

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

Tyleek Rayquaun Johnson v. Shana Peeler, Capt. Hayes, Mrs. Lucy,
Ashley Hunt, Kathy White, A. Roach

Johnson v. Peeler · No. 5:25-cv-03379-JDA · Decided April 28, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopted the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation and dismissed Tyleek Rayquaun Johnson’s pro se civil action with prejudice for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). The court found the defendants’ motions to seal and for summary judgment moot and notified the parties of their right to appeal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Orangeburg Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jacquelyn D. Austin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Orangeburg Division
DECIDED	April 28, 2026
DOCKET	5:25-cv-03379-JDA
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's unobjected-to Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of an unobjected-to magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation; specific objections would have triggered de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court opinion
PARTIES	Tyleek Rayquaun Johnson v. Shana Peeler, Capt. Hayes, Mrs. Lucy, Ashley Hunt, Kathy White, A. Roach

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should accept an unobjected-to magistrate judge's recommendation after reviewing it for clear error.
2. Whether the action should be dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).
3. Whether Defendants' motions to seal and for summary judgment remained pending after dismissal for failure to prosecute.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is filed, the district court need not conduct de novo review and instead must satisfy itself that no clear error appears on the face of the record before accepting the recommendation.
2. The action was properly dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) after Plaintiff repeatedly failed to respond to the summary-judgment motion and failed to comply with the court's directive to respond.
3. After dismissing the action with prejudice for failure to prosecute, the court found Defendants' motion to seal and motion for summary judgment moot.

KEY QUOTATIONS

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

"Accordingly, this action is summarily DISMISSED with prejudice for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed a pro se complaint alleging claims arising from his incarceration or prison conditions. Defendants moved for summary judgment and to seal filings. Despite a Roseboro notice and a subsequent court order extending an opportunity to respond, Plaintiff failed to timely respond or otherwise indicate that he wished to continue prosecuting the case.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a pro se civil-rights complaint on April 22, 2025. Defendants moved to seal and for summary judgment, and the magistrate judge twice advised Plaintiff of the need to respond and directed him to file a response. Plaintiff did not timely respond. The magistrate judge recommended summary dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute. With no objections filed, the district court reviewed the recommendation for clear error, adopted it, and dismissed the action with prejudice, finding Defendants' motions moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975)
- Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976)
- Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

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