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Civil Action No. 2: 20-cy-0427

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Tripati v. Wexford Health Servs.

Decided Apr 8, 2020

ANANT KUMAR TRIPATI, Plaintiff, v. WEXFORD HEALTH SERVICES, INC., et al Defendants.

Cynthia Reed Eddy Chief United States Magistrate Judge

\*2 28 U.S.C.§1915(g). Plaintiff, Anant Kumar Tripati, is a very litigious state prisoner currently confined in the Arizona State Prison Complex, East Unit, in Florence, Arizona. At least three of his prior actions or appeals qualify as strikes under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g):

Therefore, Plaintiff may not bring a civil action without complete prepayment of the \$350.00 filing fee and \$50.00 administrative fee unless he is in imminent danger of serious physical injury. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

William S. Stickman, IV United States District Judge REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

### I. Recommendation

For the following reasons, it is respectfully recommended that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 1) be denied in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and that this action be dismissed without prejudice to Plaintiff reopening it by paying the full statutory filing fee in the amount of \$350.00, plus an administrative filing fee in the amount of \$50.00, for a total of \$400.00.

## II. Report

a. Dismissal Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g)

A prisoner may not bring a civil action or appeal a civil judgment in forma pauperis ("IFP") if: the prisoner has, on 3 or more occasions,

while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

(1) Tripati v. Schriro, No. CV 97-0021-PHX-ROS (D. Ariz. May 22, 1997) (dismissed for failure to state a claim); (2) Tripati v. Felix, No. CV 05-0762-PHX-DGC (D. Ariz. Oct. 14, 2005) (same); and (3) Tripati v. Thompson, No. CV 03-1122-PHX-DGC (D. Ariz. Dec. 28, 2005) (same).3

Abdul-Akbar, 239 F.3d at 315 (internal citation omitted). Imminent danger requires a showing of serious physical injury at the time the complaint is filed. Id. at 312. The imminent danger exception is available only for genuine emergencies where time is pressing and a threat is real and proximate. Long v. Lanigan, et al., CA No. 10-0798, 2010 WL 703181, \*2 (D.N.J., Feb. 23, 2010).

1 An attachment to the Complaint reflects that on November 30, 1993, Plaintiff was convicted in Maricopa County, Arizona, and sentenced to 28 years of imprisonment for fraudulent schemes, 20 years for attempted fraudulent schemes, and 4-1/2 years for false swearing, resulting in an aggregate prison sentence of 52-1/2 years without the possibility of parole. Complaint, Exh. 1 (ECF No. 1-4 at 5).

3 In Tripati v. Schriro, 541 U.S. 1039 (2004), the Supreme Court ordered, "As petitioner has repeatedly abused this Court's process, the Clerk is directed not to accept any further petitions in noncriminal matter from petitioner unless the docketing fee required by Rule 38(a) is paid and petition submitted in compliance with Rule 33.1." Id. at 1039.

Additionally, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a prefiling Order on October 14, 1993, which remains in effect. In re Tripati, No. 93-80317 (9th Cir. Oct. 14, 1993).

b. Imminent Danger

To satisfy the imminent danger element, Plaintiff must allege facts in his complaint showing that he was in imminent danger at the time the complaint was filed; allegations that the prisoner has faced imminent danger in the past are insufficient to trigger the exception to section \*3 1915(g). See Abdul-Akbar v. McKelvie, 239 F.3d 307 (3d Cir. 2001) (overruling Gibbs v. Roman, 116 F.3d 83, 86 (3d Cir. 1997)). In making this determination, the court should construe all allegations in a complaint in favor of the plaintiff. Gibbs v. Cross, 160 F.3d 962,965 (3d Cir. 1998); Gibbs v. Roman, 116 F.3d at 86. The Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has instructed that:

"[i]mminent" dangers are those dangers which are about to occur at any moment or are impending. By using the term "imminent," Congress indicated that it wanted to include a safety valve for the "three strikes" rule to prevent impending harms, not those harms that had already occurred. The imminent danger exception allows the district court to permit an otherwise barred prisoner to file a complaint I.F.P. if the prisoner could be subject to serious physical injury and does not then have the requisite filing fee.

