

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS

Raphael Levi v. Nurse Julian Crane, Nurse Nikki, Nurse Amanda,
Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Anthony Wills, and John Doe
Correctional Officer

No. 25-cv-1576-NJR, United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois (April 17, 2026)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois conducted preliminary screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A of Raphael Levi’s amended § 1983 complaint concerning delayed and inadequate treatment of a leg infection. The court allowed Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claims to proceed against Nurses Nikki and Amanda and Nurse Practitioner Julian Crane. Claims against Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Anthony Wills, and a John Doe correctional officer, along with other inadequately pleaded claims, were dismissed without prejudice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Nancy J. Rosenstengel
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
DECIDED	April 17, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-1576-NJR
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Screening of a prisoner’s amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, the court must dismiss any portion of a prisoner complaint that is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks damages from an immune defendant. The court applies the Rule 8 plausibility standard articulated in Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential district-court memorandum and order

PARTIES

Raphael Levi v. Nurse Julian Crane, Nurse Nikki, Nurse Amanda, Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Anthony Wills, John Doe Correctional Officer

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Levi stated an Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claim against Nurses Nikki and Amanda based on their alleged refusal or failure to respond to his requests for medical care.
2. Whether Levi stated an Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claim against Nurse Practitioner Julian Crane based on an allegedly inadequate examination and treatment of his leg condition.
3. Whether Levi stated a Monell claim against Wexford Health Sources, Inc. based on an alleged failure to maintain a policy or practice for monitoring and treating bone infections.
4. Whether Levi stated claims against Warden Anthony Wills, a John Doe correctional officer, and an unidentified nurse practitioner.

HOLDINGS

1. Levi plausibly stated claims against Nurses Nikki and Amanda by alleging that they ignored or refused his requests for medical care and that the resulting delay contributed to the worsening of his leg infection and prolonged pain.
2. Levi plausibly stated a claim against Nurse Practitioner Julian Crane by alleging that Crane failed to properly examine his leg, prescribed ineffective medication, and contributed to a delay in appropriate treatment.
3. Levi failed to state a Monell claim against Wexford because his allegations that Wexford lacked proper procedures for treating and monitoring bone infections were conclusory and did not allege a specific policy, practice, or conscious decision that caused the constitutional deprivation.
4. Levi failed to state a claim against Warden Anthony Wills based solely on the denial or mishandling of his grievance.
5. Levi failed to state claims against the unidentified nurse practitioner and John Doe correctional officer because the nurse practitioner was not identified in the case caption and the allegations against the correctional officer did not establish when the officer interacted with Levi or knew of his medical need.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Such a delay can amount to deliberate indifference.”

“A corporation can only be liable if it had a policy or practice that caused the constitutional deprivation.”

“The lack of a policy also states a claim if “there is a conscious decision not to take action.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Levi, an Illinois prisoner, alleged that he developed severe swelling, pain, and an infection in his lower right leg beginning in August 2023. He alleged that Nurses Nikki and Amanda ignored or refused his requests for care and that Nurse Practitioner Julian Crane diagnosed and treated him without properly examining his leg, causing delays in appropriate treatment. The condition ultimately required multiple surgeries, and Levi alleged that Wexford lacked adequate procedures for monitoring and treating bone infections. He also alleged that Warden Anthony Wills mishandled his grievance and that a John Doe correctional officer failed to obtain medical attention for him.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Levi’s original complaint was dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim. After Levi filed an amended complaint, the district court conducted preliminary screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. The court allowed Eighth Amendment deliberate-indifference claims to proceed against Nurses Nikki and Amanda and Nurse Practitioner Julian Crane, while dismissing without prejudice the claims against Wexford, Anthony Wills, the John Doe correctional officer, and all other inadequately pleaded claims.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Owens v. Hinsley, 635 F.3d 950, 953 (7th Cir. 2011)
- Myles v. United States, 416 F.3d 551, 551–52 (7th Cir. 2005)
- Qian v. Kautz, 168 F.3d 949, 955 (7th Cir. 1999)
- Burks v. Raemisch, 555 F.3d 592, 594 (7th Cir. 2009)
- Gomez v. Randle, 680 F.3d 859, 865 (7th Cir. 2012)
- Kinslow v. Pullara, 538 F.3d 687, 692 (7th Cir. 2008)
- Iskander v. Village of Forest Park, 690 F.2d 126, 128 (7th Cir. 1982)
- McCormick v. City of Chicago, 230 F.3d 319, 324 (7th Cir. 2000)
- Glisson v. Indiana Department of Corrections, 849 F.3d 372, 381 (7th Cir. 2017)
- Dean v. Wexford Health Sources, Inc., 18 F.4th 214, 235 (7th Cir. 2021)
- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)