

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS, ROCK ISLAND DIVISION

Terrance Love v. Kasey Kramer, et al.

Love v. Kramer · No. 25-4211 · Decided May 1, 2026

SUMMARY

The court conducts a merit review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A of Terrance Love’s amended complaint concerning allegedly delayed and inadequate medical treatment for a fractured hand. The court grants leave to amend, finds an Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claim against the named defendants, and orders service and related procedural steps.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Rock Island Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sara Darrow
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Rock Island Division
DECIDED	May 1, 2026
DOCKET	25-4211
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Merit review of a pro se incarcerated plaintiff’s amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A following the grant of leave to proceed in forma pauperis.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	On § 1915A screening, the court accepted factual allegations as true and construed them liberally in the plaintiff’s favor, while requiring factual allegations sufficient to state a facially plausible claim. Legally insufficient claims must be dismissed if frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim, or seek monetary relief from an immune defendant.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court merit review order; limited persuasive value
PARTIES	Terrance Love v. Kasey Kramer, et al.

TOPICS

- section 1983
- prisoners rights
- constitutional law
- motion to amend
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

prisoner civil rights

constitutional litigation

federal civil procedure

medical care

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether leave to file the proposed amended complaint should be granted under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15.
2. Whether the amended complaint states an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need under the screening standard of 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted Love's motion for leave to file an amended complaint and directed the clerk to docket the proposed amended complaint.
2. The amended complaint states an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need against the named defendants.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the court finds that the plaintiff states an Eighth Amendment claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need against the named defendants.” (Order ¶ 2)

“The defendants have 60 days from the date the waiver is sent to file an answer.” (Order ¶ 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Love alleged that defendants refused or delayed treatment and diagnostic testing for a fractured hand, resulting in the need for surgery. He further alleged that defendants failed to provide adequate care and pain relief following the surgery.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Love moved for leave to file an amended complaint, and the court granted that motion. The court then screened the amended complaint under § 1915A, found that it stated an Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claim against the named defendants, authorized service, and granted the plaintiff's motion for status.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Turley v. Rednour, 729 F.3d 645, 649 (7th Cir. 2013)
- Alexander v. U.S., 721 F.3d 418, 422 (7th Cir. 2013)
- Petties v. Carter, 836 F.3d 722, 729-30 (7th Cir. 2016) (en banc)

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