

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION  
No. 7:15-CV-74-D

LAWRENCE VERLINE WILDER, SR., )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Defendant. )

**ORDER**

On April 14, 2015, Lawrence Verline Wilder (“Wilder” or “plaintiff”) filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis and a proposed complaint [D.E. 1]. On April 20, 2015, the court referred plaintiff’s application and proposed complaint to Magistrate Judge Gates for a Memorandum and Recommendation (“M&R”) [D.E. 4]. On November 7, 2016, Magistrate Judge Gates issued an M&R and recommended that plaintiff’s application to proceed in forma pauperis be allowed and that plaintiff’s complaint be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted [D.E. 5]. Plaintiff did not object to the M&R.

“The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to make a de novo determination of those portions of the magistrate judge’s report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.” Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (emphasis, alteration, and quotation omitted); see 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Absent a timely objection, “a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” Diamond, 416 F.3d at 315 (quotation omitted).

The court has reviewed the M&R and the record. The court is satisfied that there is no clear error on the face of the record. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED, and plaintiff's complaint is DISMISSED. The clerk shall close the case.

SO ORDERED. This 18 day of December 2016.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
Chief United States District Judge