

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA**

**Piontek Young v. David Ozcan**

Piontek Young · No. EDCV 25-2040 DSF (PD) · Decided October 20, 2025

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**OPINION**

JS-6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
PIONTEK YOUNG, EDCV 25-2040 DSF (PD) Plaintiff, Order DISMISSING Action for v.  
Failing to Pay Filing Fee DAVID OZCAN, et al., Defendants. All parties instituting a civil action,  
suit, or proceeding in a district court of the United States must pay a filing fee. 28 U.S.C. §  
1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay the filing fee only if the party is  
granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

However, prisoners must still pay the filing fee but may do so through monthly installment  
payments if granted IFP. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). On August 22, 2025, the Court denied Plaintiff's  
IFP Request and directed him to pay the full filing fee and separately file a notice indicating it had  
been paid. (Dkt. 4).

The Court warned that if he did not comply within 30 days, the case would be dismissed without  
prejudice. (Id.) To date, Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee or otherwise responded to the Court's  
Order. /// /// /// Accordingly, this action is DISMISSED without prejudice. See *Link v. Wabash*  
*R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962); *Allen v. United States Dist.*

Ct. Dist. of Nevada, 2022 WL 16702429, at \*2 (D. Nev. Oct. 25, 2022) (dismissing § 1983 action  
where inmate failed qualify for IFP or pay filing fee). IT IS SO ORDERED. Date: October 20,  
2025 ☐☐ Ma i eee Ben Dale S. Fischer United States District Judge