

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Douglas Urquilla v. CDCR, et al.

Urquilla v. CDCR · No. 1:25-cv-01215-JLT-BAM (PC) · Decided November 25, 2025

SUMMARY

The document contains findings and recommendations by a United States Magistrate Judge in a prisoner civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The magistrate judge recommends denying Douglas Urquilla’s motion to proceed in forma pauperis and ordering him to pay the \$405.00 filing fee because his trust-account balance and deposits indicate that he can afford it.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Barbara A. McAuliffe
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	November 25, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-01215-JLT-BAM (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, moved to proceed in forma pauperis. The magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations that the motion be denied and that Plaintiff be ordered to pay the \$405.00 initial filing fee.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

prisoners rights section 1983 civil rights civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil rights prisoner litigation in forma pauperis proceedings

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Plaintiff demonstrated sufficient financial inability to qualify for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Examination of Plaintiff’s application and trust account statement reveals that Plaintiff is able to afford the costs of this action.” (at 1)

“Plaintiff’s motion to proceed in forma pauperis, (ECF No. 13), be DENIED” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's prison trust account showed an available balance of \$1,101.11. Although his application did not identify income sources for the prior twelve months, Plaintiff reported receiving \$300 per month, and the account statement showed recurring deposits ranging from \$312.00 to \$359.00.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff initiated the civil rights action on December 5, 2024, and the matter was transferred to the Eastern District of California on September 16, 2025. After receiving an extension, Plaintiff filed an in forma pauperis application and certified prison trust account statement on November 21, 2025. The magistrate judge recommended denial of in forma pauperis status and payment of the initial filing fee, subject to review by the assigned district judge after any objections.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Wilkerson v. Wheeler, 772 F.3d 834, 838–39 (9th Cir. 2014)
- Baxter v. Sullivan, 923 F.2d 1391, 1394 (9th Cir. 1991)