

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA

Tresean Tyrese Jones v. James Cox, et al.

Jones · No. 26-1171 · Decided June 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The court transfers Tresean Tyrese Jones’s pro se 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action from the Eastern District of Louisiana to the Western District of Louisiana because the alleged events and defendants are located in Iberia Parish, which lies within the Western District. The court also defers notice concerning payment of the filing fee or submission of an in forma pauperis application to the receiving court.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
DECIDED	June 3, 2026
DOCKET	26-1171
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a pro se 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint in the Eastern District of Louisiana without paying the filing fee or submitting an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court transferred the action sua sponte to the Western District of Louisiana based on venue and the interests of justice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Venue-transfer decisions under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404 and 1406 require an individualized, case-by-case consideration of convenience and fairness, including the interests of justice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished, nonprecedential district-court order

TOPICS

- venue
- civil procedure
- section 1983
- prisoners rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- civil rights
- prisoners rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action should be transferred from the Eastern District of Louisiana to the Western District of Louisiana under the federal venue-transfer provisions.
2. Whether issuance of a deficiency notice concerning payment of the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis should be deferred to the receiving court.

HOLDINGS

1. The case should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana because the alleged events occurred there, the defendants were located there, and the interests of justice and fairness favored that district.
2. Issuance of the deficiency notice and the subsequent determination of pauper status were deferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A court’s transfer inquiry requires an “individualized, case-by-case consideration of convenience and fairness.”” (at 1)

“The interests of justice and fairness to the parties dictate that venue is appropriate in the Western District of Louisiana.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Jones, who was incarcerated at the Iberia Parish Jail in New Iberia, Louisiana, brought a pro se action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 concerning an alleged incident involving Officer James Cox at that jail. Jones named Cox and the Iberia Parish Sheriff’s Office as defendants, and both defendants were located in Iberia Parish. Iberia Parish lies within the geographic boundaries of the Western District of Louisiana. Jones had not paid the filing fee or submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis when he filed the complaint.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Tresean Tyrese Jones filed a deficient pro se civil-rights complaint against Officer James Cox and the Iberia Parish Sheriff’s Office. The alleged events occurred at the Iberia Parish Jail in New Iberia, Louisiana, and the defendants were located in Iberia Parish. The Eastern District of Louisiana transferred the case to the Western District of Louisiana and deferred the deficiency notice and pauper-status determination to the receiving court.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Jones v. Bales, 58 F.R.D. 453 (N.D. Ga. 1972), aff’d, 480 F.2d 805 (5th Cir. 1973)
- Balawajder v. Scott, 160 F.3d 1066 (5th Cir. 1998)
- In re Rolls Royce Corp., 775 F.3d 671 (5th Cir. 2014)

- Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, 571 U.S. 49, 62 n.6 (2013)

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