

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

Devin Bailey v. Officer Christopher L. Lee; Greenville County

Bailey · No. 6:25-cv-06567-JDA-WSB · Decided April 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopts the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation after finding no clear error and no objections were filed. The court grants Greenville County’s motion to dismiss and denies Devin Bailey’s motion for summary judgment.

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 13, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| DOCKET                | 6:25-cv-06567-JDA-WSB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending that Greenville County's motion to dismiss be granted and Bailey's motion for summary judgment be denied. Because neither party filed objections, the district court reviewed the Report for clear error and adopted it. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | In the absence of specific objections to the Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews for clear error rather than conducting de novo review.                                                                                                                                                        |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court opinion; precedential status not stated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PARTIES               | Devin Bailey v. Officer Christopher L. Lee, Greenville County                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- summary judgment
- civil procedure
- civil rights

## PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

civil rights

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should review the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation for clear error when neither party filed objections.
2. Whether Greenville County's motion to dismiss should be granted.
3. Whether Bailey's motion for summary judgment should be denied.

## HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is filed to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court need not conduct de novo review and must only satisfy itself that no clear error appears on the face of the record.
2. Greenville County's motion to dismiss was granted.
3. Bailey's motion for summary judgment was denied.

## 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”* (Opinion and Order)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Bailey brought an action against Greenville County and Officer Christopher L. Lee and later filed an Amended Complaint. Greenville County challenged the Amended Complaint by motion to dismiss, while Bailey sought summary judgment. The opinion does not independently recount the underlying substantive facts because it adopts the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after finding no clear error.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Bailey filed an Amended Complaint against Greenville County and Officer Christopher L. Lee. Greenville County moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint, and Bailey moved for summary judgment. The magistrate judge recommended granting the County's motion and denying Bailey's motion. With no objections filed, the district court found no clear error, accepted and incorporated the Report and Recommendation, granted the County's motion to dismiss, and denied Bailey's motion for summary judgment.

## 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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