

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION

Casey Harmon v. State of Michigan, et al.

No. 1:25-cv-1457, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division
(February 23, 2026)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan denied Plaintiff Casey Harmon’s objections to a Report and Recommendation and adopted the recommendation as the opinion of the court. The court dismissed the in forma pauperis complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) and certified that an appeal would not be taken in good faith.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jane M. Beckering
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division
DECIDED	February 23, 2026
DOCKET	1:25-cv-1457
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff objected to a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of the complaint at initial screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(3) of the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections were made.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Casey Harmon v. State of Michigan, et al.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- section 1983
- civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

Civil rights

Federal civil procedure

In forma pauperis screening

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff's objections demonstrated factual or legal error in the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation.
2. Whether the complaint should be dismissed upon initial screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
3. Whether the Court should certify under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that an appeal would not be taken in good faith.

HOLDINGS

1. The objections were properly denied because they did not address or reveal factual or legal error in the Magistrate Judge's analysis or conclusion.
2. The complaint was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) for the reasons stated in the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, which the Court approved and adopted as its Opinion.
3. The Court certified under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that an appeal of the decision would not be taken in good faith.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff alleged civil rights violations arising from his criminal preliminary examination proceeding in state court. The District Court stated that Plaintiff's objections raised additional concerns about the criminal proceeding but did not address or identify error in the grounds for dismissal analyzed by the Magistrate Judge.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a civil rights complaint in November 2025 arising from a state-court criminal preliminary examination proceeding. On December 26, 2025, the Magistrate Judge recommended dismissal upon initial screening. The District Court conducted de novo review of the portions to which Plaintiff objected, denied the objections, approved and adopted the Report and Recommendation, dismissed the complaint, and certified that an appeal would not be taken in good faith.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *McGore v. Wigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 610–11 (6th Cir. 1997)
- *Jones v. Bock*, 549 U.S. 199, 206, 211–12 (2007)

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