

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD DIVISION

Jessie Adams v. Sergio Jimenez

Adams · No. 3:26-cv-00014-MPM-RP · Decided March 16, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi adopted a magistrate judge’s recommendation and dismissed Jessie Adams’s pro se complaint against Sergio Jimenez without prejudice. The court held that the complaint failed to state a plausible claim under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), denied in forma pauperis status, and noted that Adams neither responded to the show-cause order nor objected to the report and recommendation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michael P. Mills
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi
DECIDED	March 16, 2026
DOCKET	3:26-cv-00014-MPM-RP
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff brought a pro se action and sought leave to proceed in forma pauperis. After a magistrate judge ordered Plaintiff to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for failure to state a claim, Plaintiff did not respond. The district court adopted the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation and dismissed the complaint without prejudice under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court screened the in forma pauperis complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2) and assessed whether it stated a plausible claim for relief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Jessie Adams v. Sergio Jimenez

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the complaint stated a plausible claim for relief sufficient to survive screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).
2. Whether the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice after Plaintiff failed to respond to the order to show cause and failed to object to the Report and Recommendation.
3. Whether Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis should be denied.

HOLDINGS

1. A complaint subject to in forma pauperis screening may be dismissed sua sponte under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) when it fails to plead enough facts to state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face. Adams's conclusory allegations regarding ex parte communications, conspiracy, and due process did not satisfy that standard.
2. The complaint was dismissed without prejudice under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A complaint fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted when it fails to plead “enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.”” (at 1)

“Conclusory allegations or legal conclusions masquerading as factual conclusions are insufficient to state a claim.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Adams filed a one-page pro se complaint alleging, without supporting facts, that Jimenez engaged in ex parte communications and conspired with others in violation of due process. The complaint asserted federal-question jurisdiction and sought more than \$400,000 in damages. Adams did not respond to the order to show cause or object to the Report and Recommendation, and both filings were returned as undeliverable.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Jessie Adams filed the action on January 20, 2026, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. Magistrate Judge Roy Percy ordered Adams to show cause by February 6, 2026, and later recommended dismissal without prejudice after Adams failed to respond; both the show-cause order and the Report and Recommendation were returned as undeliverable. Adams did not object to the Report and Recommendation, and the district court adopted it, denied the in forma pauperis application, and dismissed the complaint without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)
- Fernandez-Montez v. Allied Pilots Ass'n, 987 F.2d 278, 284 (5th Cir. 1993)

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