

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Bernard May v. Clark County

May v. Clark County · No. 2:25-cv-01673-CDS-MDC · Decided December 23, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada accepts a magistrate judge's report and recommendation and dismisses Bernard May's civil action against Clark County without prejudice. The dismissal followed May's failure to submit a compliant prisoner in forma pauperis application, provide the required trust-account statement, pay the filing fee, or object to the report and recommendation. The court relied on Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) and applicable Ninth Circuit precedent.

OPINION

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA 2 3 Bernard May, Case No. 2:25-cv-01673-CDS-MDC 4 Plaintiff Order Accepting Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation and 5 v. Dismissing Case 6 Clark County, 7 Defendant [ECF No. 4] 8 9 Plaintiff Bernard May, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of 10 Corrections, commenced this civil action against Clark County by submitting an application to 11 proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) alongside his complaint.

ECF Nos. 1, 1-1. On October 2, 2025, 12 United States Magistrate Judge Maximiliano D. Couvillier denied May's IFP application and 13 ordered him to either submit the court approved prisoner IFP form and his trust fund account 14 statement or pay the filing fee no later than November 3, 2025. Order, ECF No. 3. May was 15 warned that failure to comply would result in dismissal without prejudice.

Id. at 3. 16 The November 3 deadline passed, and May had neither paid the filing fee nor completed 17 a prisoner IFP application. So Judge Couvillier issued a report and recommendation (R&R) that 18 I dismiss May's case for his failure to comply with the court's order. R&R, ECF No. 4. May had 19 until December 17, 2025, to file any specific, written objections to the magistrate judge's R&R.

20 Id. at 3 (citing Local Rule IB 3-2 (stating that parties wishing to object to the findings and 21 recommendations must file specific written objections within fourteen days)); see also 28 U.S.C. 22 § 636(b)(1)(C) (same). That deadline passed, and May did not object or request more time to do 23 so.

The law is clear that “no review is required of a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation unless objections are filed.” *Schmidt v. Johnstone*, 263 F. Supp. 2d 1219, 1226 (D. 25 Ariz. 2003); see also *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 26 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). 1 To begin an action without prepaying fees and costs, the person must demonstrate 2|| poverty through an IFP application.

A prisoner's IFP application must be submitted on the appropriate Court form and include the following specific financial information: (1) a certified 4|| copy of the prisoner’s account statement for the six-month period before filing, (2) a financial 5}| certificate signed by the prisoner and an authorized prison official, and (3) the prisoner’s financial acknowledgement confirming under the penalty of perjury that the financial 7|| information is true.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), (2). Here, May did not use the appropriate form or 8|| include a certified copy of his trust account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of his complaint. Given May’s failure to comply with the court’s order, Judge Couvillier considered the dismissal factors discussed in *Malone v. United States Postal Service* and 11} found that they weighed in favor of dismissal.

ECF No. 4 at 2-3 (citing 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th 12|| Cir. 1987)). I agree. A party’s failure to comply with a court order constitutes grounds for 13] dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). See also *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, (9th Cir. 1992) (“[T]he district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any 15] order of the court.”).

I therefore accept the RGR in its entirety and dismiss this action. 16 Conclusion 17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the magistrate judge’s report and recommendation [ECF 18|| No. 4] is accepted and adopted in full. This case is dismissed without prejudice. 19 The Clerk of Court is kindly instructed to close uyieahe 20 Dated: December 23, 2025 Lf 22 Cofeves Di 23 24 25 26