

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Coffer v. Dugan

Coffer · No. 25-cv-03251-EKL · Decided October 9, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California granted Plaintiff Jonathan Christopher Coffer's motion for voluntary dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1). The civil rights action was dismissed without prejudice because the notice of dismissal satisfied the rule's requirements.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7
JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER COFFER, Case No. 25-cv-03251-EKL 8 Plaintiff, ORDER
GRANTING VOLUNTARY 9 v. DISMISSAL 10 SIERRA PROMISE DUGAN, Re: ECF No. 15
11 Defendant. 13 Plaintiff Jonathan Christopher Coffer, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a
motion 14 || seeking voluntary dismissal of his civil rights lawsuit on August 28, 2025.

ECF No. 15. A 3 15 || plaintiff has the absolute right to dismiss his or her action by filing a notice
of dismissal “at any a 16 || time before services by the adverse party of an answer or of a motion
for summary judgment.” 3 17 Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)G). Said dismissal is “without prejudice”
unless otherwise stated by the 18 || plaintiff. Fed. R. Civ.

P. 41(a)(1); *Humphreys v. United States*, 272 F.2d 411, 412 (9th Cir. 1959). 19 || Coffer’s notice of
dismissal meets the criteria under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1). 20 || Accordingly, this
case is DISMISSED without prejudice. 21 IT IS SO ORDERED. 22 Dated: October 9, 2025 23 24
umi K. Lee 25 United States District Judge 26 27 28