

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Garcia v. Chandra

Garcia · No. 2:22-cv-1221 TLN KJN P · Decided March 9, 2023

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California grants plaintiff Ruben Dario Garcia, Jr.'s motion for an extension of time to file an amended complaint. The court gives him sixty days from March 8, 2023, and cautions him that claims and defendants must be properly joined under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kendall J. Newman
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	March 9, 2023
DOCKET	2:22-cv-1221 TLN KJN P
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought additional time to file an amended complaint after electing to amend in response to a screening order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Ruben Dario Garcia, Jr. v. A. Chandra, et al.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

[civil procedure](#) [prisoner civil rights](#)

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether plaintiff should receive an extension of time to file an amended complaint after the screening order.

HOLDINGS

- 1. Upon a finding of good cause, the court granted plaintiff's motion for an extension of time and allowed him sixty days from March 8, 2023, to file an amended complaint.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Following the court's February 2, 2023 screening order, Ruben Dario Garcia, Jr. elected to file an amended complaint. He moved for an extension of time to do so. The court found good cause and granted the requested extension.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court issued a February 2, 2023 screening order. Plaintiff elected to amend his complaint and moved for an extension of time. The court granted the motion and allowed plaintiff sixty days from the date of the order to file an amended complaint.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- George v. Smith, 507 F.3d 605, 607 (7th Cir. 2007)

OPINION

(PC) Garcia v. Chandra

PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 RUBEN DARIO GARCIA, JR., No. 2:22-cv-1221 TLN KJN P

12 Plaintiff, 13 v. ORDER 14 A. CHANDRA, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff elected to
amend his complaint in response to the February 2, 2023 screening 18 order, and filed a motion for
extension of time to file an amended complaint.1 Good cause 19 appearing, IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED that: 20 1. Plaintiff’s motion for an extension of time (ECF No. 11) is granted; and 21
1 In addition to complying with the provisions of the February 2, 2023 order, plaintiff is cautioned
that claims raised in an amended complaint must be properly joined. A plaintiff may 22 properly
assert multiple claims against a single defendant. Fed. Rule Civ. P. 18. In addition, a 23 plaintiff

may join multiple defendants in one action where “any right to relief is asserted against them jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, 24 occurrence, or series of transactions and occurrences” and “any question of law or fact common to all defendants will arise in the action.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 20(a)(2). Unrelated claims against 25 different defendants must be pursued in separate lawsuits. See *George v. Smith*, 507 F.3d 605, 607 (7th Cir. 2007). This rule is intended “not only to prevent the sort of morass [a multiple 26 claim, multiple defendant] suit produce[s], but also to ensure that prisoners pay the required filing 27 fees -- for the Prison Litigation Reform Act limits to 3 the number of frivolous suits or appeals that any prisoner may file without prepayment of the required fees. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).” 28 *George*, 507 F.3d at 607.] 2. Plaintiff is granted sixty days from the date of this order in which to file an amended 2 || complaint. 3 || Dated: March 8, 2023 ' Foci) Aharon

5 KENDALL J. NE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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