

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, EASTERN DIVISION

Vickie Wright v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social
Security Administration

Wright · No. No. 4:23-cv-01360-MTS · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri dismisses Vickie Wright’s Social Security action without prejudice. The dismissal is based on her failure to comply with the Court’s order requiring supplemental information and related documents, and her failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division
DECIDED	January 5, 2026
DOCKET	No. 4:23-cv-01360-MTS
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court dismissed Plaintiff's Social Security action without prejudice after Plaintiff failed to comply with an order requiring her to provide information and documents concerning the administrative decision under review.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Vickie Wright v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- motions to dismiss
- administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- social security

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court could dismiss the action without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) for Plaintiff's failure to comply with the court's order.
2. Whether Plaintiff's failure to provide the ordered information and documents and failure to prosecute warranted dismissal without prejudice.

HOLDINGS

1. A district court may dismiss an action without prejudice when the plaintiff fails to comply with a court order and fails to prosecute the case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Accordingly, the Court will enter herewith an Order of Dismissal that dismisses this action without prejudice for Plaintiff's failure to follow the Court's order and for her failure to prosecute this case."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff brought an action concerning an adverse Social Security Administration decision rendered on May 3, 2021. After the court required additional information to evaluate Defendant's res judicata arguments, Defendant filed the certified administrative record. Plaintiff did not provide the ordered Appeals Council letter or the four categories of information concerning the challenged administrative decision, notice, request for Appeals Council review, and denial of review.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court previously denied Defendant's motion to dismiss without prejudice because the record was insufficient to resolve Defendant's res judicata arguments. The court ordered Defendant to supplement the record with the certified administrative record and ordered Plaintiff to provide specified information and an Appeals Council letter within twenty-one days. Plaintiff failed to comply by the December 30, 2025 deadline and did not seek an extension, so the court dismissed the action without prejudice for failure to follow the court's order and failure to prosecute.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Brown v. Frey, 806 F.2d 801, 803-04 (8th Cir. 1986)