

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of Florida (Miami)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:25-cv-23549-CMA**

Arroyo v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services et al  
Assigned to: Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres  
Case in other court: US District Court FLSD, 1:25-CV-23177  
Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights (Employment Discrimination)

Date Filed: 08/07/2025  
Date Terminated: 09/22/2025  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 442 Civil Rights: Jobs  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**Isaac Arroyo**

represented by **Isaac Arroyo**  
3478 Quantum Lakes Villa  
Boynton Beach, FL 33426  
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**Defendant**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
Services**

**Defendant**

**Elizabeth Miller**  
*in her individual and official capacity as  
the former Field Office Director of the  
Long Island Field Office*

**Defendant**

**Timothy Houghton**  
*In his Individual capacity as the former  
District Director of the New York Field  
Office*

**Defendant**

**Lori Pietropaoli**  
*in her official capacity as the former  
Associate Director*

**Defendant**

**Cora Mantell**  
*in her individual and official capacity as  
the former Acting Field Office Director of  
the Long Island Field Office*

**Defendant**

**Douglas Levy**

*in his individual and official capacity as  
the OSI Investigator of the New York Field  
Office*

**Defendant**

**Brent Rinehart**

*in his individual and official capacity as  
the Miami Field Office District Director*

**Defendant**

**Eileen Lopez-Tome**

*in her individual and official capacity as  
the Assistant District Director*

**Defendant**

**Sherri Merlano**

*in her individual and official capacity as  
the union representative AFGE Local 3928*

**Defendant**

**Michael Henderson**

*in his individual and official capacity as  
the USCIS employee*

**Defendant**

**Denise Prado**

*in her individual capacity*

**Defendant**

**Mariel Canela Rodriguez**

*in her individual capacity*

**Defendant**

**Ana Canela**

*in her individual capacity*

**Defendant**

**American Federation of Government  
Employees**

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/25/2025	<a href="#">33</a>	ORDER granting <a href="#">32</a> Motion for Referral to Volunteer Attorney Program. Signed by Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga on 9/25/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (ps1) (Entered: 09/25/2025)
09/25/2025	<a href="#">32</a>	MOTION for Referral to Volunteer Attorney Program by Isaac Arroyo. (ksr) (Entered: 09/25/2025)

09/23/2025	31	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <a href="#">30</a> Motion for Clarification. The case is administratively closed because Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee or been permitted to proceed in forma pauperis. The Clerk of Court accepts filings, such as the required amended complaint, even if a case is administratively closed. There is no impossibility or contradiction created by the Court's Order of September 22, 2025. Signed by Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga (CMA) (Entered: 09/23/2025)
09/23/2025	<a href="#">30</a>	Emergency MOTION for Clarification of Contradictory Orders by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 10/7/2025. (ls) (Entered: 09/23/2025)
09/22/2025	<a href="#">29</a>	Order granting in part <a href="#">28</a> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Amended Complaint filed by Isaac Arroyo. Plaintiff has until October 30, 2025 to file an amended complaint, and either pay the filing fee or submit a sufficient motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Administrative Order Closing Case. Signed by Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga on 9/22/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (ps1) (Entered: 09/22/2025)
09/22/2025	<a href="#">28</a>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Amended Complaint by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 10/6/2025. (ls) (Entered: 09/22/2025)
09/17/2025	<a href="#">27</a>	ORDER SETTING ASIDE <a href="#">5</a> Order on Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis; denying <a href="#">3</a> MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis filed by Isaac Arroyo. The <a href="#">14</a> Amended Complaint filed by Isaac Arroyo is DISMISSED. If Plaintiff wishes to proceed, he must file a sufficient application and a complaint that cures the deficiencies described in this Order by September 24, 2025. Alternatively, Plaintiff shall pay the filing fee along with an amended complaint that cures the described deficiencies by September 24, 2025. Signed by Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga on 9/17/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (ps1) (Entered: 09/17/2025)
09/15/2025	26	Judge Assignment to Chief Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga and Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres Per DE 23 . (cqs) (Entered: 09/16/2025)
09/15/2025	25	PAPERLESS ORDER denying <a href="#">4</a> Motion for Preliminary Injunction without prejudice. The motion is procedurally defective. First, no showing was made on the face of the motion why it was not served on the Defendants in the case, nor why any ex parte remedies were warranted. Now that an amended complaint has been granted and filed, Plaintiff shall cause any re-filed motion to be served on the named Defendants in order to for proper briefing to be made on such a motion. Second, the motion does not on its face set forth good cause why the motion for injunctive relief is not untimely. It is well established that a showing of irreparable harm is not possible if undue delay has taken place between the alleged injury and the filing of an action. On the face of this motion, Plaintiff claims that he was wrongly terminated as Defendants' employee in 2023, but this action was not filed until 2025. Thus, without a showing of good cause that is not present in this motion, the Court cannot grant any relief it appears that the motion is per se untimely. <i>See, e.g., Pals Grp., Inc. v. Quiskeya Trading Corp.</i> , No. 16-23905-CIV, 2017 WL 532299, at *6 (S.D. Fla. Feb. 9, 2017) (denying preliminary injunction where one-year delay in filing action undermined showing of irreparable harm in trade secret and unfair competition action) ("Other courts (both in and outside the Eleventh Circuit) have held that unexplained delays of a few months negate any claim of irreparable harm on a preliminary injunction motion.").

