

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, VALDOSTA DIVISION

Shekku Abu-Bakar Gbemeh v. ARE Telecommunications, LLC

Gbemeh · No. 7:25-cv-94-WLS · Decided February 26, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia considers the plaintiff's motion for leave to file a second amended complaint. The court permits the defendants to file a response by March 2, 2026, and states that it will then take the motion under consideration.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	W. Louis Sands, Sr. Judge
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
DECIDED	February 26, 2026
DOCKET	7:25-cv-94-WLS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for leave to file a second amended complaint. The court did not decide the motion and set a shortened deadline for defendants to respond.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether defendants should receive a shortened period to respond to the plaintiff's motion for leave to file a second amended complaint before the court considers the motion.

KEY QUOTATIONS

- “Generally speaking, . . . the law requires that a district court liberally grant motions for leave to amend the pleadings and deny such a motion only under certain circumstances.”
- “Pro se pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than pleadings drafted by attorneys and will, therefore, be liberally construed.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed a motion for leave to file a second amended complaint. The motion was filed within the deadline set by the court. Defendants had not yet had an opportunity to respond.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff filed a motion for leave to file a second amended complaint on February 24, 2026, within the deadline established by the court's February 23, 2026 order. Because defendants had not yet had an opportunity to respond, the court permitted them to file a response by March 2, 2026, and stated that it would then take the motion under consideration.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Schorr v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., No. 4:07-CV-019 (WLS), 2013 WL 12214430, at *2 (M.D. Ga. Jan. 31, 2013)
- Burger King Corp. v. Weaver, 169 F.3d 1310 (11th Cir. 1999)
- Tannenbaum v. United States, 148 F.3d 1262, 1263 (11th Cir. 1998)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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VALDOSTA DIVISION

SHEKKU ABU-BAKAR GBEMEH, : Plaintiff, : : CASE NO: v. : 7:25-cv-94-WLS ARE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC, : Defendants. : _____ :

ORDER

On February 24, 2026, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint (Doc. 31) (“Motion”). The Motion was filed within the deadline set in the Court’s Order (Doc. 30) entered February 23, 2026. “Generally speaking, . . . the law requires that a district court liberally grant motions for leave to amend the pleadings and deny such a motion only under certain circumstances.” Schorr v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., No. 4:07-CV-019 (WLS), 2013 WL

12214430, at *2 (M.D. Ga. Jan. 31, 2013) (citing *Burger King Corp. v. Weaver*, 169 F.3d 1310 (11th Cir. 1999)). Further, because Plaintiff proceeds pro se, the Court construes her filings liberally. *Tannenbaum v. United States*, 148 F.3d 1262, 1263 (11th Cir. 1998) (“Pro se pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than pleadings drafted by attorneys and will, therefore, be liberally construed.”). Nevertheless, the Defendants have not had the opportunity to respond to the Motion and the Court finds that a shortened response period is warranted. Accordingly, on or before close of business on Monday, March 2, 2026, Defendants may file a response, if any, to the Motion, and the Court will take the Motion under consideration at that time. SO ORDERED, this 26th day of February 2026. /s/W. Louis Sands

W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT