

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PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district-court opinion; nonprecedential.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)

OPINION

REEVEY

PER CURIAM.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

TYREEK REEVEY,

Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 24-7728 (ZNQ) (RLS) v.

OPINION

MARIAN HUESAIN, et al., Defendants. QURAISHI, District Judge This matter comes before the Court on the Court's sua sponte screening of Plaintiff's complaint. (ECF No. 1.) 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. For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff's complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice as it is time barred.

I. BACKGROUND

In his complaint, which was filed in June 2024, Plaintiff seeks to raise claims against Marian Huesain, a youth worker who was employed at the New Jersey Training School for Boys in 2014. (ECF No. 1 at 4.) According to Plaintiff, while he was imprisoned in the school as a juvenile offender, he was sexually abused by Ms. Huesain multiple times between March 8 and June 8 of 2014. (Id. at 5-6.) Plaintiff now seeks damages from Huesain and the School, a state run facility, under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that the repeated sexual contact with Ms. Huesain violated his constitutional rights. (Id.)

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Because Plaintiff has been granted in forma pauperis status, this Court is required to screen his complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). Pursuant to the statute, this Court must sua sponte dismiss any claim that is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. Id. "The legal standard for dismissing a complaint for failure to state a claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) is the same as that for dismissing a complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)." *Schreane v. Seana*, 506 F. App'x 120, 122 (3d Cir. 2012) (citing *Allah v. Seiverling*, 229 F.3d 220, 223 (3d Cir. 2000)). In deciding a motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), a district court is required to accept as true all factual allegations in the complaint and draw all reasonable inferences from those allegations in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, see *Phillips v. Cnty. of Allegheny*, 515 F.3d 224, 228 (3d Cir. 2008), but need not accept as true legal conclusions couched as factual allegations. *Papasan v. Allain*, 478 U.S. 265, 286 (1986). A complaint need not contain "detailed factual allegations" to survive a motion to dismiss, but must contain "more than an unadorned, the- defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation." *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009). A complaint "that offers 'labels and conclusions' or 'a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not do,'" and a complaint will not "suffice" if it provides only "'naked assertion[s]' devoid of 'further factual enhancement.'" Id. (quoting *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 557 (2007)). "To survive a motion to

dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’ Id. (quoting *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 570). “A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” Id. (quoting *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 556). A complaint that provides facts “merely consistent with” the defendant’s liability “stops short of the line between possibility and plausibility” and will not survive review under Rule 12(b)(6). Id. (quoting *Twombly*, 555 U.S. at 557). While pro se pleadings are to be liberally construed in conducting such an analysis, pro se litigants must still “allege sufficient facts in their complaints to support a claim.” *Mala v. Crown Bay Marina, Inc.*, 704 F.3d 239, 245 (3d Cir. 2013).

III. DISCUSSION

In his complaint, Plaintiff seeks to raise federal civil rights claims against a New Jersey state youth correctional facility, the New Jersey Training School for Boys, and one of its employees, Marian Huesain, for alleged sexual assaults Huesain committed against him in 2014. Initially, the court notes that state correctional facilities, such as the training school, are arms of the state and are thus are not proper defendants in a civil rights matter and are in any event immune from suit in federal court pursuant to the Eleventh Amendment. See e.g., *Will v. Michigan Dep’t of State Pol.*, 491 U.S. 58, 70-71 (1989); *Christ the King Manor, Inc. v. Sec’y U.S. Dep’t of Health & Human Servs.*, 730 F.3d 291, 318 (3d Cir. 2013); *Walker v. Beard*, 244 F. App’x 439, 440-41 (3d Cir. 2007); *Grabow v. S. State Corr. Facility*, 726 F. Supp. 537, 538-39 (D.N.J. 1989). Plaintiff’s claims against the training school must therefore be dismissed with prejudice at this time. Turning to Plaintiff’s claims against Ms. Huesain, it is clear that Plaintiff’s claims are time barred. Federal civil rights claims filed in this Court are subject to New Jersey’s two-year statute of limitations for personal injury actions. *Fisher v. Hollingsworth*, 115 F.4th 197, 209 (3d Cir. 2024); see also *Patyrak v. Apgar*, 511 F. App’x 193, 195 (3d Cir. 2013). A plaintiff’s claims accrue, and this period begins to run, at the time the plaintiff became aware of his injury. See, e.g., *Wallace v. Kato*, 549 U.S. 384, 389-90 (2007); *Kach v. Hose*, 589 F.3d 626, 634 (3d Cir. 2009). Here, Plaintiff’s claims accrued when the alleged sexual assaults took place – between March and December 2014. 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. As this Court perceives no clear basis for the tolling of the limitations period from the face of the complaint,¹ Plaintiff’s complaint must be dismissed without prejudice as time barred. Because Plaintiff has yet to have an opportunity to address the time bar issue, however, he shall be granted leave to file an amended complaint within thirty days. Should Plaintiff choose to file an amended complaint, he should directly address why his amended complaint should not be dismissed with prejudice as time barred. ¹ The Court briefly notes that although New Jersey did briefly have a statutory provision that permitted the reviving of state law sexual assault tort claims if they were filed between December 2019 and 2021, that statute has since expired, and in any event does not apply to federal civil rights proceedings such as this one. See *Fisher*, 115 F.4th at

210-12. The Court further notes that, because Plaintiff was a juvenile at the time of the events, he may be entitled to tolling through the date of his eighteenth birthday. See, e.g., *Rolax v. Whitman*, 175 F. Supp. 2d 720, 726 (D.N.J. 2001) (N.J. law provides tolling for claims which accrue for minors until they reach eighteen years of age). Should Plaintiff seek the tolling of the limitations period on this basis in filing his amended complaint, he should clearly specify his age at the time of the assaults in 2014. Given the length of time involved and the factual matter of the complaint, however, it appears unlikely that this would provide a sufficient basis for tolling to render Petitioner's ten-year-old claims in this matter

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons expressed above, Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 1) shall be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE as time barred. Plaintiff shall be granted leave to file an amended complaint within thirty days. An order consistent with this Opinion will be entered. Date: December 11, 2025 s/ Zahid N. Quraishi

ZAHID N. QURAISHI

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE