

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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Fifth Circuit

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October 17, 2024

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

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No. 24-10492  
Summary Calendar

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STEVE VAN HORNE,

*Plaintiff—Appellant,*

*versus*

HARRIETT L. HAAG, *Judge, Taylor County Court at Law #2*; BRANDI  
DEREMER; BRANDY MALDONADO; TAYLOR COUNTY COURT AT  
LAW NO. 2,

*Defendants—Appellees.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 1:23-CV-240

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Before HO, WILSON, and RAMIREZ, *Circuit Judges.*

J U D G M E N T

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and the briefs on  
file.

IT IS ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the appeal is  
DISMISSED as frivolous.

Because Van Horne has failed to meaningfully challenge any factual or legal aspect of the district court's reasons for the dismissal of his complaint, he has abandoned the critical issue of his appeal. *See id.* The appeal therefore lacks arguable merit. *See Howard v. King*, 707 F.2d 215, 220 (5th Cir. 1983). The motion for leave to proceed IFP is DENIED, and the appeal is DISMISSED as frivolous. *See Baugh*, 117 F.3d at 202 n.24; 5th Cir. R. 42.2. Van Horne is WARNED that filing further frivolous appeals may subject him to sanctions, including monetary sanctions and restrictions on access to federal courts. *See Fed. R. App. P. 38; Clark v. Green*, 814 F.2d 221, 223 (5th Cir. 1987).

The judgment or mandate of this court shall issue 7 days after the time to file a petition for rehearing expires, or 7 days after entry of an order denying a timely petition for panel rehearing, petition for rehearing en banc, or motion for stay of mandate, whichever is later. *See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b)*. The court may shorten or extend the time by order. *See 5th Cir. R. 41 I.O.P.*