

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.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allison Claire
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 23, 2025
DOCKET	2:21-cv-0489 TLN AC P
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se in a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action, requested copies of filings made after his transfer and additional time to respond. The magistrate judge construed the request as seeking copies of the October 2025 filings and an extension of time to file objections.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Patrick Brady v. Scott Jones, et al.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- injunctions
- personal jurisdiction
- subject matter jurisdiction
- first amendment

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- civil rights
- prisoner litigation
- constitutional law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiff's request should be construed as a request for copies of the October 2025 filings and an extension of time to respond.
2. Whether the court could grant injunctive relief concerning plaintiff's access to a law library at FCI Victorville when that issue involved a different facility, different conditions of confinement, and nonparty federal prison officials.

HOLDINGS

1. The court construed plaintiff's request as seeking copies of the October 2025 filings and an extension of time to respond, and granted that relief.
2. The court could not grant injunctive relief concerning plaintiff's present conditions at FCI Victorville because there was no nexus between those conditions and the claims concerning his prior confinement, and the current custodian and responsible Bureau of Prisons officials were not parties over whom the court had jurisdiction.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A “federal court may issue an injunction [only] if it has personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over the claim; it may not attempt to determine the rights of persons not before the court.”” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Patrick Brady is a state prisoner proceeding pro se in a civil rights action concerning conditions at Sacramento Main Jail. After his transfer to FCI Victorville in June 2025, he asserted that he lacked adequate law-library access, that mail took months to arrive, and that he had not received filings made in October 2025. The court treated his submission as a request for copies of those filings and an extension of time, while separately addressing the jurisdictional problems with any claim concerning his current confinement.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action concerns conditions of plaintiff's prior confinement at Sacramento Main Jail and was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. After plaintiff reported that he had not received filings following his transfer to FCI Victorville, the court granted his request for copies and an extension of time, ordered re-service of the relevant filings, and set February 20, 2026, as the deadline for objections.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Pacific Radiation Oncology, LLC v. Queen's Med. Ctr., 810 F.3d 631, 636 (9th Cir. 2015)

- Zepeda v. INS, 753 F.2d 719, 727 (9th Cir. 1985)
- Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991)

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