

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
WISCONSIN

Queontay DL Chapman v. Milwaukee County Jail

Chapman · No. 25-cv-1760-bhl · Decided November 21, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin grants Queontay DL Chapman’s motion to proceed in forma pauperis but finds his prisoner civil-rights complaint factually frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b). The court permits Chapman to file an amended complaint or voluntarily dismiss the action by December 19, 2025, warning that failure to do so will result in dismissal and a potential strike under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Brett H. Ludwig
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
DECIDED	November 21, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-1760-bhl
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	A prisoner proceeding pro se filed a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint and moved to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A and granted leave to amend.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, the court screened the prisoner complaint to determine whether it was frivolous, malicious, failed to state a claim, or sought monetary relief from an immune defendant. The court applied the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2) plausibility standard.
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Chapman qualified to proceed without prepaying the full filing fee and whether the initial partial filing fee should be waived.

2. Whether the complaint stated a plausible claim and survived mandatory screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.
3. Whether Chapman should receive an opportunity to amend the complaint after the court found it factually frivolous.

HOLDINGS

1. Chapman qualified to proceed in forma pauperis, and his obligation to pay an initial partial filing fee was waived because he lacked the assets and means to pay it.
2. The complaint was factually frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b) and did not survive screening.
3. Chapman was granted an opportunity to file an amended complaint by December 19, 2025, or to voluntarily dismiss the action by that date.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The pleading standard Rule 8 announces does not require ‘detailed factual allegations’”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Chapman alleged that he received a food tray soaked in adult or possibly dog urine, suspected that someone had stolen his sperm by having intercourse with him while he slept, and was assaulted because everyone wanted a slave. The court characterized these allegations as unrelated and factually frivolous.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Chapman filed a civil-rights complaint while incarcerated at the Milwaukee County Jail and submitted a certified six-month prison trust-account statement. The court granted his motion to proceed without prepaying the filing fee, found the complaint factually frivolous, and allowed him until December 19, 2025, to file an amended complaint or voluntarily dismiss the action. The court stated that failure to do either would result in dismissal and a strike under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

DISPOSITION

other

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