

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Pelton v. Amador County, California

Pelton · No. No. 2:21-cv-1968-TLN-DMC-P · Decided March 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. The court dismissed Gary Redman, granted Amador County’s motion for summary judgment, and directed the Clerk to enter judgment and close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Troy L. Nunley
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	March 31, 2025
DOCKET	No. 2:21-cv-1968-TLN-DMC-P
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations after the objection period expired, adopted them in full, dismissed Gary Redman as a defendant, granted Amador County's motion for summary judgment, and directed entry of judgment and closure of the case.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The district court presumed the magistrate judge's factual findings correct and reviewed the magistrate judge's legal conclusions de novo.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter or neutral citation.

TOPICS

- section 1983
- prisoners rights
- summary judgment
- civil rights
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights
- civil procedure
- prisoner civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations when no objections were filed.
2. Whether Amador County was entitled to summary judgment.
3. Whether Gary Redman should be dismissed as a defendant.

HOLDINGS

1. The court adopted the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations in full because they were supported by the record and proper analysis, and no objections had been filed.
2. Amador County's motion for summary judgment was granted.
3. Gary Redman was dismissed as a defendant in the action.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“[D]eterminations of law by the magistrate judge are reviewed de novo by both the district court and [the appellate] court.” (Order at 1; 481 F.3d at 1147)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Sean Michael Pelton was a pretrial detainee proceeding pro se and brought a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Amador County and Gary Redman. The district court's order does not recount the underlying events or the evidence addressed in the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations. The court found those findings and recommendations supported by the record and proper analysis.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff Sean Michael Pelton, a pro se pretrial detainee, brought a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The matter was referred to a magistrate judge, who issued findings and recommendations on March 12, 2025. No party filed objections within the prescribed fourteen-day period, and the district court adopted the findings and recommendations in full, granted Amador County's motion for summary judgment, dismissed Gary Redman, and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Orand v. United States, 602 F.2d 207, 208 (9th Cir. 1979)
- Robbins v. Carey, 481 F.3d 1143, 1147 (9th Cir. 2007)