

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Christian Javier Hawkins v. Frederick J. Akshar II and Cris
Mogenson

Hawkins · No. 9:25-cv-083 (BKS/TWD) · Decided February 11, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of New York adopted a magistrate judge’s Report-Recommendation after finding no clear error and no objections were filed. The court granted defendants’ motion to dismiss, dismissed the plaintiff’s § 1983 complaint, directed entry of judgment, and closed the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Brenda K. Sannes
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
DECIDED	February 11, 2026
DOCKET	9:25-cv-083 (BKS/TWD)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff brought a pro se civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. After defendants moved to dismiss under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), or alternatively for summary judgment, a magistrate judge recommended granting the motion. With no objections filed, the district court reviewed the Report-Recommendation for clear error, adopted it, granted the motion to dismiss, and dismissed the complaint.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Clear-error review of an unobjected-to magistrate judge's Report-Recommendation under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b), and applicable precedent.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court memorandum decision
PARTIES	Christian Javier Hawkins v. Frederick J. Akshar II, Cris Mogenson

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should review the unobjected-to Report-Recommendation for clear error.
2. Whether the Report-Recommendation should be adopted and defendants' Rule 12(b)(6) motion granted, resulting in dismissal of the complaint.

HOLDINGS

1. When no objections are filed within the applicable period, the district court reviews the magistrate judge's Report-Recommendation for clear error.
2. The Report-Recommendation was adopted after the court found no clear error, defendants' motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim was granted, and the complaint was dismissed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Having reviewed the Report-Recommendation for clear error and having found none, adopts the Report-Recommendation.”

“Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss for failure to state a claim (Dkt. 24) is GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Complaint (Dkt. No. 1) is DISMISSED”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Christian Javier Hawkins was detained at the Broome County Correctional Facility and asserted claims arising from that detention. The claims surviving initial screening were brought under RLUIPA, the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause, and the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Defendants sought dismissal, and Hawkins did not respond to the motion or object to the magistrate judge's recommendation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court previously screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2) and 1915A and allowed RLUIPA, First Amendment free-exercise, and Fourteenth Amendment equal-protection claims to proceed. Defendants moved to dismiss or alternatively for summary judgment, but plaintiff filed no opposition despite receiving extensions. Magistrate Judge Thérèse Wiley Dancks recommended dismissal, and the district court adopted that recommendation after clear-error review because no party objected.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Petersen v. Astrue, 2 F. Supp. 3d 223, 228-29 (N.D.N.Y. 2012)

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