

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF  
WISCONSIN

Isadoris Green v. Nicholas Alexander

Green v. Alexander · No. 25-cv-203-jdp · Decided December 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin screened Isadoris Green’s pro se complaint alleging that a Douglas County sheriff struck him with a squad car because of his race and false charges. The court dismissed the complaint for failure to state a claim, identified insufficient factual allegations and potential statute-of-limitations concerns, and granted Green until January 17, 2026, to file an amended complaint.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | James D. Peterson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DECIDED               | December 17, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| DOCKET                | 25-cv-203-jdp                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| DISPOSITION           | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Screening of a pro se civil-rights complaint under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2) and 1915A.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | On screening under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2) and 1915A, the court accepts a pro se plaintiff’s allegations as true and liberally construes the complaint, but requires sufficient factual allegations to provide fair notice of the claim and plausible grounds supporting it. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | nonprecedential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PARTIES               | Isadoris Green v. Nicholas Alexander                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

TOPICS

- section 1983
- police misconduct
- pleadings
- civil procedure
- statute of limitations

PRACTICE AREAS

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Green's complaint stated a plausible Fourth Amendment excessive-force claim against the sole named defendant.
2. Whether the complaint was subject to dismissal at screening because it failed to identify the actors and conduct underlying the alleged constitutional violation.
3. Whether the apparent expiration of the statute of limitations warranted dismissal or required Green to address the delay in an amended complaint.

## HOLDINGS

1. The complaint failed to state a plausible Fourth Amendment excessive-force claim because its allegations were too sparse and inconsistent to identify who did what, and it did not identify any action by Alexander, the sole named defendant.
2. Dismissal was warranted under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2) and 1915A because the complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted.
3. The court noted that claims based on the 2016 events appeared untimely, but permitted Green to amend and required him to explain why he waited more than nine years to file suit.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“The allegations in Green’s complaint are so sparse and inconsistent that I cannot understand who did what to violate Green’s rights.”*

*“Although the statute of limitations is generally an affirmative defense to be raised by defendants, the court would not allow an obviously untimely case to proceed.”*

*“Green’s amended complaint must name as a defendant anyone from whom he seeks any remedy, and he must explain what each defendant did to violate his rights.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Green alleged that in May 2016 a Douglas County sheriff struck him with a squad car because of his race and because of false charges brought against him. He named only Nicholas Alexander, whom he identified as a member of the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, while also referring to the Superior Wisconsin Police Department and Lake Superior Task Force. The complaint did not identify what Alexander or the other entities allegedly did, and publicly available information indicated that Alexander was not the Douglas County sheriff in 2016.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Green filed a complaint alleging that a Douglas County sheriff struck him with a squad car in May 2016 because of his race and allegedly false charges. The court screened the complaint, dismissed it for failure to state a claim, and granted Green leave to file an amended complaint by January 17, 2026.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- Arnett v. Webster, 658 F.3d 742, 751 (7th Cir. 2011)
- Ollison v. Gossett, 136 F.4th 729, 737 (7th Cir. 2025)
- Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555–56 (2007)
- Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386, 394 (1989)
- Plumhoff v. Rickard, 572 U.S. 765, 774 (2014)

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