

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Patrick Brady v. Scott Jones, et al.

Brady v. Jones · No. 2:21-cv-0489 TLN AC P · Decided December 23, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California grants Patrick Brady’s request for copies of filings issued after his transfer to FCI Victorville and extends his deadline to object to the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations. The court directs the Clerk and defendants to re-serve specified October 2025 filings and gives Brady until February 20, 2026, to file objections. The court explains that any claim concerning inadequate law-library access at FCI Victorville must be brought in a separate action in the Central District of California.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 PATRICK BRADY, No. 2:21-cv-0489 TLN AC P 12 Plaintiff, 13 v. ORDER
14 SCOTT JONES, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed
this civil rights action seeking relief 18 under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 19 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (B) and Local Rule 302. 20 Pending before the court is plaintiff’s request for copies of any and all filings in this action 21 subsequent to his transfer to FCI Victorville in June 2025. ECF No. 73. Plaintiff’s declaration in 22 support of this request, in pertinent part, states the following: he has no access to a law library 23 with “adequate means for him to litigate” this action; the mail at FCI Victorville takes months to 24 arrive; and he recently discovered there are filings in this action that were filed in Octboer 2025, 25 which he has not received.

Id. at 2. 26 The court construes plaintiff’s request as a request for copies of the October 2025 filings 27 and an extension of time to respond. These requests will be granted. The court will re-serve the 28 October 7, 2025, findings and recommendations, order defendants to re-serve their objections, 1 and provide plaintiff until February 20, 2026, to file any objections.

2 Because plaintiff makes assertions regarding the inadequacy of his access to the law 3 library at FCI Victorville, the court informs plaintiff of the following. To the extent he seeks 4 relief on this issue, relief is unavailable to him in this action for two reasons.

First, there is no 5 nexus between the substance of the claims raised in the underlying complaint (involving 6 conditions of plaintiff’s previous confinement at Sacramento Main Jail) and a claim

regarding the 7 adequacy of access to the law library at a different facility—FCI Victorville. See Pacific 8 Radiation Oncology, LLC v. Queen’s Med. Ctr., 810 F.3d 631, 636 (9th Cir.

2015) (absent such 9 nexus, the district court lacks authority to grant injunctive relief). Second, the court lacks 10 personal and subject matter jurisdiction over the Board of Prison (BOP) officials responsible for 11 plaintiff’s present conditions of confinement. A “federal court may issue an injunction [only] if it 12 has personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over the claim; it may not 13 attempt to determine the rights of persons not before the court.” Zepeda v. INS, 753 F.2d 719, 14 727 (9th Cir.

1983). Plaintiff’s current custodian is not a party to this lawsuit, so the court lacks 15 jurisdiction over that custodian. Accordingly, if plaintiff wants to pursue a claim based on the 16 inadequacy of his access to the law library at FCI Victorville, which is a First Amendment access 17 to courts claim, he must file another lawsuit in the proper district court—in this case, the Central 18 District of California.

19 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 20 1. Plaintiff’s request (ECF No. 73) is construed as a request for copies of the October 2025 21 filings and an extension of time to respond to those filings, and is GRANTED. 22 2.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to re-serve plaintiff with the undersigned’s October 7, 23 2025, order and findings and recommendation (ECF No. 71). 24 3. Defendants shall re-serve plaintiff with a copy of Defendants’ Objections to the Findings 25 and Recommendations (ECF No. 72). 26 4. Plaintiff has until February 20, 2026, to file written objections to the magistrate judge’s 27 October 7, 2025, findings and recommendations.

Such a document should be captioned 28 “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations.” Plaintiff is advised] that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the 2 District Court’s order. Martinez v. YIst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991). 3 || DATED: December 22, 2025 ~ ALLISON CLAIRE 5 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28