

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Qusai Mahasin v. Warden, USP Atwater

No. 1:25-cv-00363 JLT EPG (HC), United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (December 11, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in a federal prisoner’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition. The court denied the petition, terminated the respondent’s motion to dismiss, and directed the clerk to close the case after the petitioner filed no objections.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 11, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00363 JLT EPG (HC)
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Federal prisoner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. A magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations recommending denial of the petition, and the district court adopted those findings and recommendations after de novo review.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status is not identified in the source.
PARTIES	Qusai Mahasin v. Warden, USP Atwater

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Post-conviction relief
- Federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations denying the § 2241 petition and terminating respondent's motion to dismiss should be adopted.
2. Whether the petition for a writ of habeas corpus should be denied.

HOLDINGS

1. After conducting de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), the district court adopted the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations in full.
2. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Having carefully reviewed the matter, the Court concludes the findings and recommendations are supported by the record and proper analysis.” (Opinion at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Qusai Mahasin is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se who filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Respondent filed a pleading titled a motion to dismiss and response, but the magistrate judge treated it as addressing the merits rather than presenting grounds for dismissal. The petitioner did not object to the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter was referred to a United States magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. On October 3, 2025, the magistrate judge recommended denying the habeas petition and terminating respondent's motion to dismiss; petitioner filed no objections within the applicable period. The district court reviewed the matter de novo, adopted the findings and recommendations in full, denied the petition, terminated the motion to dismiss, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

CASES CITED

- Wilkerson v. Wheeler, 772 F.3d 834, 838-39 (9th Cir. 2014)