

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**PETER S. ELK LOOKS-BACK,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**1:15-cv-3340-WSD**

**UNNAMED DEFENDANT,**

**Defendant.**

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**OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Magistrate Judge J. Clay Fuller's Final Report and Recommendation [3] ("R&R"). The R&R recommends dismissal of Plaintiff Peter S. Elk Looks-Back's ("Plaintiff") Complaint [1] for failure to comply with a lawful order of the Court.

**I. BACKGROUND**

On September 21, 2015, Plaintiff filed his Complaint without prepaying the required \$400 filing fee or submitting a financial affidavit seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. On September 28, 2015, the Magistrate Judge ordered Plaintiff, within twenty-one (21) days: (i) to either pay the fee or submit the required affidavit, and (ii) to file an amended complaint. ([2]). The Magistrate Judge advised Plaintiff that failure to comply with the order could result in the dismissal

of this action. (Id.). Plaintiff failed to comply with the Magistrate Judge’s order.

On November 16, 2015, the Magistrate Judge issued his R&R. The R&R recommends dismissal of this action for failure to comply with a lawful order of the Court. The R&R was mailed to Plaintiff, and was returned as undeliverable. ([5]). Plaintiff did not file objections to the R&R, and he has not otherwise taken any action in this case.

## **II. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Legal Standard**

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject, or modify a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Williams v. Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 1112 (1983). No party objects to the R&R, and the Court thus conducts a plain error review of the record. See United States v. Slay, 714 F.2d 1093, 1095 (11th Cir. 1983).

### **B. Analysis**

Under Local Rule 41.3(A)(2), “[t]he court may, with or without notice to the parties, dismiss a civil case for want of prosecution if: . . . [a] plaintiff . . . shall, after notice, . . . fail or refuse to obey a lawful order of the court in the case.” LR 41.3(A)(2), NDGa.

The Local Rules also provide that a *pro se* party's failure to "keep the clerk's office informed of any change in address . . . which causes a delay or otherwise adversely affects the management of the case shall constitute grounds . . . for dismissal of the action without prejudice." LR 41.2(C).

The Court finds no plain error in the Magistrate Judge's recommendation that this action be dismissed for failure to comply with a lawful order of the Court. See Slay, 714 F.2d at 1095. Dismissal also is warranted under Local Rule 41.2(C) because Plaintiff failed to keep the Clerk's office informed of his current address.


### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge J. Clay Fuller's Final Report and Recommendation [3] is **ADOPTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

**SO ORDERED** this 2nd day of May, 2016.

  
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WILLIAM S. DUFFEY, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE