

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Tyreek Reevey v. Marian Huesain, et al.

Reevey · No. 24-7728 (ZNQ) (RLS) · Decided December 11, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey screened Tyreek Reevey’s in forma pauperis complaint alleging that Marian Huesain sexually abused him at the New Jersey Training School for Boys in 2014. The court dismissed claims against the training school with prejudice on Eleventh Amendment immunity grounds and dismissed claims against Huesain without prejudice as barred by New Jersey’s two-year statute of limitations. The court granted leave to amend within thirty days to address potential tolling, including tolling based on Plaintiff’s minority.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Zahid N. Quraishi
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
DECIDED	December 11, 2025
DOCKET	24-7728 (ZNQ) (RLS)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Sua sponte screening of an in forma pauperis civil-rights complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the pleading standard applicable to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), accepting factual allegations as true and drawing reasonable inferences in the plaintiff's favor, while disregarding legal conclusions couched as factual allegations.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district-court opinion; nonprecedential.
PARTIES	Tyreek Reevey v. Marian Huesain, New Jersey Training School for Boys

TOPICS

- statute of limitations
- section 1983
- sovereign immunity
- eleventh amendment immunity
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the New Jersey Training School for Boys is a proper defendant and is immune from suit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
2. Whether Reevey's § 1983 claims against Marian Huesain were barred by New Jersey's two-year statute of limitations for personal-injury actions.
3. Whether the complaint should be dismissed without prejudice with leave to amend to address possible tolling.

HOLDINGS

1. A state correctional facility is an arm of the State, is not a proper § 1983 defendant, and is immune from suit in federal court under the Eleventh Amendment. The claims against the facility were dismissed with prejudice.
2. Federal civil-rights claims filed in New Jersey are subject to New Jersey's two-year statute of limitations for personal-injury actions. Reevey's claims, filed approximately ten years after the alleged assaults, were time barred absent a basis for tolling.
3. The claims against Huesain were dismissed without prejudice, and Reevey was granted thirty days to file an amended complaint addressing why the claims should not be dismissed with prejudice as time barred.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Because Plaintiff was previously granted in forma pauperis status in this matter, (see ECF No. 2), this Court is required to screen his complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) and dismiss any claim which is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim for relief, or seeks relief from an immune defendant.” (I)

“Plaintiff did not file his complaint in this matter until ten years later – in late June 2024. Thus, absent some basis for the tolling of the statute of limitations, Plaintiff’s claims are time barred by nearly eight years.” (III)

“For the reasons expressed above, Plaintiff’s complaint (ECF No. 1) shall be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE as time barred.” (IV)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Reevey alleged that Marian Huesain, a youth worker at the New Jersey Training School for Boys, sexually abused him multiple times between March 8 and June 8, 2014, while he was a juvenile offender at the state-run facility. He filed suit in June 2024 seeking damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Huesain and the facility. The court treated the claims as accruing when the alleged assaults occurred and found no apparent basis on the face of the complaint for tolling sufficient to avoid the limitations bar.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Reevey filed a pro se complaint in June 2024 seeking damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for alleged sexual abuse occurring in 2014 at the New Jersey Training School for Boys. After granting in forma pauperis status, the district court screened the complaint sua sponte. The court dismissed the claims against the state correctional facility with prejudice on immunity and defendant-status grounds, dismissed the claims against Huesain without prejudice as time barred, and granted leave to amend within thirty days.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

No remand. Plaintiff was granted leave to file an amended complaint within thirty days and was instructed to address why the amended complaint should not be dismissed with prejudice as time barred, including any factual basis for tolling.

CASES CITED

- Schreane v. Seana, 506 F. App'x 120, 122 (3d Cir. 2012)
- Allah v. Seiverling, 229 F.3d 220, 223 (3d Cir. 2000)
- Phillips v. County of Allegheny, 515 F.3d 224, 228 (3d Cir. 2008)
- Papasan v. Allain, 478 U.S. 265, 286 (1986)
- Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009)
- Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 557, 570 (2007)
- Mala v. Crown Bay Marina, Inc., 704 F.3d 239, 245 (3d Cir. 2013)
- Will v. Michigan Department of State Police, 491 U.S. 58, 70-71 (1989)
- Christ the King Manor, Inc. v. Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 730 F.3d 291, 318 (3d Cir. 2013)
- Walker v. Beard, 244 F. App'x 439, 440-41 (3d Cir. 2007)
- Grabow v. Southern State Correctional Facility, 726 F. Supp. 537, 538-39 (D.N.J. 1989)
- Fisher v. Hollingsworth, 115 F.4th 197, 209-12 (3d Cir. 2024)
- Patyrak v. Apgar, 511 F. App'x 193, 195 (3d Cir. 2013)
- Wallace v. Kato, 549 U.S. 384, 389-90 (2007)
- Kach v. Hose, 589 F.3d 626, 634 (3d Cir. 2009)
- Rolax v. Whitman, 175 F. Supp. 2d 720, 726 (D.N.J. 2001)

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