

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Joe Martinez, Jr. v. Sergeant Villanueva

Martinez v. Villanueva · No. 1:24-cv-00527-JLT-EPG (PC) · Decided October 6, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California orders the parties in Martinez v. Villanueva to submit statements addressing scheduling and discovery matters within 30 days after service. The order specifies required information concerning claims and defenses, witnesses, documents, settlement, expert witnesses, exhaustion, investigations, recordings, photographs, and defendant identification.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	October 6, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-00527-JLT-EPG (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After screening Plaintiff's prisoner civil-rights complaint and ordering the action to proceed, the district court issued a scheduling and discovery order requiring both parties to submit statements addressing specified scheduling, discovery, settlement, witness, document, exhaustion, and liability issues.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- section 1983
- prisoners rights
- summary judgment

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- prisoner civil rights
- discovery and scheduling

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What scheduling and discovery information must the parties provide before the court schedules the case?

2. What additional information must Defendant address concerning exhaustion, institutional subpoenas, investigations, recordings or photographs, and whether the named Defendant is the proper defendant?

HOLDINGS

1. Each party must file a statement titled "SCHEDULING AND DISCOVERY STATEMENT" within thirty days from service of the order, addressing the specified claims or defenses, witnesses, documents, third-party documents, expert witnesses, and settlement-conference readiness.
2. Defendant must additionally address whether an institutional subpoena is necessary, whether Defendant will challenge exhaustion and is prepared to move for summary judgment on exhaustion, whether investigative evidence exists, whether recordings or photographs exist, and whether the named Defendant is alleged to be improperly named.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The statements regarding the schedule and discovery shall be filed within thirty days from the date of service of this order.” (at 1)

“Finally, any party may also include any information that the party believes would assist in discovery and/or scheduling the case.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The action is a prisoner civil-rights case brought by Joe Martinez, Jr. against Sergeant Villanueva. The complaint had been screened and was allowed to proceed. The court required information concerning witnesses, documents, possible subpoenas to Plaintiff's institution, exhaustion, investigations, recordings or photographs, potential settlement, and whether the named Defendant was responsible for the alleged conduct.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court screened Plaintiff's complaint and ordered the case to proceed. Before scheduling the case, the court required each party to file a scheduling and discovery statement within thirty days after service of the order.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Woodford v. Ngo, 548 U.S. 81, 94-95 (2006)