

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
TENNESSEE

Sajeesh Kumar Kamala Raghavan v. Remmia Sukapurath, Leah
Lloyd Hillis, Barbara McCullough, Carol J. Chumney, and Shelby
County, Tennessee

Raghavan · No. 2:25-cv-03110-SHL-cgc · Decided February 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee denied Plaintiff Sajeesh Kumar Kamala Raghavan’s motion to consolidate dispositive filings and compel unified responses from the defendants. The court also disregarded Raghavan’s purported objections to a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation because no such report and recommendation had been issued in the case, and it declined to consider his unauthorized and untimely reply.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sheryl H. Lipman
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
DECIDED	February 13, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-03110-SHL-cgc
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court considered the pro se plaintiff's motion to consolidate dispositive filings and compel unified responses from defendants, along with purported objections to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A district judge reviews timely objections to a magistrate judge's order on a nondispositive matter for clear error or whether the order is contrary to law under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a). The court did not reach a substantive review of objections because no report and recommendation existed in the case.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown

TOPICS

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should require the defendants to consolidate their dispositive filings and file unified responses.
2. Whether the court should consider the plaintiff's reply filed without leave of court.
3. Whether the court should consider purported objections to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation when no such report and recommendation had been issued in the case.

HOLDINGS

1. The court will not consider a reply memorandum filed without leave of court, and a pro se litigant remains subject to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules.
2. The court denied the motion to compel consolidated responses because each defendant may choose whether to proceed jointly or individually, and the plaintiff may not dictate how defendants defend against his claims.
3. The court disregarded the purported objections and supporting affidavit because no magistrate judge's report and recommendation had been issued in the case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“pro se litigants, while granted some leeway, must follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants.”

“The choice, however, belongs to each Defendant, and will remain theirs to make throughout this litigation.”
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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, sought to require the defendants to consolidate their dispositive filings and submit unified responses addressing jurisdictional facts and other matters. Two defendants had filed a joint response, while another defendant filed an individual response. Plaintiff also filed a reply without obtaining leave and submitted purported objections to a report and recommendation that did not exist in this litigation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed his motion on January 13, 2026. Defendants filed separate responses, and plaintiff filed an unauthorized reply. Plaintiff also filed purported objections to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation. The court denied the motion, declined to consider the unauthorized reply, and disregarded the objections because no report and recommendation had been issued in the case.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Berry v. Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 2:18-cv-02721-SHL-dkv, 2020 WL 3485577, at *4 (W.D. Tenn. Feb. 24, 2020)
- Greer v. Home Realty Co. of Memphis Inc., No. 2:07-cv-02639-SHM, 2010 WL 6512339, at *2 (W.D. Tenn. July 12, 2010)
- Link v. Wabash R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962)

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