

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

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Stephen Mark Hause, )  
Plaintiff, ) C/A No.: 9:13-3531-RMG  
v. )  
Lt. Jeremy Vetter, Major Jones, )  
James Metts, CO Haldane Bastain, )  
Michael Hudson, Sgt. Travis Felder, )  
and Sgt. Melissa K. Lyons, )  
Defendants. )  
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For the reasons set forth below, the Court agrees and adopts the Report and Recommendation (“R & R”) of the Magistrate Judge, (Dkt. No. 39), as the order of the Court.

## Background

Plaintiff Stephen Mark Hause, an inmate at Lexington County Detention Center in Lexington, South Carolina, filed this action *pro se* pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Dkt. No. 1). However, prior to disposition in this matter, Defendants filed a Suggestion of Death as to Plaintiff on October 16, 2014. (Dkt. No. 31). Defendants served the Suggestion of Death upon Plaintiff's next of kin and/or successor on October 21, 2014. (Dkt. No. 35). The Magistrate Judge recommends dismissal because no further filings or documents have been filed on the Plaintiff's behalf. (Dkt. Nos. 37, 39). No objections have been filed to the R & R.

## Discussion

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976). The Court is required to make a *de*

*novo* determination of those portions of the R & R to which a specific objection has been made, and may “accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Here, however, because no objection has been made, this Court “must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’”

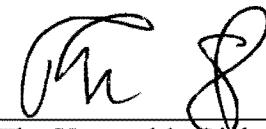
*Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P 72 advisory committee note). Moreover, in the absence of specific objections to the R & R, the Court need not give any explanation for adopting the Magistrate Judge’s analysis and recommendation. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 200 (4th Cir. 1983).

In reviewing the record, this Court agrees with the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge and finds Plaintiff’s next of kin and/or successor has failed to timely file a motion to substitute parties within ninety days of the date of service of the Suggestion of Death. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 25. Therefore, because a motion to substitute parties was not timely filed, Plaintiff’s claim must be dismissed.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, the Court **ADOPTS** the R & R (Dkt. No. 39) as the Order of this Court and **DISMISSES** this action without prejudice.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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The Honorable Richard Mark Gergel  
United States District Court Judge

February 25, 2015  
Charleston, South Carolina