

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Barra v. Boudreaux

Barra · No. 1:24-cv-0966 JLT BAM · Decided March 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted in full the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations concerning Anthony Lawrence Barra’s amended civil-rights complaint. The court dismissed the action for failure to state a claim after Plaintiff failed to file objections and had not cured previously identified pleading deficiencies. The clerk was directed to close the case.

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	March 31, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-0966 JLT BAM
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	A pretrial detainee brought a civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. After screening the amended complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, the magistrate judge recommended dismissal for failure to state a claim, and the district court reviewed and adopted the findings and recommendations.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- prisoners rights
- civil rights
- section 1983
- pleadings
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights litigation
- prisoner civil rights
- federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations dismissing the amended civil-rights complaint for failure to state a claim should be adopted after de novo review.
2. Whether further leave to amend was warranted after Plaintiff failed to cure the identified pleading deficiencies.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court adopted the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations in full after conducting de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).
2. The action was dismissed for failure to state a claim.
3. Further leave to amend was not warranted because Plaintiff failed to cure the pleading deficiencies after receiving the applicable legal standards.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The action is DISMISSED for failure to state a claim.” (at 2)

“The Findings and Recommendations dated February 27, 2025 (Doc. 10) are ADOPTED in full.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Anthony Lawrence Barra was a pretrial detainee housed at the Bob Wiley Detention Facility in Visalia, California. He alleged that the defendants violated his civil rights. Following screening of his amended complaint, the magistrate judge found that the allegations did not state a cognizable claim and that Plaintiff had failed to cure pleading deficiencies after being given the applicable legal standards.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging civil-rights violations while detained at the Bob Wiley Detention Facility. The magistrate judge screened the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a), determined that Plaintiff failed to state a cognizable claim, and concluded that further leave to amend was unwarranted because Plaintiff had not cured previously identified pleading deficiencies. After Plaintiff failed to object within the prescribed period, the district court conducted de novo review, adopted the findings and recommendations in full, dismissed the action, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Wilkerson v. Wheeler*, 772 F.3d 834, 838-39 (9th Cir. 2014)