

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS, TYLER DIVISION

Ty Brett Pierce v. Alicia An, et al.

Pierce · No. 6:25-cv-339-JDK-KNM · Decided February 16, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas adopted the magistrate judge’s report and recommendation recommending dismissal of Ty Brett Pierce’s pro se prison civil-rights action. Because Pierce filed no objections, the court reviewed the recommendation for clear error, abuse of discretion, and conclusions contrary to law, and dismissed the case with prejudice for failure to state a claim under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jeremy D. Kernodle
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division
DECIDED	February 16, 2026
DOCKET	6:25-cv-339-JDK-KNM
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After the plaintiff failed to object to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court reviewed the report for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviewed its legal conclusions for conformity with law.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no timely objections are filed to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court reviews factual findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- prisoners rights
- section 1983
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

prisoner civil rights

constitutional law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What standard of review applies when a party does not timely object to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation?
2. Whether the magistrate judge's recommendation to dismiss the prison civil-rights action with prejudice for failure to state a claim should be adopted.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objections are filed to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court reviews the magistrate judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law.
2. The magistrate judge's report and recommendation was adopted, and the action was dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews her legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law."

"This case is DISMISSED with prejudice for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Pierce, an inmate in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, brought a civil-rights action alleging constitutional violations arising from his imprisonment. He proceeded pro se and in forma pauperis. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal for failure to state a claim, and Pierce did not object within the prescribed period.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff Ty Brett Pierce, an incarcerated person proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, filed a prison civil-rights action. The case was referred to Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, who recommended dismissal with prejudice under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) for failure to state a claim. Pierce received the report but filed no objections. The district court adopted the report and recommendation, dismissed the action with prejudice, and denied pending motions as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc)
- *United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 492 U.S. 918 (1989)

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