#### c. Discussion

On March 27, 2020, Plaintiff initiated this case by the filing of a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and attached to the motion a thirty-two page handwritten pro se civil rights complaint. (ECF No. 1). In his complaint, Plaintiff names approximately 42 defendants including, inter alia, various former and current prison healthcare contractors (including Wexford Health Sources, Inc.; Corizon, Inc.; Centurion of Arizona) and what appears to be current or former employees of those healthcare contractors; six law firms (Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson PC; Jones Skelton Hochuli PLC; Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA; Renaud Cook Drury Mesaros PA; Struck Wieneke & Love, PLC; and Weber Gallagher Simpson \*4 Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP) and multiple attorneys within each of those firms, as well as a number of attorneys with the Arizona Office of Attorney General; and various Arizona Department of Corrections ("ADOC") policymakers.

Complaint, at  $\P$  14. Plaintiff further contends that this "misconduct . . occurred in and out of courtrooms in Pitts, Tenn., Ill., Fl., Az., Mo." Id. at  $\P$  20. Similar allegations are made in the complaint against each of the named law firms and the Arizona Attorney General's office. Complaint, at  $\P$  8 (emphasis in original). Additionally, Plaintiff contends that, Id. at  $\P$  46, 47.

Plaintiff alleges four counts in his verified complaint: Count 1 violations of the Eighth Amendment; Count II -fraudulent concealment, fraud, deceit; Count III - violations of Customary International Law; and Count VI -conspiracy. He asserts that venue is proper in this district because "events have been directed from this district." Complaint at ¶ 6. Distilled to its essence, the complaint alleges that the various healthcare providers, and their attorneys and ADOC policymakers, have engaged in a vast conspiracy "in advance of litigation . . . [and] have deployed their prefabricated defense against me and other pro per (sic) prisoner plaintiffs. They used the Permissible Procedural Devices in bad faith . . . They [] rigged the game from the very beginning. Seeking truthful, accurate, nontainted evidence has never been their objective. mischaracterizing but creating alternative facts." Complaint at ¶¶ 9 and 9A. For example, Plaintiff alleges that "Wexford, Zwick, Forman, Weber Gallagher":

4 Plaintiff contends that he is "an alien within the meaning of [the Alien Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 1350] and the conduct [of Defendants] violates Customary International Law as well as Articles I, II, III, X, XI, XXVI, [illegible] of the American Declaration and the Law of Nations." Complaint, at ¶53. ----- assembled template and stock pleadings discovery and motions documents for use by local counsel in proper prisoner litigation, that contained false or misleading information about the practices of Wexford. Specifically, concealed all emails, reports and complaints about the practices of Wexford. . .They concealed these to frustrate prisoner litigation. Then they submitted false sworn and unsworn representations including false affidavits, false and incorrect expert reports and discovery

response verifications by Wexford employees, offices, consultants, and experts.

As to his Eighth Amendment claim, Plaintiff asserts that he has, high blood pressure, shakes, tremors, chronic pain, constipation, prostate issues, allergies. I am suppose to have a nephroblast done to my kidneys to see if there is blockage. If there is no blockage found, then something else shall have to be done. Centurion is procrastinating and not sending me to be treated. They are going through the motions to treat me, but their delays show nothing they are doing helps. They have continued with the practice that Wexford began, Corizon continued, and Centurion, like Wexford and Corizon, have refused to prescribe the course of treatment that did manage my condition. As a result of my being denied treatment for my blood pressure, pain, prostrate and other issues, I have been told that I have to have a nephroplast to see if my kidney is blocked and this may cause me serious injury. Had Wexford, Corizon, Centurion continued with the treatment that I received in March 2012 - . . . - continued with the diet - I would not have been in imminent danger. I am 66 years of age and it is very likely that my injury shall be permanent.

