

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Hassaun Haygood v. Danny Chavez

No. 1:25-cv-01837-SAB (PC) · No. No. 1:25-cv-01837-SAB (PC) · Decided December 15, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California grants pro se plaintiff Hassaun Haygood’s application to proceed in forma pauperis in a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action against Danny Chavez. The court states that it will screen the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2) before issuing summons or requiring the defendant to respond.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stanley A. Boone
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 15, 2025
DOCKET	No. 1:25-cv-01837-SAB (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a pro se civil-rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and moved to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court considered the application before screening the complaint.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court considered the in forma pauperis application based on the information provided and applied the mandatory screening requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown

TOPICS

- civil rights
- section 1983
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiff demonstrated entitlement to proceed in forma pauperis.
2. Whether summons and service should issue before the court completes screening of the in forma pauperis complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis is granted because the information provided demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees.
2. No summons shall issue and service shall not be undertaken until the court completes its screening of the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court shall exercise its discretion complaint in this action to determine if it “(i) is frivolous or malicious; (ii) fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted; or (iii) seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief.”” (at 1)

“No summons shall issue in this action until the Court issues its screening order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Hassaun Haygood, proceeding pro se, filed a civil-rights action against Danny Chavez under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Haygood submitted an application to proceed without prepaying filing fees. The court found that the information provided demonstrated entitlement to proceed in forma pauperis.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the complaint on December 12, 2025, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court granted the application but ordered that no summons issue and that service be delayed until the court completes its sua sponte screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1129 (9th Cir. 2000)
- Calhoun v. Stahl, 254 F.3d 845 (9th Cir. 2001)
- Cato v. United States, 70 F.3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 1995)
- Ross v. Padres LP, No. 17-CV-1676 JLS (JLB), 2018 WL 280026, at *2 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 3, 2018)
- Rosiere v. United States, No. 217CV02468APGPAL, 2018 WL 7357399, at *1 (D. Nev. Sept. 10, 2018)

