

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Papazian v. Doerer

Papazian · No. 1:24-cv-01182 JLT HBK · Decided August 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in James Michael Papazian’s civil rights action concerning an institutional lockdown. The court dismissed the action without prejudice for failure to obey court orders and failure to prosecute, and directed the clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jennifer L. Thurston
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	August 18, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-01182 JLT HBK
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations recommending dismissal without prejudice for failure to obey court orders and failure to prosecute. Plaintiff did not file objections, and the district court adopted the findings and recommendations and dismissed the action.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished, nonprecedential district court order

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- prisoners rights
- civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Prisoner civil rights
- Federal courts

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations recommending dismissal without prejudice for failure to obey court orders and failure to prosecute should be adopted.
2. Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice and the case closed.

HOLDINGS

1. The findings and recommendations were supported by the record and proper analysis and were adopted in full.
2. The action was properly dismissed without prejudice because Plaintiff failed to obey the Court's orders and failed to prosecute the action.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This action is DISMISSED without prejudice for Plaintiffs failure to obey the Court’s orders and failure to prosecute.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

James Michael Papazian brought civil-rights claims concerning a lockdown at the United States Penitentiary in Atwater during fall 2024. The action was severed from *Benanti v. Doerer*. Plaintiff failed to obey a court order and failed to prosecute the action, and he did not object to the magistrate judge's recommendation that the case be dismissed without prejudice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff's civil-rights claims arising from a prison lockdown were severed from another action. The magistrate judge found that Plaintiff failed to obey a court order and failed to prosecute, and recommended dismissal without prejudice after considering the factors identified in *Henderson v. Duncan*. Plaintiff received the findings and recommendations and notice that objections were due within 14 days but filed none. The district court conducted de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), adopted the findings and recommendations in full, dismissed the action without prejudice, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986)
- *Wilkerson v. Wheeler*, 772 F.3d 834, 838-39 (9th Cir. 2014)