

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Frederick v. United States

Frederick · No. Civil Action No. 26-00499 (UNA) · Decided June 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia grants the pro se plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis but dismisses the complaint as frivolous under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i). The court finds that the complaint, which seeks \$4 trillion and contains an unintelligible statement of claim, lacks an arguable basis in law or fact.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Tanya S. Chutkan
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
DECIDED	June 17, 2026
DOCKET	Civil Action No. 26-00499 (UNA)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a form complaint seeking \$4 trillion from the United States and an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court granted the IFP application and dismissed the complaint as frivolous.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i), the court must dismiss an action proceeding in forma pauperis if it is frivolous.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published district court memorandum opinion
PARTIES	Darion Frederick v. United States of America

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- motions to dismiss

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- federal courts
- in forma pauperis screening

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the complaint was frivolous and therefore subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i).
2. Whether plaintiff should be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis.
2. A complaint lacking an arguable basis in law or fact is frivolous and subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i); plaintiff's complaint met that standard and was dismissed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“written documents while present as a citizen of the United States of America; I need to be better; I need to be whole.” (at 4)

“an arguable basis either in law or in fact,” (at 325)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff, a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, sued the United States for \$4 trillion. His complaint stated only, “written documents while present as a citizen of the United States of America; I need to be better; I need to be whole,” and a subsequent notice did not clarify the claim.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Darion Frederick filed a pro se complaint and an application to proceed in forma pauperis in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The court granted IFP status and dismissed the action under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i), with dismissal to be entered by separate order.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DARION FREDERICK,)) Plaintiff,)) v.) Civil Action No. 26-00499 (UNA))) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)) Defendant.) MEMORANDUM OPINION Plaintiff, appearing pro se, has filed a form complaint and an application to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP).

For the following reasons, the court grants the IFP motion and dismisses the complaint. Plaintiff, a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, sues the United States for \$4 trillion. In the statement of claim section, Plaintiff writes only “written documents while present as a citizen of the United States of America; I need to be better; I need to be whole.” Compl., ECF No. 1 at 4.

His baffling Notice, ECF No. 4, is unilluminating. Complaints, as here, lacking “an arguable basis either in law or in fact,” *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989), are frivolous actions subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i).

Therefore, this case will be dismissed by separate order. _____/s/_____ TANYA S. CHUTKAN Date: June 15, 2026 United States District Judge