

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

Zackery J. Askins v. Commander

Askins · No. 25-3275-JWL · Decided February 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas dismissed Zackery J. Askins’s pro se civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 without prejudice. The court dismissed the action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) because Plaintiff failed to pay the initial partial filing fee or object by the court-ordered deadline, and denied his pending motions as moot.

OPINION

Askins

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

ZACKERY J. ASKINS,

Plaintiff,

v. CASE NO. 25-3275-JWL

COMMANDER,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Plaintiff brings this pro se civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On January 8, 2025, the Court granted Plaintiff’s motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and assessed an initial partial filing fee in the amount of \$219.00, calculated under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). (Doc. 9.) The order provides that the failure to pay the initial partial filing fee or file an objection by February 9, 2026, “may result in the dismissal of this matter without further notice.” *Id.* Plaintiff has failed to pay the fee or file an objection by the Court’s deadline. Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure “authorizes a district court, upon a defendant’s motion, to order the dismissal of an action for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or ‘a court order.’” *Young v. U.S.*, 316 F. App’x 764, 771 (10th Cir. 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)). “This rule has been interpreted as permitting district courts to dismiss actions sua sponte when one of these conditions is met.” *Id.* (citing *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962); *Olsen v. Mapes*, 333 F.3d 1199, 1204 n.3 (10th Cir. 2003)). “In addition, it is well established in this circuit that a district court is not obligated to follow any particular procedures when dismissing an action without prejudice under Rule 41(b).” *Young*, 316 F. App’x at 771–72 (citations omitted). Plaintiff has failed to submit the initial partial filing fee or to file an objection

by the Court's deadline. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT this matter is dismissed without prejudice under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. 2), Motion for Discovery (Doc. 4), and Motion to Appoint Counsel (Doc. 5) are denied as moot. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated February 19, 2026, in Kansas City, Kansas. S/ John W. Lungstrum

JOHN W. LUNGSTRUM

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE