

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Richard Woods v. T. Taylor, et al.

Woods v. Taylor · No. 1:25-cv-01449-SKO (PC) · Decided October 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered federal prisoner Richard Woods to submit an application to proceed in forma pauperis or pay the \$405 filing fee. The order gives him 45 days from service to comply and warns that failure to do so will result in dismissal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sheila K. Oberto
DECIDED	October 31, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-01449-SKO (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a federal prisoner civil-rights action under Bivens but had neither paid the filing fee nor submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The court ordered him to submit a completed and signed in forma pauperis application or pay the filing fee within forty-five days.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential procedural order

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether a federal prisoner who has not paid the filing fee must submit a completed and signed application to proceed in forma pauperis or pay the filing fee before the civil-rights action may proceed.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff must, within forty-five days of service of the order, submit a completed and signed application to proceed in forma pauperis or pay the \$405 filing fee.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Within forty-five (45) days of the date of service of this order, Plaintiff SHALL submit the attached application to proceed in forma pauperis, completed and signed, or in the alternative, pay the \$405 filing fee for this action. Failure to comply with this order will result in dismissal of this action.” (Document text at lines 23-26)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se in a civil-rights action against T. Taylor and other defendants. He had not paid the \$405 filing fee and had not submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Richard Woods initiated a civil-rights action against T. Taylor and other defendants. Before the action could proceed, the district court issued an order requiring payment of the filing fee or submission of an in forma pauperis application, warning that failure to comply would result in dismissal.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971)

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 RICHARD WOODS, 1:25-cv-01449-SKO (PC) 12 Plaintiff, ORDER TO
SUBMIT APPLICATION 13 v. TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS OR PAY FILING FEE
WITHIN 45 DAYS 14 T. TAYLOR, et al., 15 Defendant. 16 17 Plaintiff is a federal prisoner
proceeding pro se in a civil rights action pursuant to Bivens 18 vs. Six Unknown Agents, 403 U.S.
388 (1971).

Plaintiff has not paid the \$405 filing fee or 19 submitted an application to proceed in forma
pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. 20 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 21 1.
The Clerk’s Office shall send to Plaintiff the form for application to proceed in forma 22 pauperis.
23 2. Within forty-five (45) days of the date of service of this order, Plaintiff SHALL 24 submit
the attached application to proceed in forma pauperis, completed and signed, or in the 25
alternative, pay the \$405 filing fee for this action.

Failure to comply with this order will result 26 in dismissal of this action. 27 IT IS SO
ORDERED. 28 1 Dated: October 31, 2025 /s/ Sheila K. Oberto. 2 UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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