Applying the above legal principles, and taking the complaint as a whole, the Court finds that Plaintiff's allegations are insufficient to satisfy the imminent danger requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). While he alleges that he is being denied medical care, identical allegations are currently at issue in a pending case filed by Plaintiff in the United States District Court for District of Arizona. In that case, Plaintiff is alleging that he is receiving inadequate healthcare for high blood pressure, unbearable pain, a lung condition, shakes, tremors, and 6 the denial of a proper medical diet. See Tripati v. Corizon, Inc., 4:18-cv-00066 (D. Ariz.). \*6

The remaining allegations of the complaint in which he alleges fraudulent concealment, fraud, deceit, violations of customary international law, and conspiracy, do not show that Plaintiff is in imminent danger of serious physical injury.

III. Conclusion

Based on the discussion above, it is respectfully recommended that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 1) be denied in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and that this action be dismissed without prejudice to Plaintiff reopening it by paying the full statutory and administrative filing fees, totaling \$400.00.

Plaintiff is permitted to file Objections to this Report and Recommendation to the assigned United States District Judge. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(d) and 72(b)(2), and LCvR 72.D.2, Plaintiff, because he is a non-electronically registered party, may file objections to this Report and Recommendation by April 27, 2020. Plaintiff is cautioned that failure to file Objections within this timeframe "will waive the right to appeal." Brightwell v. Lehman, 637 F.3d 187, 193 n. 7 (3d Cir. 2011).

Dated: April 8, 2020

/s Cynthia Reed Eddy Cynthia Reed Eddy Chief United States Magistrate Judge

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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

### No. 22-1861

Tripati v. Wexford Health Sources Inc.

To: Clerk

- 1) Suggestion of Bankruptcy received from Appellee Corizon Inc.
- 2) Motion by Appellant titled FRAP 41(d)(1) Application and Request for Other Relief

In light of the suggestion of bankruptcy filed by Appellee Corizon Inc., indicating the defendant in the lower court filed a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, no action will be taken on Appellant's motion. See 11 U.S.C. § 362 (actions against the debtor may not proceed during the pendency of the bankruptcy).

For the Court,

s/ Patricia S. Dodszuweit Clerk

Dated: March 13, 2023

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12/28/2022 <u>68</u> 2 pg, 172.9	ECF FILER: BILL OF COSTS filed on behalf of Appellee Kelly Joan Morrissey. Certificate of Service dated 12/28/2022. Service made by US mail, ECF. [22-1861] (KLN) [Entered: 12/28/2022 02:12 PM]
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03/13/2023 <u>80</u> 1 pg, 64.82 KB	ORDER (Clerk) in light of the suggestion of bankruptcy filed by Appellee Corizon Inc., indicating the defendant in the lower court filed a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, no action will be taken on Appellant's motion titled FRAP 41(d)(1) application and request for other relief. See 11 U.S.C. Section: 362 (actions against the debtor may not proceed during the pendency of the bankruptcy). (CJG) [Entered: 03/13/2023 02:02 PM]
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ANANT KUMAR TRIPATI,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

CORIZON INCORPORATED; DIMITRIC CATSAROS, Dr.; JOSEPH MOYSE, Dr.,

Defendants-Appellees,

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Intervenor-Defendant-Appellee.

No. 16-15598

D.C. No. 4:13-cv-00615-DCB

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona David C. Bury, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted February 15, 2018
Pasadena, California

Before: THOMAS, Chief Judge, and REINHARDT and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

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

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## RESCISSION

## A. Defendants Know Rescission Was Always Possible

After concluding the Stipulation represented an appropriate resolution, the Court closed this case "subject to the Court maintaining jurisdiction to supervise the enforcement of the settlement as provided in the parties' Stipulation." (Doc. 1458). On November 15, 2018, the Court warned Defendants their "actions raise the distinct miserable possibility that the Stipulation will have to be set aside and the parties instructed to litigate again." (Doc. 3057 at 9). Defendants acknowledged as much when arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in September 2019. At oral argument, defense counsel told the Ninth Circuit this Court lacked contempt authority under the Stipulation and argued, instead, that the Court could vacate the settlement and set the case for trial. Defense counsel made this clear in response to Judge Callahan questioning Defendants' position that the Court lacked the authority to enforce the stipulation through its contempt powers.

Judge Callaham: So the stipulation then just basically means nothing? I mean it's just this is what we agree to and if it doesn't work out then that's it. The court can't do anything?

