

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA

Marcia Thomas v. Bond Community Health Center, et al.

Thomas · No. 4:25-cv-190-MW-MJF · Decided December 16, 2025

SUMMARY

A magistrate judge recommends that the Northern District of Florida dismiss Marcia Thomas’s action without prejudice because she failed to comply with two court orders and failed to prosecute the case. The recommendation also advises the clerk to close the case file and explains the deadline and consequences for filing objections.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michael J. Frank
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
DECIDED	December 16, 2025
DOCKET	4:25-cv-190-MW-MJF
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Report and recommendation on dismissal for failure to comply with court orders and failure to prosecute.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Marcia Thomas v. Bond Community Health Center, et al.

TOPICS

sanctions pleadings civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice because Plaintiff failed to comply with two court orders.
- Whether the action should be dismissed sua sponte for failure to prosecute.

HOLDINGS

1. Dismissal without prejudice was appropriate because Plaintiff failed to comply with two court orders, failed to prosecute the action, offered no excuse, and did not show good cause.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Federal courts possess an inherent power to dismiss a complaint for failure to comply with a court order.”
(Discussion)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's complaint failed to comply with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 8 and 10. Plaintiff failed to file an amended complaint by the court-ordered deadline and then failed to respond to an order to show cause regarding that noncompliance. Plaintiff offered no excuse for either failure and did not demonstrate good cause.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a civil action in the Northern District of Florida. After finding that the complaint violated Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 8 and 10, the magistrate judge ordered Plaintiff to file an amended complaint by October 28, 2025. Plaintiff did not comply, and she also failed to comply with a subsequent order to show cause issued on November 17, 2025. The magistrate judge recommended that the district court dismiss the action without prejudice and direct the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Foudy v. Indian River County Sheriff's Office, 845 F.3d 1117, 1126 (11th Cir. 2017)
- Link v. Wabash Railroad Co., 370 U.S. 626, 632 (1962)