

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Estate of Irene Rivera, et al. v. Kern County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Estate of Rivera · No. 1:24-cv-01141-CDB · Decided July 8, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted Plaintiffs leave to file a first amended complaint in an action arising from Irene Rivera’s death while in custody at the Kern County Sheriff’s Office. The amended complaint adds claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act and names additional individual defendants; Plaintiffs were ordered to file it within seven days, and Defendants were given 45 days to respond.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	July 8, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-01141-CDB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiffs and defendants submitted a stipulated request for leave to file a first amended complaint.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished, nonprecedential district court order

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether plaintiffs should be granted leave to file the proposed first amended complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 based on the parties' stipulation.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted plaintiffs leave to file the proposed first amended complaint, as modified by the parties' stipulation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Within seven (7) days of issuance of this order, Plaintiffs SHALL FILE as a stand-alone docket entry the first amended complaint proposed in the parties’ stipulation (Doc. 25-2);” (2)

“Defendants shall respond to the first amended complaint within 45 days of its service. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(3).” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Irene Rivera died while in custody at the Kern County Sheriff's Office Central Receiving Facility on September 10, 2023. Plaintiffs sued the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Kern County, Sheriff Donny Youngblood, and Kern County Hospital Authority. The proposed amended complaint added Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act claims and named Deputy Lexi Pressley, Deputy Samuel, and Nurse Julius Quilala as additional defendants.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs filed the action on September 24, 2024, asserting claims arising from Irene Rivera's death while in custody at the Kern County Sheriff's Office Central Receiving Facility. The parties stipulated to plaintiffs' filing a first amended complaint adding claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act and adding individual defendants. The court granted the stipulated request, subject to a seven-day deadline for filing the amended complaint and a 45-day response period for defendants.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Western Shoshone Nat'l Council v. Molini, 951 F.2d 200, 204 (9th Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 506 U.S. 822 (1992)