

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

Phillip Reeves v. Michael Callison; Hobart Lewis

Reeves · No. 6:25-cv-13834-CMC · Decided March 12, 2026

SUMMARY

The court adopts a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation and dismisses Phillip Reeves’s complaint without prejudice and without issuance and service of process. Because Reeves filed no objections, the court reviewed the recommendation for clear error and found none.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Cameron McGowan Currie
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division
DECIDED	March 12, 2026
DOCKET	6:25-cv-13834-CMC
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of Plaintiff's complaint without prejudice and without issuance and service of process. Plaintiff filed no objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	In the absence of a timely specific objection to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error; a specific objection requires de novo review of the challenged portion.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; nonprecedential

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- pleadings

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What standard of review applies when a party fails to object to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation?
2. Whether the magistrate judge's recommendation to dismiss the action without prejudice and without issuance and service of process should be adopted.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely specific objection is filed, the district court need only review the Report and Recommendation for clear error before accepting it; a specific objection would require de novo review of the challenged portion.
2. The court adopted the Report and Recommendation and dismissed the matter without prejudice and without issuance and service of process.

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.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains little substantive factual discussion because the action was dismissed at the screening and recommendation stage. Plaintiff filed a civil-rights complaint against Michael Callison and Hobart Lewis. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal without prejudice and without issuance and service of process, and Plaintiff did not object.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed his complaint on December 12, 2025. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Paige J. Gossett for pretrial proceedings, and the magistrate judge issued a Report and Recommendation on February 9, 2026, recommending dismissal without prejudice and without issuance and service of process. After Plaintiff failed to object, the district court reviewed the record for clear error, adopted the Report by reference, and dismissed the matter.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261 (1976)
- Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

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