaintiff's or Defendant's residence and alleged no facts supporting the claimed conspiracy. After the magistrate judge ordered Plaintiff to bring the case into proper form, Plaintiff failed to respond.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a pro se complaint alleging only that, on information and belief, Defendant conspired with others in violation of Fourteenth Amendment rights. The magistrate judge ordered Plaintiff to bring the case into proper form and warned that noncompliance could result in dismissal; Plaintiff filed nothing in response. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal for lack of venue, failure to state a claim, and failure to bring the case into proper form. The district court conducted clear-error review because no objections were filed, adopted the R&R, and dismissed the action without prejudice and without leave to amend or issuance and service of process.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976)
- Cruz v. Beto, 405 U.S. 319 (1972)

- Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519 (1972)
- Weller v. Dep't of Social Services, 901 F.2d 387 (4th Cir. 1990)

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