

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Hector Arnulfo German Reyes v. Warden, F.C.I. Mendota

No. 1:24-cv-01543-CDB (HC) · No. No. 1:24-cv-01543-CDB (HC) · Decided October 27, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered federal habeas petitioner Hector Arnulfo German Reyes to show cause in writing within 14 days why his § 2241 action should not be dismissed. The order cites his failure to update his address after mail was returned as undeliverable and warns that noncompliance may lead to dismissal for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with local rules.

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	October 27, 2025
DOCKET	No. 1:24-cv-01543-CDB (HC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Federal prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. After the Court's order setting a briefing schedule was returned as undeliverable and Petitioner failed to update his address, the Court issued an order to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for failure to comply with the Local Rules and failure to prosecute.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	Hector Arnulfo German Reyes v. Warden, F.C.I. Mendota

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- sanctions
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Civil procedure
- Docket management and failure to prosecute

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Petitioner's failure to maintain a current address and notify the Court after court mail was returned as undeliverable warranted an order to show cause under the Local Rules and the Court's authority to manage its docket.
2. Whether failure to comply with the order to show cause could result in a recommendation that the action be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with the Local Rules.

HOLDINGS

1. Because Petitioner failed to keep the Court apprised of his current address after court mail was returned undeliverable, the Court directed him to show cause in writing within 14 days why the action should not be dismissed for failure to comply with the Local Rules and failure to prosecute.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Failure to comply with this order will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed for a failure to prosecute and to comply with the Local Rules.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner, a federal prisoner, filed a § 2241 habeas petition alleging a due-process violation arising from a Bureau of Prisons disciplinary hearing. The Court's September 4, 2025 order was served at Petitioner's address but was returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable because he was no longer at that address. Petitioner did not notify the Court of a new address, and a Bureau of Prisons database search indicated that he had been released from custody on July 30, 2025.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner filed the § 2241 petition on December 17, 2024, alleging that the Bureau of Prisons denied him due process in connection with a disciplinary hearing. On September 4, 2025, the Court completed preliminary review under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, ordered Respondent to respond, and set a briefing schedule. The order was returned as undeliverable on September 23, 2025; after more than 30 days passed without Petitioner updating his address, the Court ordered him to show cause in writing within 14 days why the action should not be dismissed.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Bostic v. Carlson*, 884 F.2d 1167, 1169 (9th Cir. 1989)
- *Thompson v. Housing Auth., City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986)
- *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992)
- *Malone v. United States Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130-31 (9th Cir. 1987)
- *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986)