Defendants' Counsel: No. The court definitely has enforcement ability. First of all, if the court concludes that the parties aren't dealing with the . . . complying with the stipulation, it can vacate the stipulation and we can go back and litigate the case.

Defendants later attempted to graft a post-hoc rationalization for their oral argument statement, saying they meant only that "state law contractual remedies . . . are available to

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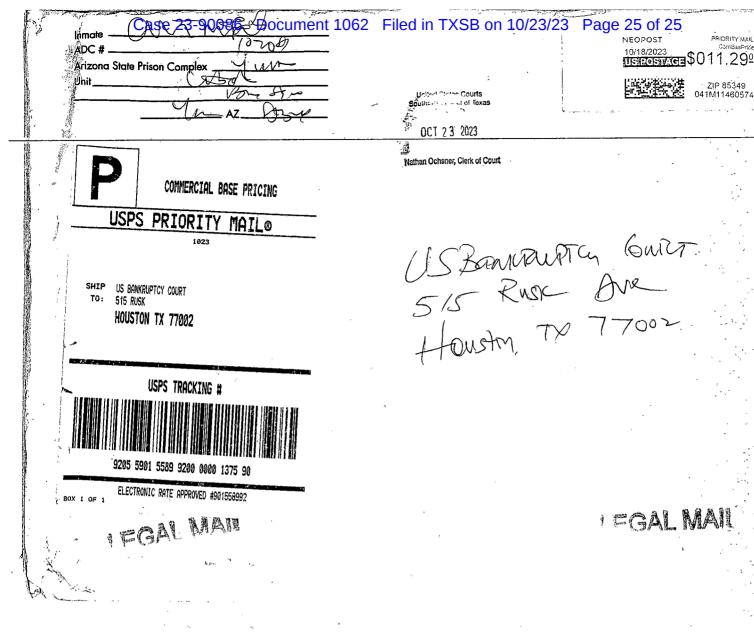
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enforce noncompliance, including initiating an action in state court for breach of contract." (Doc. 3411 at 1). But that is far from what they said. Rather, Defendants represented that if the Court "concludes that the parties aren't . . . complying with the stipulation, it can vacate the stipulation" and resume litigation. Defendants were very aware their failures could result in the resumption of litigation.

Further, as Defendants were told in October 2019, after reviewing Dr. Stern's expert report, the Court identified rescission of the Stipulation as one of the three remaining options. The other two—renewed settlement negotiations and further contempt sanctions—have now since been repeatedly attempted but proven unsuccessful in provoking compliance. And the Court recognized in February 2020 that the "record supports a finding of rescission," but elected to give Defendants "one more, but final, attempt at coercive sanctions." (Doc. 3495 at 1). As detailed above, that attempt obviously failed again to bring about compliance.

### B. Legal Basis for Undoing Settlement

In 1994, the Supreme Court addressed federal courts' power to enforce settlement agreements. Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, 511 U.S. 375 (1994). In distinguishing between a district court enforcing a settlement agreement and reopening a dismissed action because of a parties' repudiation of a settlement agreement, the Supreme Court recognized that "some Courts of Appeals have held the latter can be obtained under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(6)." Id. at 377 (internal footnote omitted). The Supreme Court cited the Ninth Circuit as one such circuit. Id. at 378 (citing Keeling v. Sheet Metal Workers Int'l Assn., 937 F.2d 408, 410 (9th Cir. 1991)). The Ninth Circuit is not alone as the First, Fourth, and Sixth Circuits have also so held. See, e.g., Delay v. Gordon, 475 F.3d 1039, 1044-45 & n.11 (9th Cir. 2006); United States v. Baus, 834 F.2d 1114, 1124 (1st Cir. 1987); Fairfax Countywide Citizens Assn. v. Fairfax County, 571 F.2d 1299, 1302-1303 (4th Cir. 1978); Hinsdale v. Farmers Natl. Bank & Trust Co., 823 F.2d 993, 996 (6th Cir. 1987); Aro Corp. v. Allied Witan Co., 531 F.2d 1368, 1371 (6th Cir. 1975). Thus, it is well-established that a party's behavior after entering into a settlement



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