

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, GREENVILLE DIVISION

Chance D. Wilson v. Anthony Phyll, Major

Wilson · No. 6:24-cv-05768-JDA · Decided April 28, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopted the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation and granted Defendant Anthony Phyll’s motion for summary judgment. The action was dismissed with prejudice because Plaintiff Chance D. Wilson failed to exhaust his administrative remedies.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division                                                                                                                                                 |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Jacquelyn D. Austin                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division                                                                                                                                                 |
| DECIDED               | April 28, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DOCKET                | 6:24-cv-05768-JDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending grant of Defendant's motion for summary judgment, with prejudice, for failure to exhaust administrative remedies. No party filed objections. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | In the absence of objections to the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviewed the recommendation for clear error. A specific objection would have required de novo review of the challenged portion. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Unknown; district court opinion with no precedential designation stated in the text                                                                                                                                                  |
| PARTIES               | Chance D. Wilson v. Anthony Phyll, Major                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## PRACTICE AREAS

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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should accept the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no party filed objections.
2. Whether Defendant was entitled to summary judgment with prejudice because Plaintiff failed to exhaust his administrative remedies.

## HOLDINGS

1. When no party files a timely objection to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error rather than conducting de novo review.
2. Defendant was entitled to summary judgment with prejudice because Plaintiff failed to exhaust his administrative remedies.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns a pro se action brought by Chance D. Wilson against Anthony Phyll, Major. The magistrate judge recommended summary judgment for Defendant because Wilson failed to exhaust his administrative remedies, and the district court adopted that recommendation after finding no clear error.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a pro se Complaint on October 10, 2024. Defendant moved to dismiss or, alternatively, for summary judgment on December 15, 2025. On March 31, 2026, Magistrate Judge Kevin F. McDonald recommended granting summary judgment with prejudice because Plaintiff failed to exhaust administrative remedies. The district court found no clear error, adopted the Report and Recommendation, and granted summary judgment with prejudice.

## DISPOSITION

other

## CASES CITED

- Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976)

- *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

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