

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.

OPINION

1 FILED IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 2 Mar 30,
2026 3 SEAN F. MCAVOY, CLERK 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN
DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 7 GEORGIE ANUFRIEV, NO. 2:25-CV-0516-TOR 8 Plaintiff,
ORDER DISMISSING 9 v. DEFENDANTS JOHN LEIKAUF, MICHAEL IVANOV, AND JOHN
10 THOMPSONS AUTO AND TRUCK NOWELS CENTER, WESTERN 11 INTERNATIONAL
RECOVERY BUREAU OF SPOKANE 12 WASHINGTON, SHANNON BURKE, MICHAEL
IVANOV, JEFF 13 LEIKAUF, and JOHN NOWELS, 14 Defendants.

15 BEFORE THE COURT are Defendant Jeff Leikauf's Motion to Dismiss 16 (ECF No. 5),
Defendant John Nowels Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 9), and 17 Defendant Michael Ivanov's
Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 11). These matters were 18 submitted for consideration without oral
argument.

The Court has reviewed the 19 record and files herein and is fully informed. For the reasons
discussed below, 20 each motion is GRANTED. 1 Plaintiff filed a complaint on December 22,
2025 against six defendants 2 alleging that a vehicle he purchased on July 31, 2025, was taken
from him without 3 due process. ECF No. 1. Defendants, Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, and Michael
4 Ivanov (collectively "Defendants"), have each filed a motion to dismiss.

Plaintiff 5 never responded to any of the motions and the hearing dates for each have now 6
passed. 7 A district court has discretion to determine whether a party's failure to 8 respond to an
opposing party's argument should be deemed consent to the entry of 9 an adverse order. LCivR

7(e); *Brydges v. Lewis*, 18 F.3d 651, 652 (9th Cir. 10 1994) (per curiam); see also *Atain Specialty Ins.*

Co. v. Todd, No. 4:18-CV-5022- 11 RMP, 2019 WL 2030329, at *5 (E.D. Wash. Jan. 24, 2019) (“A failure to respond 12 to an opposing party's argument is deemed consent to the entry of an adverse 13 order.”). 14 Plaintiff’s response to Defendants’ motions were due nearly two months 15 ago, and Plaintiff has not filed any motions for an extension of time to respond or 16 has otherwise communicated with the Court.

Plaintiff may be proceeding pro se 17 but he is still required to “follow the same rules of procedure that govern other 18 litigants.” *King v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987). Therefore, the Court 19 construes Plaintiff’s failure to respond as consent to the dismissal of Defendants. 20 Defendant Leikauf moves for dismissal without prejudice under Federal 1 Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2) for lack of personal jurisdiction or alternatively 2 dismissal with prejudice pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim.

ECF 3 No. 5. The Court dismisses the claims against Defendant Leikauf without 4 prejudice pursuant to Rule 12(b)(2). 5 Defendant Ivanov also moves for dismissal on personal jurisdiction grounds 6 pursuant to Rule 12(b)(2). ECF No. 11.

The Court dismisses Plaintiff’s claims 7 against Defendant Ivanov without prejudice pursuant to Rule 12(b)(2). Defendant 8 Nowels moves to dismiss Plaintiff’s claims pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) for failure to 9 state a claim. ECF No. 9.

Therefore, the Court dismisses Plaintiff’s claims as to 10 Defendant Nowels without prejudice under Rule 12(b)(6). 11 // 12 // 13 // 14 // 15 // 16 // 17 // 18 // 19 // 20 // ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: 2 1. Defendant Jeff Leikauf’s Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 5) is GRANTED. 3 2. Defendant John Nowels Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 9) is GRANTED. 4 3. Defendant Michael Ivanov’s Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 11) is 5 GRANTED.

6 4. Defendants Jeff Leikauf, John Nowels, and Michael Ivanov are 7 DISMISSED from this action without prejudice. 8 The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order and furnish 9|| copies to counsel. 10 DATED March 30, 2026. <> United States District Judge 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 ORDER DISMISSING DEFENDANTS JOHN LEIKAUF, MICHAEL