

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA, PENSACOLA DIVISION

Albert Estrada v. Florida Department of Corrections, et al.

Estrada · No. 3:25-cv-2458-AW-ZCB · Decided March 16, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida adopted the magistrate judge’s report and recommendation and dismissed Albert Estrada’s action without prejudice. The court found that Estrada failed to comply with local rules by inaccurately certifying that he had no prior litigation, and it treated his purported notice of appeal as objections to the report and recommendation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Pensacola Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allen Winsor
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Pensacola Division
DECIDED	March 16, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-cv-2458-AW-ZCB
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed de novo Plaintiff's objections to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation and adopted the recommendation to dismiss the action without prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review of the issues raised in objections to the report and recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; nonprecedential

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- prisoners rights
- section 1983
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- prisoner civil rights
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff's failure to fully and accurately disclose his prior litigation and his false sworn certification warranted dismissal without prejudice for failure to comply with the court's local rules.
2. Whether Plaintiff's document titled Notice of Appeal should be treated as objections to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation.

HOLDINGS

1. Because the magistrate judge's report and recommendation was not a final order, the district court properly treated Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal as objections for de novo consideration.
2. Dismissal without prejudice was appropriate where Plaintiff failed to provide a complete and accurate litigation history and falsely certified under oath that he had none.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"This case is dismissed without prejudice based on Plaintiff's failure to comply with the court's local rules and failure to disclose litigation history."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff completed the court's form concerning prior litigation and certified under oath that he had none. Although he later asserted that he lacked all of his files and therefore did not have complete details, he failed to disclose any information he did possess or explain what was missing and why.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The magistrate judge recommended dismissal because Plaintiff failed to fully and accurately disclose his prior litigation on the court's form and falsely certified under oath that he had no prior litigation. Plaintiff filed a document titled Notice of Appeal, which the district court treated as objections because the report and recommendation was not a final order. After de novo review, the district court adopted the report and recommendation, directed entry of judgment, and ordered the case closed.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- McNair v. Johnson, 143 F.4th 1301, 1307-08 (11th Cir. 2025)

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