

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Kevin Hagan v. Dr. Grace Woo, et al.

Hagan v. Woo · No. 1:25-cv-00116-JLT-EPG (PC) · Decided December 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging inadequate medical care and retaliation. The court dismissed the action with prejudice for failure to state a cognizable claim and directed the Clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 31, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00116-JLT-EPG (PC)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed and adopted a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations recommending dismissal of a pro se prisoner civil-rights action for failure to state a claim.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Local Rule 304.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential district court order

TOPICS

- section 1983
- prisoners rights
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights
- prisoner civil rights
- federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations recommending dismissal for failure to state a claim should be adopted after de novo review.

2. Whether the action should be dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a cognizable claim upon which relief may be granted.

HOLDINGS

1. The findings and recommendations recommending dismissal were supported by the record and proper analysis and were adopted in full.
2. The action was dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a cognizable claim upon which relief may be granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Having carefully reviewed the entire file, the Court finds the findings and recommendations to be supported by the record and proper analysis.” (at 2)

“This action is dismissed, with prejudice, for failure to state a cognizable claim upon which relief may be granted” (at 2-3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Kevin Hagan, proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, alleged that he was denied proper medical care while incarcerated and that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation retaliated against him for prior lawsuits. After the court found that both his original complaint and first amended complaint failed to state cognizable claims, the magistrate judge recommended dismissal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed an action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging inadequate medical care and retaliation by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The court screened the original complaint, found no cognizable claim, and granted leave to amend. After screening the first amended complaint and again finding it failed to state a claim, the magistrate judge recommended dismissal. Plaintiff filed no objections, and the district court conducted de novo review, adopted the findings and recommendations in full, dismissed the action with prejudice, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Wilkerson v. Wheeler, 772 F.3d 834, 838-39 (9th Cir. 2014)

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