

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
ARKANSAS

Guy C. Mannino v. J. Humphreys, Warden, FCI Forrest City Low

No. 2:26-cv-00003-BSM-BBM, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (January 8, 2026)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas orders the clerk to correct the respondent's name and provide the petitioner with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court requires the petitioner to submit the completed application and prisoner account certificate or pay the \$5 filing fee by February 9, 2026, warning that failure to comply may result in dismissal without prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
DECIDED	January 8, 2026
DOCKET	2:26-cv-00003-BSM-BBM
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	A federal prisoner filed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 without paying the filing fee or submitting an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court ordered him to pay the fee or submit the required IFP materials by a specified deadline and warned that failure to comply could result in dismissal without prejudice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court may apply the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases to a federal prisoner's § 2241 petition.
2. Whether a § 2241 petitioner must pay the filing fee or submit the required application and supporting account certificate to proceed with the action.

HOLDINGS

1. Under Rule 1(b) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the court may apply those rules to a § 2241 petition filed by a person in federal custody.
2. Before Mannino's § 2241 case may proceed, he must either pay the \$5 filing fee or submit a completed IFP application, the required affidavit, and a certificate showing the balance of his institutional account.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Applying Rule 1(b), this Court requires the same before Mannino’s case may proceed.” (Order)

“If Mannino wishes to continue with this action, he must, on or before February 9, 2026, either: (1) file the completed Form AO 240, including the Certificate of Prisoner Accounts (which must be signed by an authorized officer at the incarcerating facility); or (2) pay the \$5 filing fee in full.” (Order)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Guy C. Mannino is a federal prisoner incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Forrest City, Arkansas. He filed a pro se § 2241 habeas petition but had neither paid the required \$5 filing fee nor requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mannino filed the § 2241 petition on January 7, 2026. The district court issued this order directing the Clerk to provide an IFP application and requiring Mannino either to pay the \$5 filing fee or submit the completed IFP materials by February 9, 2026; no dismissal was entered in this order.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Rivas-Lopez v. Rivera, 107 F. Supp. 3d 977, 978 (E.D. Ark. 2015)
- McCoy v. Sanders, No. 2:06-cv-00041-JMM, 2006 WL 1028939, *1 (E.D. Ark. Apr. 13, 2006)

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