

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLUMBIA DIVISION

HOME RIVER GROUP, as Agent for 510 SFR \$
SC Operations I, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action No. 3:24-5130-MGL

LISA LENNON,
Defendant.

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## ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AND REMANDING CASE TO STATE COURT

Defendant Lisa Lennon (Lennon), who is representing herself, removed this eviction action from the Sumter County Summary Court.

This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge recommending the Court *sua sponte* remand the action to state court. The Report was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The Court, however, need not conduct a de novo review "when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct

the court to a specific error in the [Magistrate Judge's] proposed findings and recommendations." *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982); *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on September 17, 2024. Lennon filed her objections on October 1, 2024. The Court has reviewed the objections but holds them to be without merit. It will therefore enter judgment accordingly.

Lennon has failed to present any specific objections to the Report. Her objections amount to general disagreements with the Report's findings and merely repeat allegations the Magistrate Judge properly considered and addressed. To the extent Lennon has brought any new arguments in her objections, they are conclusory and so lacking in merit as to make any discussion of them unnecessary. Therefore, the Court will overrule her objections.

Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, the Court has reviewed the Report and the record de novo. Suffice it to say, the Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's treatment of this matter in her Report.

Further, inasmuch as the Magistrate Judge warned Lennon of the consequences of failing to file specific objections, Report at 5, she has waived appellate review. *See Howard v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs.*, 932 F.2d 505, 508–09 (6th Cir. 1991) (holding general objections are insufficient to preserve appellate review).

After a thorough review of the Report and record in this case under the standard set forth above, the Court overrules Lennon's objections, adopts the Report, and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of the Court this case is **REMANDED** to the Sumter County Summary Court.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 24th day of October 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis MARY GEIGER LEWIS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this Order within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.