

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Phillip Chatman v. T. Mobile USA, et al.

Chatman · No. 2:25-cv-07334-SVW-JPR · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The U.S. District Court dismissed Phillip Chatman's civil action without prejudice after he failed to pay the filing fee or submit a complete in forma pauperis request. The court also terminated all other pending matters pursuant to its authority to dismiss for lack of prosecution.

OPINION

JS-6 CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL Case No. 2:25-cv-07334-SVW-JPR Date: January 5, 2026
Title: Phillip Chatman v. T. Mobile USA, et al. Present: The Honorable STEPHEN V. WILSON,
U.S. District Judge Daniel Tamayo Not Reported Deputy Clerk Court Reporter / Recorder
Attorneys Present for Plaintiff: Attorneys Present for Defendants: None Present None Present
Proceedings (In Chambers): ORDER DISMISSING CASE FOR FAILURE TO PAY FILING FEE
OR FILE COMPLETE IN FORMA PAUPERIS REQUEST All parties instituting a civil action,
suit, or proceeding in a district court of the United States must pay a filing fee.

28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay the filing fee only if the party is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). On November 7, 2025, the Court postponed ruling on Plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis ("Request") because it was incomplete and inconsistent with a Request he filed in another action.

Dkts. 2, 9. The Court directed Plaintiff to refile a fully completed Request along with a one-page statement, or pay the filing fee, and it warned that if he did not comply within 30 days the case would be dismissed without prejudice. Dkt. 9.

To date, Plaintiff has not responded to the Court's Order. Accordingly, this action is DISMISSED without prejudice, and all other pending matters are TERMINATED. See *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-31 (1962) JS-6 CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL Case No. 2:25-cv-07334-SVW-JPR Date: January 5, 2026 Title: Phillip Chatman v. T. Mobile USA, et al. ("The authority... to dismiss sua sponte for lack of prosecution... [is] vested in courts to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases."); *Roberts v. Soc.*

Sec. Dep't, 2022 WL 4088755, at *2 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 6, 2022) (action may be dismissed without prejudice where plaintiff fails to establish in forma pauperis status and does not pay the required filing fee). IT IS SO ORDERED.

