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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

CHAD JAMES ROMINE,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

GEOFF DUPPMAN; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 17-17142

D.C. No. 2:16-cv-02012-TLN-EFB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of California
Troy L. Nunley, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted August 15, 2018**

Before: FARRIS, BYBEE, and N.R. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

Chad James Romine appeals pro se from the district court's judgment dismissing his action alleging federal and state law claims arising from a dispute regarding car repair services. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2). Romine's request for oral argument, set forth in his reply brief, is denied.

review de novo a dismissal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1). *Davidson v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, 889 F.3d 956, 963 (9th Cir. 2018). We may affirm on any ground supported by the record, *Thompson v. Paul*, 547 F.3d 1055, 1058-59 (9th Cir. 2008), and we affirm.

Dismissal of Romine’s federal claims was proper because Romine failed to allege facts sufficient to state any plausible claim for relief. *See Hebbe v. Pliler*, 627 F.3d 338, 341-42 (9th Cir. 2010) (although pro se pleadings are to be liberally construed, a plaintiff must present factual allegations sufficient to state a plausible claim for relief); *Sanford v. MemberWorks, Inc.*, 625 F.3d 550, 557 (9th Cir. 2010) (setting forth elements of a claim under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act); *Lindsey v. SLT L.A., LLC*, 447 F.3d 1138, 1144-45 (9th Cir. 2006) (setting forth elements of a claim under 42 U.S.C § 1981); *Sever v. Alaska Pulp Corp.*, 978 F.2d 1529, 1536 (9th Cir. 1992) (setting forth elements of a conspiracy claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3)); *Crumpton v. Gates*, 947 F.2d 1418, 1420 (9th Cir. 1991) (setting forth elements of a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983).

The district court did not abuse its discretion by denying leave to amend because amendment would be futile. *See Cervantes v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.*, 656 F.3d 1034, 1041 (9th Cir. 2011) (setting forth standard of review and

stating that “[a]lthough leave to amend should be given freely, a district court may dismiss without leave where a plaintiff’s proposed amendments would fail to cure the pleading deficiencies and amendment would be futile”).

We do not consider matters not specifically and distinctly raised and argued in the opening brief. *See Padgett v. Wright*, 587 F.3d 983, 985 n.2 (9th Cir. 2009).

AFFIRMED.