

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Eric Anthony Rodriguez v. Nieves

Rodriguez v. Nieves · No. 2:25-cv-1873 CSK P · Decided July 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered the transfer of Eric Anthony Rodriguez’s 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action to the Central District of California. The court determined that the defendants and alleged events were located in Los Angeles County, making the Central District the proper venue under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), and transferred the matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chi Soo Kim
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	July 17, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-1873 CSK P
DISPOSITION	remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	A state prisoner proceeding pro se filed a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action and an application to proceed in forma pauperis in the Eastern District of California. The court determined that venue was improper and transferred the action to the Central District of California.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished, nonprecedential district court order

TOPICS

- venue
- section 1983
- prisoners rights
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Civil rights
- Prisoner civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether venue was proper in the Eastern District of California or whether the action should be transferred to the Central District of California under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

HOLDINGS

1. Venue was improper in the Eastern District of California because the defendants were located in Los Angeles County and the claim arose there, within the Central District of California.
2. The action should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in the interest of justice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In this case, the defendants are located in and the claim arose in Los Angeles County, which is in the Central District of California.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel and brought a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The court found that the defendants were located in Los Angeles County and that the claim arose there, making the Central District of California the proper venue.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed this civil rights action in the Eastern District of California. Because the defendants were located in Los Angeles County and the claim arose there, the court transferred the matter to the Central District of California in the interest of justice under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

DISPOSITION

remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

CASES CITED

- Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974)