

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

Christopher R. Rutledge v. FBI; et al.

Rutledge · No. 3:25-CV-00306-KDB-SCR · Decided April 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina denied Christopher R. Rutledge’s motion for reconsideration of the dismissal of his action against the FBI and other defendants. The court noted that the Fourth Circuit had affirmed the dismissal and that Rutledge had not shown grounds for relief under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60; it also barred further filings raising the same issues and arguments.

OPINION

Rutledge

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:25-CV-00306-KDB-SCR

CHRISTOPHER R. RUTLEDGE,

Plaintiff,

v. MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

FBI; ET AL,

Defendants. THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration, asking the Court to change its previous Order dismissing this action. (See Doc. Nos. 9, 17). Plaintiff has already appealed that dismissal Order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which affirmed the dismissal (Doc. No. 15). Further, Plaintiff has not established any grounds under the governing Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60 to justify reconsideration. See *Das v. Mecklenburg Cnty. Superior Ct. Admin.*, No. 323CV00514KDBSCR, 2024 WL 790393, at *1 (W.D.N.C. Feb. 26, 2024) (describing the basis on which a court may grant the “extraordinary remedy” of setting aside a final judgment). For many reasons, a plaintiff cannot repeatedly file motions or additional causes of action when they don't get the outcome they want. Nor can they file similar causes of action that arise from the same set of events as a means of circumventing an unfavorable final decision on the merits. Thus, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is DENIED, and further filings raising the same issues and arguments are not permitted. See *Blue v. Caldwell Cmty. Coll.*, No. 5:24-CV- 00260-KDB-SCR, 2025 WL 492013, at *1 (W.D.N.C. Feb. 13, 2025).

SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED. Signed: April 7, 2026 Kenneth D. Bell United States District Judge \ i

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