

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA, WESTERN DIVISION

Chakevia Roberts v. Jennifer Broton, Warden

Roberts · No. 7:25-cv-02080-LCB-NAD · Decided March 27, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama adopts a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation and dismisses Chakevia Roberts’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition without prejudice for failure to prosecute. The court notes that Roberts did not file objections within the permitted period and reviews the unchallenged recommendation for clear error.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Western Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Liles C. Burke
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Western Division
DECIDED	March 27, 2026
DOCKET	7:25-cv-02080-LCB-NAD
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	District court review and adoption of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition for failure to prosecute.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Specific objections to a magistrate judge's report or proposed findings are reviewed de novo; unchallenged portions are reviewed for clear error.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation
PARTIES	Chakevia Roberts v. Jennifer Broton, Warden

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What standard of review applies when a party does not object to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation?
2. Whether the Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of Roberts's § 2241 petition for failure to prosecute should be adopted and the action dismissed without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. When no specific objections are filed, the district court reviews the unchallenged portions of a magistrate judge's report and recommendation for clear error.
2. The magistrate judge's recommendation to dismiss the habeas action for failure to prosecute was accepted and adopted, and the action was dismissed without prejudice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, the Court ORDERS that this action is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for failure to prosecute.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Roberts filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal for failure to prosecute. Roberts did not file objections to the Report and Recommendation within the fourteen-day objection period.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Nicholas A. Danella issued a Report and Recommendation on January 21, 2026, recommending dismissal of Roberts's § 2241 petition for failure to prosecute. Roberts was notified of her right to object but filed no objections within the prescribed period. The district court reviewed the unchallenged recommendation for clear error, adopted it, and dismissed the action without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Haywood v. Green, Case No. 1:21-cv-01112-LCB-HNJ, 2023 WL 6303027, at *1 (N.D. Ala. Sept. 27, 2023)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA WESTERN DIVISION CHAKEVIA ROBERTS,)) Petitioner,)) v.) Case No. 7:25-cv-02080-LCB-NAD) JENNIFER BROTON, Warden,)) Respondent.) ORDER On January 21, 2026, Magistrate Judge

Nicholas A. Danella entered a Report and Recommendation in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), recommending the Court dismiss Chakevia Robert's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, for failure to prosecute.

(Doc. 4). The magistrate judge notified Roberts of her right to file objections to the Report and Recommendation within 14 days, *id.*, at 2-3, but that time expired without any objections having been received by the court. If a party objects to a portion of a Magistrate Judge's report or proposed findings or recommendations, the district court must review *de novo* those portions of the report to which the party has specifically objected.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). Unchallenged portions of a Magistrate Judge's report are reviewed for clear error. *Haywood v. Green*, Case No. 1:21-cv-01112-LCB-HNJ, 2023 WL 6303027, at *1 (N.D. Ala. Sept. 27, 2023).

The district court may, in its review, "accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part," the Magistrate Judge's findings or recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Having reviewed the proposed findings and recommendations for clear error, the Court concludes that the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. 4) should be ACCEPTED and hereby ADOPTS it as the findings of the Court.

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS that this action is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for failure to prosecute. DONE and ORDERED this March 27, 2026. LILES C. BURKE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE