

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Georgie Anufriev v. John Leikauf, Michael Ivanov, John Thompsons
Auto and Truck Center, Western International Recovery Bureau of
Spokane Washington, Shannon Burke, Jeff Leikauf, and John Nowels

Anufriev · No. 2:25-CV-0516-TOR · Decided March 30, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington granted motions to dismiss filed by Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, and Michael Ivanov. The claims against all three defendants were dismissed without prejudice based on lack of personal jurisdiction, failure to state a claim, and the plaintiff's failure to respond to the motions.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
DECIDED	March 30, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-CV-0516-TOR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a civil rights complaint alleging that a vehicle he purchased was taken from him without due process. Three defendants moved to dismiss, and the court granted all three motions after plaintiff failed to respond.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court exercised discretion under Local Civil Rule 7(e) to treat plaintiff's failure to respond as consent to an adverse order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Georgie Anufriev v. Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, Michael Ivanov

TOPICS

- personal jurisdiction
- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiff's failure to respond to the defendants' motions to dismiss could be construed as consent to an adverse order.
2. Whether the claims against Jeff Leikauf and Michael Ivanov should be dismissed without prejudice for lack of personal jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2).
3. Whether the claims against John Nowels should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6).

HOLDINGS

1. The district court may exercise discretion under Local Civil Rule 7(e) to treat a party's failure to respond to an opposing argument as consent to entry of an adverse order; plaintiff's failure to respond was therefore construed as consent to dismissal of the moving defendants.
2. The claims against Jeff Leikauf and Michael Ivanov were dismissed without prejudice for lack of personal jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2).
3. The claims against John Nowels were dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Plaintiff may be proceeding pro se but he is still required to “follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants.”” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff alleged that a vehicle he purchased on July 31, 2025, was taken from him without due process. Defendants Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, and Michael Ivanov moved to dismiss on personal-jurisdiction and failure-to-state-a-claim grounds. Plaintiff did not respond to the motions or request additional time.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the complaint on December 22, 2025. Defendants Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, and Michael Ivanov separately moved to dismiss. Plaintiff did not respond to any motion, did not seek an extension, and did not otherwise communicate with the court. The district court granted each motion and dismissed those three defendants without prejudice.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Brydges v. Lewis*, 18 F.3d 651, 652 (9th Cir. 1994) (per curiam)
- *Atain Specialty Ins. Co. v. Todd*, No. 4:18-CV-5022-RMP, 2019 WL 2030329, at *5 (E.D. Wash. Jan. 24, 2019)
- *King v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987)

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