		<p>The motion is thus Denied as procedurally defective but without prejudice to Plaintiff curing the defects identified in this Order and refileing the motion (and serving the motion on Defendants).</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/15/2025. (EGT) (Entered: 09/15/2025)</p>
09/15/2025	24	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying <a href="#">8</a> Motion for Protective Order. The motion is Denied without prejudice. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants or their agents have been tampering with Plaintiff's case, the docket, and seeking to intimidate him. The motion and supporting record, however, do not allow for adjudication of any such claims at this time. Without engaging in discovery in the case, in the event that the case proceeds and Plaintiff complies with the Court's in forma pauperis Order, no record supports Plaintiff's claims at this time. The motion may be renewed, however, once Plaintiff obtains any supporting information through discovery in the action. Moreover, in doing so Plaintiff must comply with the Court's Local Rules, in particular Rule 7.1 that requires pre-filing conferral with all interested parties. No such conferral was undertaken here based on the face of the motion. The motion is thus Denied without prejudice.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/15/2025. (EGT) (Entered: 09/15/2025)</p>
09/15/2025	23	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER granting <a href="#">22</a> Motion to Reassign Case. Upon the filing of Plaintiff's request for reassignment, and pursuant to Admin. Order 2025-11, the Clerk is DIRECTED to reassign the Presiding Judge in the action to a randomly selected District Judge. The Clerk shall re-designate the undersigned Judge as Referral Judge for all Pretrial matters.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/15/2025. (EGT) (Entered: 09/15/2025)</p>
09/15/2025	<a href="#">22</a>	<p>Emergency MOTION to Change Magistrate Judge by Isaac Arroyo. (ksr) (Entered: 09/15/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	<a href="#">21</a>	<p>ORDER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO PRO SE LITIGANT and ORDER ON CONSENT JURISDICTION.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (EGT) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	20	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying as moot <a href="#">11</a> Emergency Motion for Immediate Issuance of Summons, in light of Order denying [D.E. 9], which sought the same relief. See [D.E. 18].</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. (kgb) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>

