

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Owens v. Schultz

Owens · No. 1:24-cv-0820 · Decided August 19, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in full. The court dismissed Marvin LaMarr Owens’s amended complaint without leave to amend for failure to state a claim arising from alleged false information placed in his prison file. The clerk was directed to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	August 19, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-0820
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order adopting a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations and dismissing a prisoner's amended civil-rights complaint for failure to state a claim.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) of the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Marvin LaMarr Owens v. J. Schultz, et al.

TOPICS

- prisoners rights
- section 1983
- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- prisoner civil rights
- federal civil procedure
- constitutional law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations should be adopted after de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).
2. Whether the amended complaint stated a claim upon which relief could be granted under the screening requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a).
3. Whether further leave to amend should be granted.

HOLDINGS

1. The findings and recommendations were supported by the record and proper analysis and were adopted in full.
2. The amended complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted and was dismissed.
3. Further leave to amend was denied because amendment would be futile.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The first amended complaint is DISMISSED without leave to amend, for a failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Owens alleged that defendants violated his constitutional rights while he was housed at Wasco State Prison by relying on or adding allegedly false information to his prison C-file in 2016. The magistrate judge screened the amended complaint and determined that it did not state a cognizable claim for relief. The district court found the findings and recommendations supported by the record and proper analysis.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Owens filed an amended complaint alleging constitutional-rights violations based on allegedly false information placed in his prison C-file in 2016. The magistrate judge screened the amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a), found that it failed to state a cognizable claim, and recommended dismissal without further leave to amend. After the objection period expired without objections, the district court conducted de novo review, adopted the findings and recommendations in full, dismissed the action without leave to amend, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Wilkerson v. Wheeler, 772 F.3d 834, 838-39 (9th Cir. 2014)