

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Darrell Jesse Rivera v. Mediko Correctional Healthcare, et al.

Rivera · No. 1:25-CV-02145 · Decided December 16, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania grants Darrell Jesse Rivera leave to proceed in forma pauperis and directs payment of the filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The court dismisses claims against Dauphin County Prison with prejudice and claims against Mediko Correctional Healthcare and its medical staff without prejudice, while permitting Rivera to file an amended complaint.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jennifer P. Wilson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
DECIDED	December 16, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-CV-02145
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	At the initial stage of a prisoner civil-rights action, the court granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, directed payment of the filing fee under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, dismissed certain claims, and permitted amendment.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district-court order with no reporter citation or stated precedential status.

TOPICS

- prisoners rights
- section 1983
- civil rights
- pleadings
- motion to amend

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights
- prisoner civil rights
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff should be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

2. How Plaintiff's filing fee must be collected under the Prison Litigation Reform Act.
3. Whether the claims against Dauphin County Prison should be dismissed with prejudice.
4. Whether the claims against Mediko Correctional Healthcare and its medical staff should be dismissed without prejudice and whether Plaintiff should be allowed to amend.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis was granted.
2. Plaintiff must pay the full \$350.00 filing fee regardless of the outcome of the litigation, with an initial partial payment and subsequent installment payments deducted from his inmate account.
3. All claims raised against Dauphin County Prison were dismissed with prejudice.
4. All claims against Mediko Correctional Healthcare and all of its medical staff were dismissed without prejudice.
5. Plaintiff was permitted to file an amended complaint by January 16, 2026, or to file a notice stating that he intended to stand on the existing complaint.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"If Plaintiff does not wish to amend the complaint, he may file a notice stating that he intends to stand on the complaint." (Order ¶ 10)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The order identifies Plaintiff as an incarcerated person who filed a civil-rights complaint against Mediko Correctional Healthcare, its medical staff, and Dauphin County Prison. The provided order does not describe the underlying factual allegations or the alleged conduct giving rise to the claims.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a civil-rights complaint and moved for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. The court granted in forma pauperis status, ordered collection of the filing fee from Plaintiff's inmate account, filed the complaint, dismissed claims against Dauphin County Prison with prejudice, dismissed claims against Mediko Correctional Healthcare and its medical staff without prejudice, and allowed Plaintiff to file an amended complaint by January 16, 2026.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Weber v. McGrogan, 939 F.3d 232, 241 (3d Cir. 2019)

