

**U.S. District Court
Southern District of Florida (Miami)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:26-cv-24481-MFE**

Pierre-Louis et al v. United States Of America
Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein
Cause: 28:2671 Federal Tort Claims Act

Date Filed: 06/29/2026
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 360 P.I.: Other
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Plaintiff

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V.

Defendant

United States Of America

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/10/2026	11	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Mecel Pierre-Louis, Guillen Pierre-Louis. United States Of America served on 7/7/2026, response/answer due 9/8/2026. (ls) (Entered: 07/10/2026)
07/07/2026	10	PAPERLESS ORDER Granting Motion for Referral to Volunteer Attorney Program. THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon Plaintiff Guillen Pierre-Louis's Motion for Referral to Volunteer Attorney Program. <i>See</i> ECF No. 5 . In the Motion, Plaintiff requests referral to the Court's Volunteer Attorney Program because he is unable to afford counsel. "A civil litigant... has no absolute constitutional right to the appointment of counsel." <i>Dean v. Barber</i> , 951 F.2d 1210, 1216 (11th Cir. 1992) (quoting <i>Poole v. Lambert</i> , 819 F.2d 1025, 1028 (11th Cir. 1987)). "The appointment of counsel is instead a privilege that is justified only by exceptional circumstances, such as where the facts and legal issues are so novel or complex as to require the assistance of a trained practitioner." <i>Id.</i> The decision whether to appoint counsel in a civil case rests within the Court's discretion. <i>See id.</i> This action arises under the

		Federal Tort Claims Act and concerns the administration of a federally funded disaster recovery program, which can involve complexities in understanding the applicable law. As a result, the Court concludes that referral to the Court's Volunteer Attorney Program is appropriate in this case. The Clerk of Court shall obtain a description of the case and Plaintiff's contact information to post on the Court's website of available pro bono cases seeking volunteer attorneys. If representation is accepted, the volunteer attorney shall enter an appearance in the case and thereafter will be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable litigation expenses pursuant to the Court's Reimbursement Guidelines for Volunteer Counsel. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion, ECF No. 5 , is GRANTED . Signed by Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein on 7/7/2026. (MFE) (Entered: 07/07/2026)
07/06/2026	9	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Mecel Pierre-Louis, Guillen Pierre-Louis. (ls) (Entered: 07/07/2026)
07/06/2026	8	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Mecel Pierre-Louis, Guillen Pierre-Louis. United States Of America served on 7/6/2026, response/answer due 9/4/2026. (ls) (Entered: 07/06/2026)
06/30/2026	7	ORDER Explaining Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction and Providing Instructions to Pro Se Litigant. Signed by Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein on 6/30/2026. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (ls) (Entered: 07/01/2026)
06/29/2026	6	Consent by Pro Se Litigant (Non-Prisoner) Guillen Pierre-Louis to receive Notices of Electronic Filing at email address: guillouis@aol.com (ls) (Entered: 06/29/2026)
06/29/2026	5	MOTION for Referral to Volunteer Attorney Program by Guillen Pierre-Louis. Responses due by 7/13/2026. (ls) (Entered: 06/29/2026)
06/29/2026	4	Summons Issued as to United States Of America, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (ls) (Entered: 06/29/2026)
06/29/2026	3	Clerks Notice of Receipt of Filing Fee received on 6/29/2026 in the amount of \$ 405.00, receipt number FLS319370. (vt) (Entered: 06/29/2026)
06/29/2026	2	Judge Assignment to Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein. (caw) (Entered: 06/29/2026)
06/29/2026	1	COMPLAINT against United States Of America. Filing fees \$ 405.00 due, filed by Mecel Pierre-Louis, Guillen Pierre-Louis. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summon(s))(caw) (Entered: 06/29/2026)