

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Jose Luis Babin v. God Speed, et al.

Babin · No. 2:25-cv-01627-GMN-DJA · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada dismissed Jose Luis Babin's case without prejudice after he failed to update his address as ordered. Applying the Ninth Circuit's dismissal factors for failure to comply with a court order, the court concluded that dismissal was warranted because the action could not proceed without an updated address and no meaningful lesser alternative was available.

OPINION

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 3 JOSE LUIS BABIN, 4 Plaintiff, Case No.: 2:25-cv-01627-GMN-DJA 5 vs. 6 ORDER DISMISSING CASE GOD SPEED, et al., 7 Defendants. 8 9 10 On August 29, 2025, Plaintiff Jose Luis Babin initiated this case. (ECF No. 1). 11 Magistrate Judge Albregts ordered Plaintiff to either pay the filing fee for a civil action or file a 12 completed in forma pauperis (IFP) application.

(Order, ECF No. 3). Plaintiff paid the filing fee 13 on September 24, 2024, and his Complaint was subsequently filed on the docket. (Compl., ECF 14 No. 5). The Court was notified that mail to Plaintiff was returned as undeliverable on October 15 6, 2025. (ECF No 6).

The Court then ordered Plaintiff to update his address no later than 16 December 29, 2025, and warned that failure to do so may result in the Court dismissing the 17 case. (Minute Order, ECF No. 7 (citing LR IA 3-1)).

To date, Plaintiff has failed to update his 18 address on the docket. As a result, the Court dismisses the case without prejudice. 19 The law permits a district court to dismiss an action based on a party's failure to comply 20 with a court order. See *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260–61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal 21 for failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint).

In determining 22 whether to dismiss an action on this ground, the court must consider: (1) the public's interest in 23 expeditious resolution of litigation, (2) the court's need to manage its docket, (3) the risk of 24 prejudice to the defendants, (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits, 25 and (5) the availability of less-drastic alternatives.

In *re Phenylpropanolamine Prod. Liab.* 1 Litig., 460 F.3d 1217, 1226 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Malone v. U.S. Postal Serv.*, 833 F.2d 128, 2 130 (9th Cir. 1987)). 3 The first two factors, the

public's interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation and 4 the Court's interest in managing its docket, weigh in favor of dismissal of Plaintiff's claims. 5 The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal because a 6 presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in filing a pleading 7 ordered by the court or prosecuting an action.

See *Anderson v. Air West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor—the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits— 9 weighs against dismissal. 10 The fifth factor requires the Court to consider whether less-drastic alternatives can be 11 used to correct the party's failure that brought about the Court's need to consider dismissal.

12 Courts "need not exhaust every sanction short of dismissal before finally dismissing a case but 13 must explore possible and meaningful alternatives." *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986). Because this action cannot proceed without Plaintiff's updated address, 15 the only alternative is to enter another order setting another deadline.

The circumstances here 16 do not indicate that Plaintiff needs additional time. Therefore, setting another deadline is not a 17 meaningful alternative. So, the fifth factor favors dismissal. On balance, the factors above 18 favor a recommendation of dismissal. See *Hernandez v. City of El Monte*, 138 F.3d 393 (9th Cir. 1998) (holding that dismissal is proper where at least four factors support dismissal or 20 where at least three factors "strongly" support dismissal).

21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// 1 Accordingly, 2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED without prejudice for 3 || Plaintiff's failure to update his address in compliance with the Court's deadline. 4 Dated this ___7 day of January, 2026. 5 Jif lb Gloria M. 6 arro, District Judge 8 United States District Court 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Page 3 of 3