09/02/2025	19	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying as moot <a href="#">10</a> Emergency Motion for Immediate Issuance of Summons, in light of Order denying [D.E. 9], which sought the same relief. See [D.E. 18].</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. (kgb) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	18	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying <a href="#">9</a> Emergency Order for Immediate Issuance of Summons. On August 14, 2025, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. [D.E. 5]. We Ordered therein that Plaintiff file the appropriate Summonses on the docket so that the U.S. Marshal could then serve the named Defendants. <i>Id.</i> at 1. Plaintiff has yet to do so. Thus, there is no basis for the relief Plaintiff seeks.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. (kgb) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	17	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying <a href="#">15</a> Motion for Attorney Fees. Plaintiff's motion is premature. No decision on the merits has been issued in this case, nor any relief for which Plaintiff would merit attorneys' fees.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. (kgb) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	16	<p>PAPERLESS ORDER denying <a href="#">7</a> Emergency Motion to Restore Original Damages Claim. There is no legal basis for the relief Plaintiff requests as to "restor[ing]" his allegedly missing damages claim or "investigat[ing] tampering with court records." [D.E. 7 at 1]. And, in any event, Plaintiff's damages claim is quite clearly in the as-filed Complaint. <i>See</i> [D.E. 1 at 15].</p> <p>Further, an emergency is defined as, "an unexpected and dangerous situation that calls for immediate action." <i>Emergency</i>, Merriam-Webster Dictionary. This motion is not an emergency. Plaintiff has repeatedly filed "emergency" motions on this Court's docket. We caution Plaintiff that continuing to seek emergency relief for faux emergencies is a sanctionable offense.</p> <p>Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 9/2/2025. (kgb) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	<a href="#">15</a>	<p>MOTION for Attorney Fees Under 42 U.S.C. 1988 by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 9/16/2025. (pcs) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	<a href="#">14</a>	<p>FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, American Federation of Government Employees filed in response to Order Granting Motion for Leave, filed by Isaac Arroyo.(pcs) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>
09/02/2025	<a href="#">13</a>	<p>NOTICE of Change of Address/Contact Information by Isaac Arroyo (Address Updated). (pcs) (Entered: 09/02/2025)</p>

08/27/2025	<a href="#"><u>12</u></a>	ORDER granting <a href="#"><u>6</u></a> Motion For Leave to Amend Complaint. <i>Clerks Notice: Filer must separately re-file the amended pleading pursuant to Local Rule 15.1, unless otherwise ordered by the Judge.</i>  Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 8/27/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (kgb) (Entered: 08/27/2025)
08/25/2025	<a href="#"><u>11</u></a>	EMERGENCY MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS, CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, AND CORRECTION OF PREMATURE RESPONSE DEADLINES by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 9/8/2025. (ksr) (Entered: 08/25/2025)
08/25/2025	<a href="#"><u>10</u></a>	EMERGENCY MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS, CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, AND CORRECTION OF PREMATURE RESPONSE DEADLINES by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 9/8/2025. (ksr) (Entered: 08/25/2025)
08/21/2025	<a href="#"><u>9</u></a>	EMERGENCY MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS, CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, AND CORRECTION OF PREMATURE RESPONSE DEADLINES by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 9/4/2025. (ksr) (Entered: 08/21/2025)
08/19/2025	<a href="#"><u>8</u></a>	EMERGENCY MOTION for Protective Order and Investigation by Isaac Arroyo. (cqs) (Entered: 08/19/2025)
08/19/2025	<a href="#"><u>7</u></a>	EMERGENCY MOTION to Restore Original Damages Claim by Isaac Arroyo. (cqs) (Entered: 08/19/2025)
08/18/2025	<a href="#"><u>6</u></a>	MOTION to Amend Complaint to Add Defendant American Federation of Government Employees by Isaac Arroyo. Responses due by 9/2/2025. (ksr) (Entered: 08/18/2025)
08/14/2025	<a href="#"><u>5</u></a>	ORDER granting <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis. <b>USM Service Ordered and Summonses not yet provided for USM Service.</b>  Signed by Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres on 8/14/2025. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (kgb) (Entered: 08/14/2025)
08/13/2025	<a href="#"><u>4</u></a>	Emergency MOTION for Preliminary Injunction- Reinstatement to Paid Administrative Leave by Isaac Arroyo. (ksr) (Entered: 08/13/2025)
08/07/2025	<a href="#"><u>3</u></a>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by Isaac Arroyo. (cwc) (Entered: 08/07/2025)
08/07/2025	2	Judge Assignment to Ch. Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres. (cwc) (Entered: 08/07/2025)
08/07/2025	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	Complaint pursuant to 42 USC 1983 against Ana Canela, Michael Henderson, Timothy Houghton, Douglas Levy, Eileen Lopez-Tome, Cora Mantell, Sherri Merlano, Elizabeth Miller, Lori Pietropaoli, Denise Prado, Brent Rinehart, Mariel Canela Rodriguez, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Filing fee \$ 405.00. IFP Filed, filed by Isaac Arroyo. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Civil Cover Sheet)(cwc) (Entered: 08/07/2025)