

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Chase v. Coalinga State Hospital

No. 1:25-cv-00349 GSA (PC) (E.D. Cal. May 2, 2025) · No. 1:25-cv-00349 GSA (PC) · Decided May 2, 2025

OPINION

(PC)Chase v. Coalinga State Hospital

PER CURIAM.

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11 HARRY CHASE, III, No. 1:25-cv-00349 GSA (PC)

12 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S NON-
PRISONER IN FORMA PAUPERIS

13 v. APPLICATION

14 COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL, et al., (ECF No. 4) 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff, an
individual proceeding pro se who appears to be civilly committed,1 seeks 18 relief pursuant to 42
U.S.C. § 1983 and has requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant 19 to 28 U.S.C. §
1915. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 20 U.S.C. §
636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. 21 Plaintiff has submitted a declaration that makes the showing
required by 28 U.S.C. § 22 1915(a). ECF No. 4. Accordingly, the request to proceed in forma
pauperis will be granted. 23 As a civil detainee, Plaintiff is not a prisoner within the meaning of
the Prison Litigation 24 Reform Act. See *Page v. Torrey*, 201 F.3d 1136, 1140 (9th Cir. 2000).
Therefore, he is not 25 required to provide a copy of a prisoner trust fund account statement, nor is
he required to exhaust 26 administrative remedies. *Id.* However, if, at any point during these
proceedings, Plaintiff’s civil 27 1 According to Plaintiff’s complaint, he is currently incarcerated
at Coalinga State Hospital. See 28 ECF No. 1 at 1 (Plaintiff’s address on cover page of
complaint). 1 detainee status changes, he may become subject to these requirements, and/or he
may be required 2 to file a new application to proceed in forma pauperis. 3 Accordingly, IT IS
HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff’s application to proceed in forma 4 pauperis (ECF No. 4) is
GRANTED. 5 6 IT IS SO ORDERED. 7 8 Dated: May 2, 2025 /s/ Gary S. Austin

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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