

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LURENZO LEE WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

No. C 15-3068 NC (PR)

v.

**ORDER OF SERVICE; DIRECTING
DEFENDANTS TO FILE
DISPOSITIVE MOTION OR NOTICE
REGARDING SUCH MOTION**

DR. G. KALISHER, et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Lurenzo Lee Williams, a California state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, filed an amended civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. For the reasons stated below, the court directs Defendants to file a dispositive motion or notice regarding such motion regarding Plaintiff's claim.

DISCUSSION

I. Standard of Review

A federal court must engage in a preliminary screening of any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review the court must identify any cognizable claims, and dismiss any claims which are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1),(2). *Pro se* pleadings must be liberally construed. *See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep't*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990).

1 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2) requires only “a short and plain statement of
2 the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” “Specific facts are not necessary; the
3 statement need only ‘give the defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds
4 upon which it rests.’” *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 93 (2007) (citations omitted).
5 Although in order to state a claim a complaint “does not need detailed factual allegations, . . .
6 a plaintiff’s obligation to provide the ‘grounds’ of his ‘entitle[ment] to relief’ requires more
7 than labels and conclusions, and a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action
8 will not do. . . . Factual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the
9 speculative level.” *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (citations
10 omitted). A complaint must proffer “enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible
11 on its face.” *Id.* at 570.

12 To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two elements: (1) that
13 a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was violated and (2) that the
14 violation was committed by a person acting under the color of state law. *West v. Atkins*, 487
15 U.S. 42, 48 (1988). Liability may be imposed on an individual defendant under § 1983 if the
16 plaintiff can show that the defendant proximately caused the deprivation of a federally
17 protected right. *Leer v. Murphy*, 844 F.2d 628, 634 (9th Cir. 1988).

18 **II. Legal Claim**

19 Liberally construed, Plaintiff has stated a cognizable claim that Defendants were
20 deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs by failing to prescribe appropriate pain
21 medication, and purposefully delaying and denying appropriate testing and treatment for his
22 chronic pain.

23 **CONCLUSION**

24 1. The Clerk of the Court shall mail a Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver
25 of Service of Summons, two copies of the Waiver of Service of Summons, a copy of the
26 amended complaint and all attachments thereto, a magistrate judge consent form, and a copy
27 of this order to **Dr. G. Kalisher and Dr. D. Bright at CTF, and Deputy Director J. Lewis**
28 **at California Correctional Health Care Services.** The Clerk of the court shall also mail a

1 courtesy copy of the complaint and a copy of this order to the California Attorney General's
2 Office. Additionally, the Clerk shall mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff.

3 2. Defendants are cautioned that Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
4 requires them to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and
5 complaint. Pursuant to Rule 4, if Defendants, after being notified of this action and asked by
6 the court, on behalf of Plaintiff, to waive service of the summons, fail to do so, they will be
7 required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for their failure to sign
8 and return the waiver form. If service is waived, this action will proceed as if Defendants
9 had been served on the date that the waiver is filed, and Defendants will not be required to
10 serve and file an answer before **sixty (60) days** from the date on which the request for waiver
11 was sent. Defendants are asked to read the statement set forth at the bottom of the waiver
12 form that more completely describes the duties of the parties with regard to waiver of service
13 of the summons. If service is waived after the date provided in the Notice but before
14 Defendants have been personally served, the Answer shall be due **sixty (60) days** from the
15 date on which the request for waiver was sent or **twenty (20) days** from the date the waiver
16 form is filed, whichever is later.

17 3. No later than **sixty (60) days** from the date the waivers are sent from the court,
18 Defendants shall file a motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion with
19 respect to the cognizable claims in the complaint. **At that time, Defendants shall also file**
20 **the magistrate judge consent form.**

21 Any motion for summary judgment shall be supported by adequate factual
22 documentation and shall conform in all respects to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil
23 Procedure. **Defendants are advised that summary judgment cannot be granted, nor**
24 **qualified immunity found, if material facts are in dispute. If Defendants are of the**
25 **opinion that this case cannot be resolved by summary judgment, they shall so inform**
26 **the court prior to the date the summary judgment motion is due.**

27 4. Plaintiff's opposition to the dispositive motion shall be filed with the court and
28 served on Defendants no later than **twenty-eight (28) days** from the date Defendants' motion

1 is filed. Plaintiff is advised to read Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and
2 *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317 (1986) (holding party opposing summary judgment
3 must come forward with evidence showing triable issues of material fact on every essential
4 element of his claim).

5 5. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than **fourteen (14) days** after
6 Plaintiff's opposition is filed.

7 6. The motion shall be deemed submitted as of the date the reply brief is due. No
8 hearing will be held on the motion unless the court so orders at a later date.

9 7. All communications by the Plaintiff with the court must be served on
10 Defendants or Defendants' counsel, by mailing a true copy of the document to Defendants or
11 Defendants' counsel.

12 8. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil
13 Procedure. No further court order is required before the parties may conduct discovery.

14 9. It is Plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the
15 court and all parties informed of any change of address and must comply with the court's
16 orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for
17 failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 DATED: March 10, 2016



22 NATHANAEL M. COUSINS

23 United States Magistrate Judge
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