

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Scottie Wayne Burkhalter,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jeremy S. McMahan,
Deputy, Laurens County Sheriff's
Office; Timothy D. Byrd
Deputy, Laurens County Sheriff's
Office; and Steven R. Sweat,
Laurens County Investigator,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 6:25-cv-00215-TMC

ORDER

Plaintiff Scottie Burkhalter, proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, (ECF No. 9), filed this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B) (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to a magistrate judge for all pretrial proceedings. Now before the court is the magistrate judge's report and recommendation ("Report"), recommending this case be dismissed without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process. (ECF No. 10). The magistrate judge notified Plaintiff of his right to file objections to the Report. Id. at 9. The Clerk's Office mailed the Report to Plaintiff's last known address, (ECF No. 11), and it was not returned to the court as undeliverable. Thus, Plaintiff is presumed to have received the Report. Still, Plaintiff has failed to file objections, and the time in which to do so has expired.

The magistrate judge's recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility for making a final determination remains with the United States District Court. Wimmer v. Cook, 774 F.2d 68, 72 (4th Cir. 1985) (quoting Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976)).

Nevertheless, “[t]he district court is only required to review *de novo* those portions of the report to which specific objections have been made, and need not conduct *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.’” *Farmer v. McBride*, 177 Fed. App’x 327, 330–31 (4th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982)); see also *Elijah v. Dunbar*, 66 F.4th 454, 460 (4th Cir. 2023) (noting “an objecting party ‘must object to the finding or recommendation on that issue with sufficient specificity so as reasonably to alert the district court of the true ground for the objection’” and “‘an objection stating only ‘I object’ preserves no issue for review’” (quoting *United States v. Midgette*, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007); *Lockert v. Faulkner*, 843 F.2d 1015, 1019 (7th Cir. 1988))). Thus, “in the absence of a timely filed 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 v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 Advisory Committee’s note). The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the magistrate judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, in the absence of specific objections to the Report and Recommendation, this Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Greenspan v. Bros. Prop. Corp.*, 103 F. Supp. 3d 734, 737 (D.S.C. 2015) (citing *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199–200 (4th Cir. 1983)). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party’s waiver of the right to appeal the district court’s judgment based upon that recommendation. See *Elijah*, 66 F.4th at 460 (quoting *Lockert*, 843 F.2d at 1019); *Martin v. Duffy*, 858 F.3d 239, 245 (4th Cir. 2017).

Thus, having reviewed the Report and finding no clear error, the court agrees with, and wholly **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in the Report (ECF No. 10), which is incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, this action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Timothy M. Cain  
United States District Judge

Anderson, South Carolina  
March 7, 2025

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Following the filing of the Report, Plaintiff sent the Clerk’s Office a letter requesting “a form to subpoena an ‘ankle monitor’ company in Georgia for GPS coordinates and records.” (ECF No. 12 at 1). The letter is dated three days after the Report, and the return address on the envelope is the same address where the Clerk’s Office mailed the Report. (ECF No. 12-1 at 1). Nothing in this letter addresses the Report or the deficiencies note therein. In light of the court’s disposition of this case, the court declines Plaintiff’s request for a subpoena as moot.