

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3
4 George A. Toliver,
5 Plaintiff

2:16-cv-01807-JAD-NJK

Order Dismissing Case

6 v.

7 Nevada Department of Corrections, et al.,
8 Defendant

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10 Former state prisoner, George A. Toliver, filed a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. §
11 1983, and on August 4, 2017, I denied his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for prisoners
12 as moot because he was no longer incarcerated.¹ I ordered Toliver to file a fully complete
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners or pay the full filing fee of \$400.00 no
14 later than September 5, 2017.² The deadline has now expired, and he has not filed an application
15 to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners, paid the full filing fee, or otherwise responded to
16 my order.

17 District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of
18 that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case.³ A
19 court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action,
20 failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules.⁴

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22 ¹ ECF No. 21 at 2.

23 ² *Id.*

24 ³ *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986).

25 ⁴ *See Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53–54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with
26 local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260–61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to
27 comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439,
28 1440–41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se*
plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130
(9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779
F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with

1 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a
2 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1) the
3 public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its docket;
4 (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on
5 their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.⁵

6 I find that the first two factors weigh in favor of dismissal. The third factor also weighs
7 in favor of dismissal because a presumption of injury arises from an unreasonable delay in filing
8 a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action.⁶ The fourth factor is greatly outweighed
9 by the factors in favor of dismissal. Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey
10 the court's order will result in dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement.⁷
11 In my order requiring Toliver to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-
12 prisoners, I expressly warned him, "IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Plaintiff does not timely
13 comply with this order, dismissal of this action may result."⁸

14 It is therefore ordered that this action is dismissed with prejudice based on Toliver's
15 failure to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for non-prisoners or pay the full filing
16 fee in compliance with my August 4, 2017, order.

17 **The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly and CLOSE THIS**
18 **CASE.**

19 DATED: September 15, 2017.

20 
21 Jennifer A. Dorsey
United States District Judge

22 _____
23 local rules).

24 ⁵ *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423–24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*,
25 963 F.2d at 1260–61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

26 ⁶ See *Anderson v. Air West, Inc.*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976).

27 ⁷ *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132–33.

28 ⁸ ECF No. 21 at 2.