

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Shaun Timothy Page v. Christine Ann Page, et al.

Page · No. 25-cv-10354-TSH · Decided January 16, 2026

SUMMARY

An Order to Show Cause issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in Shaun Timothy Page v. Christine Ann Page, et al. The court directs the plaintiff to explain by January 30, 2026, why the action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court deadlines.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Thomas S. Hixson
DECIDED	January 16, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-10354-TSH
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After granting Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis and finding his complaint deficient under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e), the court ordered him to file a first amended complaint. When Plaintiff failed to respond or otherwise appear, the court issued an order to show cause why the action should not be dismissed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Shaun Timothy Page v. Christine Ann Page, et al.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- default

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the court should require Plaintiff to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court deadlines.

HOLDINGS

1. A court possesses inherent authority to dismiss an action sua sponte when a plaintiff fails to prosecute the action or fails to comply with court orders.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court possesses the inherent power to dismiss an action sua sponte if a plaintiff fails to prosecute their action or fails to comply with court orders.” (at 1)

“Accordingly, the Court ORDERS Plaintiff Shaun Timothy Page to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court deadlines.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Shaun Timothy Page initiated the action by filing a complaint and an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court granted in forma pauperis status but determined that the complaint was deficient and ordered Plaintiff to file a first amended complaint by January 5, 2026. Plaintiff failed to file the amended complaint, respond to the court's order, or otherwise appear after initiating the action.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the lawsuit and an application to proceed in forma pauperis on December 2, 2025. The court granted the application on December 10, 2025, but found the complaint deficient and directed Plaintiff to file a first amended complaint by January 5, 2026. Plaintiff did not respond or make any further appearance, prompting the court to order him to show cause by declaration why the case should not be dismissed.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962)
- Yourish v. Cal. Amplifier, 191 F.3d 983, 987 (9th Cir. 1999)

OPINION

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SHAUN TIMOTHY PAGE, Case No. 25-cv-10354-TSH 8 Plaintiff, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
9 v. 10 CHRISTINE ANN PAGE, et al., 11 Defendants. 12 13 On December 2, 2025, Plaintiff
Shaun Timothy Page initiated this lawsuit by filing a 14 complaint (ECF No. 1) and application to
proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2).

On December 15 10 the Court granted the application but found the complaint deficient under 28
U.S.C. § 1915(e). 16 ECF No. 4. As such, the Court directed Plaintiff to file a first amended
complaint January 5, 17 2026, advising Plaintiff that failure to cure the deficiencies identified in

the screening order could lead to dismissal of this case. Plaintiff has failed to respond and has otherwise made no appearance since filing the complaint on December 2.

The Court possesses the inherent power to dismiss an action sua sponte if a plaintiff fails to prosecute their action or fails to comply with court orders. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); see *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962) (dismissal for failure to prosecute); *Yourish v. Cal. Amplifier*, 191 F.3d 983, 987 (9th Cir. 1999) (dismissal for failure to comply with court orders).

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS Plaintiff Shaun Timothy Page to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court deadlines. Plaintiff shall file a declaration by January 30, 2026. If a responsive declaration is filed, the Court shall either issue an order based on the declaration or conduct a hearing on at 10:00 a.m. in Notice is hereby provided that failure to file a written response will be deemed an admission that you do not intend to prosecute, and this case will likely be dismissed.

Thus, it is imperative the Court receive a written response by the deadline above. The Court encourages Plaintiff to seek assistance from the Federal Pro Bono Project, a free service offered by the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. You may request an appointment by emailing fedpro@sfbar.org or calling 415-782-8982.

At the Federal Pro Bono Project, you will be able to speak with an attorney who may be able to provide basic legal help but not representation. More information is available at <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-litigants/>. Plaintiff may also wish to obtain a copy of this District's Handbook for Litigants Without a Lawyer, which provides instructions on how to proceed at every stage of your case.

The handbook is available in person at the Clerk's Office and online at: <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-litigants/>. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: January 16, 2026 THOMAS S. HIXSON Z United States Magistrate Judge