

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI, NORTHERN DIVISION

Bobby Quinn v. Rankin County Sheriff's Department

Quinn · No. 3:25-CV-736-DPJ-ASH · Decided May 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi adopted a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation and dismissed Bobby Quinn’s amended complaint with prejudice as frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). The court concluded that the complaint’s allegations concerning CIA involvement, psychological experimentation, and coordinated surveillance described fantastical or delusional scenarios lacking an arguable basis in fact.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Northern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Daniel P. Jordan III
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Northern Division
DECIDED	May 15, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-CV-736-DPJ-ASH
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending dismissal of the plaintiff's in forma pauperis amended complaint as frivolous, along with the plaintiff's objection.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The district court reviewed the Report and Recommendation after considering the plaintiff's objection and independently reviewed the amended complaint, Report and Recommendation, and objection.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Bobby Quinn v. Rankin County Sheriff's Department

TOPICS

- motions to dismiss
- pleadings
- civil procedure
- civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the amended complaint should be dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) because its allegations described fantastical or delusional scenarios and therefore lacked an arguable basis in fact.
2. Whether the plaintiff's objection warranted rejection of the magistrate judge's recommendation.
3. Whether the amended complaint should be dismissed with prejudice and the plaintiff's pending motions denied.

HOLDINGS

1. An in forma pauperis claim is frivolous when it lacks an arguable basis in law or fact, including when it describes fantastical or delusional scenarios; Quinn's amended complaint met that standard and was properly dismissed.
2. The Report and Recommendation was adopted, the amended complaint was dismissed with prejudice as frivolous, and the plaintiff's pending motions were denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A claim “is frivolous where it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in fact.””

“And a claim lacks an arguable basis in fact where it “describe[s] fantastical or delusional scenarios.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Quinn alleged that he was the victim of a lifelong, trauma-based psychological torture experiment known as MKULTRA, allegedly masterminded by the CIA. He alleged that numerous governmental and private defendants were acting in coordination to have him imprisoned, confined in a mental-health facility, or killed. He sought \$200 million in compensatory and punitive damages from each individual defendant.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Quinn filed a complaint against the Rankin County Sheriff's Department. After the Sheriff's Department moved to dismiss and Quinn did not respond, he filed a 55-page amended complaint seeking to add 23 defendants. The magistrate judge screened the amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) and recommended dismissal as frivolous. The district court overruled the objection, adopted the Report and Recommendation, dismissed the amended complaint with prejudice, and denied Quinn's pending motions.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319 (1989)

OPINION

Quinn

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

NORTHERN DIVISION

BOBBY QUINN PLAINTIFF

V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:25-CV-736-DPJ-ASH

RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEFENDANT

ORDER

This cause is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation [20] of United States Magistrate Judge Andrew S. Harris and Plaintiff Bobby Quinn's Objection [22]. Quinn initially filed a complaint against the Rankin County Sheriff's Department (RCSD). Compl. [1]. When RCSD moved to dismiss, Quinn did not respond. Mot. [8]. Instead, he filed an "Amended and Corrected Complaint," seeking to add 23 defendants, including Rankin County, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, Jackson Police Department, Kemper Life Insurance, and St. Dominic Hospital. Am Compl. [10] at 2. The Amended Complaint is 55 pages in length. Am. Compl.

[10]. Quinn starts by claiming that he is the "victim of a lifelong, trauma based, psychological torture experiment commonly known as MKULTRA masterminded by the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)." Id. at 10 (capitalization altered); see id. at 11 (alleging he "was chosen for this experiment before [he] was born"). He explains that a woman named Quan Yin, who works for the CIA, has a YouTube channel where she discusses Quinn's life. Id. at 23–26. Quan Yin "exposes the plans of law enforcement to have me illegally locked up in prison or in a mental health facility or dead by way of poisoning, kidnapping, or heart attack." Id. at 27. Quinn believes "[a]ll defendants are working in tandem and collusion to effect that end." Id. He seeks \$200,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages "from every individual party involved." Id. at 55. Judge Harris entered a Text-Only Order on February 18, 2026, ordering that no process shall issue as to the new defendants until the Court has completed its screening procedures. Then, on April 13, 2026, the Court granted RCSD's second motion to dismiss [11] and referred the case to Judge Harris for screening. Order [19] at 4. Having now screened the case, Judge Harris entered his R&R, recommending dismissal. Quinn is proceeding in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, which means his case is subject to dismissal if the Court determines it "is frivolous or malicious," "fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted," or "seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). As explained by Judge Harris, A claim "is frivolous where it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in fact."

Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989). A claim lacks an arguable basis in law when it is “based on an indisputably meritless legal theory.” Id. at 327. And a claim lacks an arguable basis in fact where it “describe[s] fantastical or delusional scenarios.” Id. at 328. R&R [20] at 3. After reviewing the Amended Complaint, Judge Harris concluded that Quinn’s filings “describe fantastic and delusional scenarios” and thus “lack an arguable basis in fact and should be dismissed as frivolous.” Id. at 4 (citing Neitzke, 490 U.S. 327–28). In his Objection, Quinn agrees “that my claims seem to ‘describe fantastical or delusional scenarios but nevertheless that does not make them untrue.” Obj. [22] at 1. He then goes on to repeat his allegations that the CIA “along with the ‘DEEP STATE’” are engaged in covert actions, experimentation, psychological torture, and surveillance. Id. at 2; see id. at 2–6. Having reviewed the Amended Complaint, the Report and Recommendation, and the Objection, the Court finds the R&R should be adopted as the opinion of the Court. Quinn may well believe what he says, but the Amended Complaint is dismissed with prejudice as frivolous. His motions [13, 14, 15, 16] are denied. A separate judgment will be entered as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58. SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 15th day of May, 2026. s/ Daniel P. Jordan III
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE