

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, MACON DIVISION**

Kyrima Anderson, et al. v. Warden Jessie Williams, et al.

No. 5:25-cv-00506-MTT-ALS · No. No. 5:25-cv-00506-MTT-ALS · Decided November 21, 2025

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION KYRIMA ANDERSON, et al.: Plaintiffs,; VS.: NO. 5:25-cv-00506-MTT-
ALS Warden JESSIE WILLIAMS, et al.,: Defendants.: _____:
ORDER OF DISMISSAL Pro se Plaintiff Kyrima Anderson, a prisoner at Pulaski State Prison in
Hawkinsville, Georgia, has filed a “class-action complaint” on behalf of herself and other
prisoners held at Pulaski State Prison as well as at Emmanuel Women’s Facility.

ECF No. 1. However, a prerequisite for class action certification is a finding by the Court that the
representative party can “fairly and adequately protect the interest of the class.” Fed. R. Civ. P.
23(a)(4). Circuit Courts have repeatedly held a pro se plaintiff is not an adequate class
representative and may not litigate on behalf of others. See e.g. *FuQua v. Massey*, 615 F. App'x
611, 612 (11th Cir.

2015) (per curiam) (“The right to appear pro se ... is limited to parties conducting their own cases,
and does not extend to non-attorney parties representing the interests of others.” (internal
quotation marks omitted)); *Timson v. Sampson*, 518 F.3d 870, 873 (11th Cir. 2008) (holding that
the personal right to proceed pro se established under 28 U.S.C. § 1654 “does not extend to the
representation of the interests of others.”); *Johnson v. Brown*, 581 F. App'x 777, 781 (11th Cir.

2014) (finding pro se litigant cannot bring an action on behalf of fellow inmates); *Bass v. Benton*,
408 F. App'x 298 (11th Cir. 2011) (per curiam) (affirming dismissal of pro se former prisoner's §
1983 class action because “the general provision permitting parties to proceed pro se” does not
provide “a personal right that... extend[s] to the representation of the interests of others”); *Wallace*
v. Smith, 145 F. App'x 300, 302 (11th Cir.

2005) (per curiam) (citing *Oxendine v. Williams*, 509 F.2d 1405, 1407 (4th Cir. 1975) (finding it
“plain error to permit [an] imprisoned litigant who is unassisted by counsel to represent his fellow
inmates in a class action”).

Here, Plaintiff is a prisoner proceeding pro se, and thus, the Court cannot find she is an adequate
representative that can litigate on behalf of her fellow prisoners in a federal lawsuit. Accordingly,
the Court DISMISSES this Complaint without prejudice. Each Plaintiff may file their own

separate complaint asserting claims that are personal to that prisoner and for which they will be individually responsible for filing fees.

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of November, 2025. S/ Marc T. Treadwell MARC T. TREADWELL, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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