

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION

**Qashontae Holsomla Short-Brundidge v. Columbia Debt Recovery
LLC d/b/a Genesis**

Short-Brundidge · No. 2:25-cv-14072 · Decided February 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan grants Qashontae Holsomla Short-Brundidge’s application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court permits service of claims concerning an allegedly unreturned apartment application deposit and disputed debt-collection contacts against Columbia Debt Recovery LLC d/b/a Genesis and Greystar, while dismissing claims against the remaining defendants for failure to state plausible claims.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Laurie J. Michelson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division
DECIDED	February 13, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-14072
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Pro se plaintiff moved to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), directed service on two defendants, and dismissed claims against the remaining defendants.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), the court must dismiss an in forma pauperis complaint that is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from an immune defendant. The failure-to-state-a-claim inquiry applies the familiar Rule 12(b)(6) plausibility standard, accepting factual allegations as true and asking whether they permit a reasonable inference of liability.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished and nonprecedential district court order

PARTIES

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Short-Brundidge qualified to proceed in forma pauperis.
2. Whether the complaint stated plausible claims against Columbia Debt Recovery LLC d/b/a Genesis and Greystar sufficient to require service.
3. Whether the complaint stated plausible claims against Parkfield, Jordan Rosenberg, Martha Garcia, Kendra Giles, and Brett Gray.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted Short-Brundidge's application to proceed without prepayment of filing fees and costs based on her reported unemployment and reliance on monthly disability benefits.
2. The complaint alleged sufficient facts concerning Greystar's alleged failure to return an application deposit and Genesis's allegedly improper debt-collection contacts to permit service of the claims against those defendants.
3. The court dismissed the claims against Parkfield, Jordan Rosenberg, Martha Garcia, Kendra Giles, and Brett Gray because the complaint lacked factual allegations sufficient to state plausible claims for relief.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“a complaint must still ‘contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’”

“Facial plausibility is met ‘when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.’”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Short-Brundidge alleged that she paid a deposit for a Colorado apartment, withdrew her application after learning she would not qualify based on income, and did not receive the requested refund. She further alleged that Greystar reported or pursued an apartment-related debt that she disputed and that Genesis continued collection contacts after receiving a demand to stop. She also alleged that relatives and other individuals participated in a RICO conspiracy, but provided only speculative and conclusory assertions concerning those alleged participants.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Short-Brundidge filed the action in December 2025 along with an application to proceed without prepayment of fees and costs. The court granted in forma pauperis status, screened the complaint, found plausible allegations against Columbia Debt Recovery LLC d/b/a Genesis and Greystar sufficient to warrant service, and dismissed the claims against Parkfield, Jordan Rosenberg, Martha Garcia, Kendra Giles, and Brett Gray.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 608 (6th Cir. 1997)
- *Cassaday v. Verizon Media Inc.*, No. 25-1237, 2025 U.S. App. LEXIS 16682, at *4 (6th Cir. July 8, 2025)
- *Martin v. Overton*, 391 F.3d 710, 712 (6th Cir. 2004)
- *Hardy v. Ionia Corr. Facility*, No. 25-563, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 102811, at *1 (W.D. Mich. May 30, 2025)
- *Heinrich v. Waiting Angels Adoption Servs., Inc.*, 668 F.3d 393, 403 (6th Cir. 2012)
- *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009)
- *Lucas v. Chalk*, 785 F. App'x 288, 290 (6th Cir. 2019)
- *Adams v. Michigan*, No. 22-1630, 2023 U.S. App. LEXIS 2585, at *2 (6th Cir. Feb. 1, 2023)
- *Hubbard v. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.*, 736 F. App'x 590, 593 (6th Cir. 2018)