

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

Torrance Deon Batts v. Alan Wilson, Attorney General

Batts · No. 6:25-cv-13660-JDA · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina reviewed a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of Torrance Deon Batts’s pro se complaint. Because no objections were filed, the court reviewed the recommendation for clear error, adopted it, and dismissed the action without issuance or service of process, without leave to amend, and without prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

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	January 5, 2026
DOCKET	6:25-cv-13660-JDA
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of Plaintiff's pro se complaint without issuance and service of process and without leave to amend. Plaintiff filed no objections.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	In the absence of specific objections to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error on the face of the record. Specific objections would require de novo review of the challenged portions.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court opinion
PARTIES	Torrance Deon Batts v. Alan Wilson, Attorney General

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should review the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation for clear error when the plaintiff filed no objections.
2. Whether the court should accept the Report and Recommendation and dismiss the action without issuance and service of process, without leave to amend, and without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is filed, the district court need not conduct de novo review and instead reviews the Report and Recommendation for clear error on the face of the record.
2. The court accepted the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation and dismissed the action without issuance and service of process, without leave to amend, and without prejudice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The Court will review the Report only for clear error in the absence of an objection."

"Accordingly, this action is dismissed without issuance and service of process, without leave to amend, and without prejudice."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Torrance Deon Batts filed a pro se complaint against Alan Wilson, Attorney General. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal without issuance and service of process and without leave to amend. Batts did not file objections, and the objection period expired.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a pro se complaint on December 1, 2025. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge William S. Brown, who recommended dismissal without issuance and service of process and without leave to amend. After Plaintiff failed to object within the prescribed period, the district court reviewed the Report for clear error, accepted it, incorporated it by reference, and dismissed the action without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

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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