

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 10-1481

David Meador,

Appellant,

v.

John T. Paulson and Lee Grossman,

Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
District of North Dakota.

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Submitted: July 6, 2010
Filed: July 16, 2010

Before LOKEN, BYE, and SHEPHERD, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

David Meador appeals the dismissal of his 42 U.S.C. § 1985 action against a state prosecutor and state court judge. We conclude that the district court¹ did not abuse its discretion in electing to abstain under Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), because at the time of the court's order, a state criminal proceeding against Meador was ongoing; the proceeding implicated the important state interest of enforcing its criminal laws; and Meador can (and did) raise his constitutional claim in that proceeding. See Yamaha Motor Corp., U.S.A. v. Stroud, 179 F.3d 598, 602 (8th Cir.

¹The HONORABLE RALPH R. ERICKSON, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota.

1999) (standard of review); Norwood v. Dickey, 409 F.3d 901, 903 (8th Cir. 2005) (factors warranting abstention). We reject Meador's arguments that an exception to Younger applied, or that the district court improperly applied a heightened standard of review to his pro se complaint. Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.
