

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Williams v. Target Corporation

Williams · No. 22-cv-1575-BAS-AGS · Decided March 8, 2023

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted the parties’ joint motion to dismiss Craig Williams’s action against Target Corporation. The court dismissed the action with prejudice, ordered each party to bear its own costs and attorney fees, and directed the Clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Cynthia Bashant
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
DECIDED	March 8, 2023
DOCKET	22-cv-1575-BAS-AGS
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly moved to dismiss the action after filing a stipulation for dismissal with prejudice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure
- attorney fees
- costs

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties' joint motion and stipulation satisfied Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1) and the Southern District of California's local rules for voluntary dismissal.
- Whether the action should be dismissed with prejudice and each party required to bear its own costs and attorney fees.

HOLDINGS

1. The parties' joint motion properly presented their stipulated voluntary dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A) and Civil Local Rule 7.2.
2. The action against Target Corporation was dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the parties' agreement.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Dismissal is effective upon the filing of a compliant notice or stipulation, as described in Rule 41(a)(1)(A), and no court order is required.” (at 1)

“Thus, the Court DISMISSES WITH PREJUDICE the action against Defendant. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties agreed to dismiss the action with prejudice. They submitted a stipulation for dismissal and a joint motion because the Southern District of California's local rules require a stipulated voluntary dismissal to be filed as a joint motion.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff Craig Williams and Defendant Target Corporation submitted a stipulation for dismissal with prejudice and a joint motion to dismiss. The district court granted the joint motion, terminated the stipulation, dismissed the action with prejudice, allocated costs and attorney fees to each party, and directed the Clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Wilson v. City of San Jose, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997)
- Stone v. Woodford, No. CIV-F-05-845 AWI-DLB, 2007 WL 527766 (E.D. Cal. Feb. 16, 2007)