

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Stephens v. United States Corp., et al.

Stephens · No. 25-cv-0582-AGS-DDL · Decided July 30, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted Timothy Stephens's motion to proceed in forma pauperis. After screening the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), the court dismissed it without prejudice and granted leave to amend because the allegations did not state a claim and the requested relief likely exceeded the court's jurisdiction.

OPINION

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 ||
Timothy STEPHENS, Case No.: 25-cv-0582-AGS-DDL 4 Pant ORDER GRANTING IFP
MOTION 5 || Vv. (ECF 2) AND DISMISSING 6 || UNITED STATES CORP., et al.,
COMPLAINT 7 Defendants. 8 Plaintiff moves to proceed without prepaying the court-filing fees.
If granted the 7 right to proceed in forma pauperis, plaintiffs need not prepay the usual \$402 in
fees.

See 10 Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999); 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Stephens's i
only income, disability payments, hardly exceeds his monthly expenses (see ECF 2, at 2), 2 so he
may proceed without prepayment, see Blount v. Saul, No. 21-CV-0679-BLM, 2021 WL 1561453,
at *1 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2021) (“[A] party need not be completely destitute to proceed IFP.”).

IS Now the Court must screen the complaint and dismiss it if it is “frivolous” or “fails 16 to state a
claim.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). Stephens alleges he was “ANTAGONIZED” “BY
FREEMASONS?” with “GOV’T” help, and he requests “televised military tribunals.” (ECF 1, at
4-5.) But aside from a broad allegation that he was “ATTACKED VERBALLY 19 AND
TERRORIZED” after he “BECAME A PSYCHIC,” he provides no facts that support 20 his
claims—which are premised upon a deprivation of “AM[]JENDMENTS 1, 4, 5, 6 a1
(KANGAROO) 8, 9, 13, 14.” Ud.)

These allegations do not state a claim, and the requested 22 remedy likely exceeds this Court's
jurisdiction. Stephens's IFP request is GRANTED, but 23 his complaint is DISMISSED without
prejudice and with leave to amend. Any amended 24 complaint is due by September 10, 2025. 25
Dated: July 30, 2025 iG 26 Hon. Andrew G. Schopler United States District Judge 28

