

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ARMANDO VASQUEZ REYES,

Case No. 2:24-cv-01355-JAD-MDC

Plaintiff

ORDER

V.

NDOC, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

Plaintiff has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP") in this action. (ECF Nos. 1, 8). On January 28, 2025, the Court issued a screening order permitting one claim to proceed, dismissing a second claim with leave to amend, and dismissing a third claim without prejudice and without leave to amend. (ECF No. 11). The Court also deferred ruling on Plaintiff's IFP application, and it granted him until February 28, 2025, to file an amended complaint if he chose to do so. (*Id.* at 11–12). The Court cautioned that if Plaintiff did not file an amended complaint by February 28, 2025, this action would proceed on only the Eighth Amendment safety-indifference claim against A. Alvarez. (*Id.*) That deadline expired without an amended complaint or other response by Plaintiff.

II. CONCLUSION

It is therefore ordered that, consistent with the Court's screening order (ECF No. 11), this action will proceed on only the Eighth Amendment safety-indifference claim against A. Alverez.

It is further ordered that given the nature of the claim that the Court has permitted to proceed, this action is stayed for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendant an opportunity to settle their dispute before the Court will determine whether to grant Plaintiff's IFP application, the \$350 filing fee is paid, an answer is filed, or the discovery process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until the Court lifts the stay, no other pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the parties will not engage in any discovery, nor are

1 the parties required to respond to any paper filed in violation of the stay unless specifically
2 ordered by the Court to do so. The Court will refer this case to the Court's Inmate Early
3 Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a subsequent order about that matter.
4 Regardless, on or before 90 days from the date this order is entered, the Office of the
5 Attorney General will file the report form attached to this order regarding the results of the
6 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is entered before the end of the 90-day
7 stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an order setting a
8 date for Defendants to file an answer or other response. Following the filing of an answer,
9 the Court will issue a scheduling order setting discovery and dispositive motion deadlines.

10 It is further ordered that "settlement" may or may not include payment of money
11 damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues
12 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied
13 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in
14 return.

15 It is further ordered that if the case does not settle, then the Court will determine
16 whether to grant Plaintiff's IFP application. Plaintiff will be required to pay the full \$350
17 statutory filing fee for a civil action regardless of whether the Court grants his IFP
18 application. This fee cannot be waived, and the fee cannot be refunded once the Court
19 enters an order granting Plaintiff's IFP application. If Plaintiff is allowed to proceed IFP,
20 the fee will be paid in installments from his prison trust account. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).
21 But if Plaintiff is not allowed to proceed IFP, the full \$350 statutory filing fee for a civil
22 action plus the \$55 administrative filing fee, for a total of \$405, will be due immediately.

23 It is further ordered that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from the
24 inmate mediation program, that party will file a "motion to exclude case from mediation"
25 no later than 21 days before the date set for mediation. The responding party will have 7
26 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue an order, set
27 the matter for hearing, or both.

28 It is further ordered that if Plaintiff needs an interpreter to participate in the

1 mediation program, Plaintiff will file a notice identifying the interpretation language and
2 the need for the interpreter within 30 days from the date of this order.

3 It is further ordered that the Attorney General's Office will advise the Court within
4 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of
5 appearance on behalf of Defendant for the purpose of settlement. No defenses or
6 objections, including lack of service, will be waived as a result of the filing of the limited
7 notice of appearance.

8 The Clerk of Court is directed to add the Nevada Department of Corrections to the
9 docket as an Interested Party and electronically provide a copy of this order and copies
10 of all items previously filed in this case by regenerating the Notices of Electronic Filing on
11 the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General
12 of the State of Nevada to the interested party on the docket. This does not indicate
13 acceptance of service.

14 DATED: March 12, 2025
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United States Magistrate Judge

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NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM. THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.

On _____, the Court issued its screening order under 28 U.S.C.

§ 1915A stating that certain claim(s) in this case would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report 90 days after the entry date of the Court's screening order indicating the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby complies.

REPORT FORM

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

— A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____, and as of today, the parties have reached a settlement (even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____, and as of today, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

— No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they

will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

- No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____.
- No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for such a session.
- None of the above five statements describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case: The case was NOT assigned to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

- The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (even if the paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)
- The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.
- The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.
- None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

Attorney Name:

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Signature

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