

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Caryl Danita Carby v. Barrack Hussein Obama, et al.

No. 2:26-CV-0054-TOR (E.D. Wash. Apr. 24, 2026) · No. No. 2:26-CV-0054-TOR · Decided April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington dismissed Caryl Danita Carby’s complaint against Barrack Hussein Obama and other defendants with prejudice. The court held that the complaint failed to state a plausible claim under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii), and that amendment would be futile; the court also noted that Plaintiff had neither renewed her in forma pauperis application nor paid the filing fee.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
DECIDED	April 24, 2026
DOCKET	No. 2:26-CV-0054-TOR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Pro se plaintiff's complaint was screened under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) after her application to proceed in forma pauperis was denied and she neither renewed the application nor paid the filing fee.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii), the court applies the same standard as Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6): dismissal is proper when the complaint lacks a cognizable legal theory or sufficient facts, and the plaintiff cannot prove any set of facts that would entitle her to relief. Material factual allegations are accepted as true and construed favorably to the plaintiff, but legal conclusions and formulaic recitations are not.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure
- civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).
2. Whether dismissal with prejudice was appropriate because amendment would be futile.

HOLDINGS

1. The complaint failed to state a claim because it lacked sufficient facts to support a cognizable legal theory against any defendant.
2. Dismissal with prejudice was appropriate because it was absolutely clear that amendment would not cure the deficiencies in the complaint.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted if it lacks a cognizable legal theory or lacks sufficient facts to support a cognizable legal theory.” (1)

“The standard for determining whether a plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted under § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) is the same as the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) standard for failure to state a claim.” (1)

“The Court finds that Plaintiff has failed to state facts which “plausibly give rise to an entitlement to relief.”” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, filed a largely unintelligible handwritten complaint against multiple defendants, alleging that they manipulated her academic credentials and student loans and committed academic fraud. She sought \$70 billion in damages. After her in forma pauperis application was denied with leave to renew or pay the filing fee, she did neither within the allotted time.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the action on January 30, 2026, seeking \$70 billion in damages. The court denied her application to proceed in forma pauperis with leave to renew or pay the filing fee; plaintiff did neither. The court screened and dismissed the complaint with prejudice, directed entry of judgment, and ordered the file closed.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Department*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990)

- Watison v. Carter, 668 F.3d 1108, 1112 (9th Cir. 2012)
- Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 679 (2009)
- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 570 (2007)
- Hebbe v. Pliler, 627 F.3d 338, 342 (9th Cir. 2010)
- Noll v. Carlson, 809 F.2d 1446, 1448 (9th Cir. 1987)
- Aktar v. Mesa, 698 F.3d 1202, 1212 (9th Cir. 2012)

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