

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

Roderick Washington v. Ronald Broomfield, et al.

No. 1:25-cv-00958-KES-SAB (PC) · No. No. 1:25-cv-00958-KES-SAB (PC) · Decided November 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California dismissed Roderick Washington’s 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action without prejudice after he failed to pay the filing fee. The court directed the Clerk to close the case following the expiration of an extended payment deadline.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | United States District Court for the Eastern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| JURISDICTION       | United States District Court for the Eastern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DECIDED            | November 17, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DOCKET             | No. 1:25-cv-00958-KES-SAB (PC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| DISPOSITION        | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | A state prisoner brought a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and sought to proceed in forma pauperis. After the application was denied under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), the court ordered plaintiff to pay the filing fee; following an extension and continued nonpayment, the district court dismissed the action without prejudice. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | Unpublished district court order; nonprecedential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PARTIES            | Roderick Washington v. Ronald Broomfield, et al.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- section 1983
- prisoners rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Prisoner civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice after plaintiff failed to pay the filing fee following denial of in forma pauperis status, an order requiring full payment, an extension of time, and a warning of dismissal.

## HOLDINGS

1. Because plaintiff failed to pay the required filing fee by the extended deadline after being denied in forma pauperis status and warned that nonpayment would result in dismissal, the action was dismissed without prejudice.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

“Without such payment, the action cannot proceed before the Court.” (at 1)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Roderick Washington, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed this § 1983 civil rights action and applied to proceed in forma pauperis. The court denied that application under the prisoner three-strikes provision, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), and ordered him to pay the \$405 filing fee in full. Although the court granted a thirty-day extension and warned that nonpayment would result in dismissal, Washington failed to pay before the extended deadline expired.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The magistrate judge recommended denying plaintiff's in forma pauperis application under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and requiring payment of the filing fee. The district court adopted those recommendations, ordered plaintiff to pay \$405 within thirty days, granted a thirty-day extension, and warned that failure to pay would result in dismissal. Plaintiff did not pay by the extended deadline, so the court dismissed the action without prejudice and directed the clerk to close the case.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- Saddozai v. Davis, 35 F.4th 705, 709 (9th Cir. 2022)

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