

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Leah Ard v. Liam K. Griffin et al.

No. CV 25-00644-SRM (KESx), United States District Court for the Central District of California (April 29,
2025)

OPINION

Leah Ard v. Liam K. Griffin

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES — GENERAL

Case No. CV 25-00644-SRM (KESx) Date April 29, 2025 Title Leah Ard v. Liam K. Griffin et al

Present: The Honorable SERENA R. MURILLO, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE Melissa

H. Kunig Not Reported Deputy Clerk Court Reporter Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs: Attorneys

Present for Defendants: None Present None Present

PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE DISMISSAL FOR

LACK OF PROSECUTION

“[I]t is the plaintiff's responsibility to move a case toward a merits disposition.” Thomas v. Kernan, 2019 WL 8888200, at *1 (C.D. Cal. July 10, 2019) (citing Morris v. Morgan Stanley & Co., 942 F.2d 648, 652 (9th Cir. 1991)). That includes, where applicable, promptly (a) filing stipulations a defendant's time to respond to the complaint, (b) pursuing default and remedies under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55 when a defendant fails to timely respond to the complaint, or (c) dismissing a case the plaintiff has chosen not to pursue for any reason. Here, Plaintiff has filed a proof of service, yet the deadline for Defendant to respond to the Complaint has passed and Plaintiff has taken no action. Accordingly, the court, on its own motion, hereby ORDERS Plaintiff to show cause in writing, no later than May 6, 2025, why this action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution. As an alternative to a written response by Plaintiff, the Court will consider as an appropriate response to this OSC the filing of one of the following on or before the above date:

1. Plaintiffs Request for Entry of Default as to all Defendants or Defendants' Answer'(s),
2. A stipulation extending Defendants' time to respond to the Complaint that complies with Local Rule 8.3, or
3. notice of Voluntary Dismissal (Fed. R. Civ. P. 41) as to a// Defendants.

No oral argument of this matter will be heard unless ordered by the Court. The Order will submitted upon the filing of a timely and appropriate response. Failure to file a timely and appropriate response to this Order may result in dismissal without further notice or order from the

court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); L. R. 41-6; *Link v. Wabash R.R.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629 (1962) (“The authority of a federal trial court to dismiss a plaintiff's action with prejudice because of his failure to prosecute cannot seriously be doubted.”); *Helis Canyon Pres. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 403 F.3d

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