

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**JS-6**

**CIVIL MINUTES -- GENERAL**

Case No. **CV 19-9629-JFW(PJWx)**

Date: January 7, 2020

Title: Peter Benedith -v- Cuyahoga County of Ohio, et al.

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**PRESENT:**

**HONORABLE JOHN F. WALTER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**Shannon Reilly  
Courtroom Deputy**

**None Present  
Court Reporter**

**ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFFS:**

None

**ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:**

None

**PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS):**

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT CASE WESTERN  
RESERVE UNIVERSITY'S MOTION TO DISMISS  
PURSUANT TO RULES 12(b)(6) AND 12(b)(2) [filed  
12/5/19; Docket No. 13]; and**

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT METROHEALTH  
MEDICAL CENTER'S MOTION TO DISMISS [filed  
12/10/19; Docket No. 19]**

On December 5, 2019, Defendant Case Western Reserve University ("Case Western") filed a Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(6) and 12(b)(2) ("Motion to Dismiss"). Plaintiff Peter Benedith ("Plaintiff") did not file an Opposition. On December 30, 2019, Case Western filed a Reply. On December 10, 2019, Defendant The MetroHealth System, d/b/a MetroHealth Medical Center (improperly separately named and sued as Department of Medicine Metro Health Medical Center and Metro Health Medical Center) ("MetroHealth") filed a Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiff did not file an Opposition. On December 30, 2019, MetroHealth filed a Reply. Pursuant to Rule 78 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 7-15, the Court finds that these matters are appropriate for decision without oral argument. The hearing calendared for January 13, 2020 is hereby vacated and the matters taken off calendar. After considering the moving and reply papers, and the arguments therein, the Court rules as follows:

Pursuant to Local Rule 7-9, Plaintiff was required to file and serve his Oppositions or Notices of Non-Opposition "not later than twenty-one (21) days before the date designated for the hearing of the motion." See Local Rule 7-9. Local Rule 7-12 provides that "[t]he failure to file any required document, or the failure to file it within the deadline, may be deemed consent to the granting of the motion." See Local Rule 7-12. Plaintiff failed to file a timely Opposition to Case Western's Motion to Dismiss or MetroHealth's Motion to Dismiss. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-12, the

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Court deems Plaintiff's failure to file Oppositions or to otherwise comply with Local Rule 7-9 as consent to the granting of Case Western's Motion to Dismiss and MetroHealth's Motion to Dismiss.

Accordingly, Case Western's Motion to Dismiss and MetroHealth's Motion to Dismiss are **GRANTED**. Plaintiff's Complaint is **DISMISSED without leave to amend** as to Case Western and MetroHealth. In addition, the Court exercises its discretion and *sua sponte* **DISMISSES without leave to amend** Plaintiff's Complaint as to the remaining non-moving defendant, Cuyahoga County of Ohio. See, e.g., *Bonny v. Society of Lloyd's*, 3 F.3d 156, 161 (7th Cir. 1993) ("A court may grant a motion to dismiss even as to nonmoving defendants where the nonmoving defendants are in a position similar to that of moving defendants or where the claims against all defendants are integrally related"). Therefore, this action is **DISMISSED with prejudice**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

APR 27 2021

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

PETER C. BENEDITH,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, Ohio; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 20-55053

D.C. No. 2:19-cv-09629-JFW-PJW

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Central District of California  
John F. Walter, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 20, 2021\*\*

Before: THOMAS, Chief Judge, TASHIMA and SILVERMAN, Circuit Judges.

Peter C. Benedith appeals pro se from the district court's order dismissing his diversity action alleging various state law claims. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review for an abuse of discretion the district court's dismissal under its local rules. *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995).

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

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

We affirm.

The district court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing Benedith's claims against defendants Case Western Reserve University and The MetroHealth System, d/b/a MetroHealth Medical Center (improperly separately named and sued as Department of Medicine Metro Health Medical Center and Metro Health Medical Center) after Benedith failed to file an opposition to defendants' motions to dismiss as required by Local Rule 7-9. *See* C.D. Cal. L.R. 7-12 (providing that "failure to file any required document" may be deemed consent to the granting or denial of the motion); *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53-54 (setting forth factors to be considered before dismissing an action for failure to follow the local rules, concluding that this court may review the record independently if the district court does not make explicit findings to show its consideration of the factors, and noting that pro se litigants are bound by the rules of procedure).

Because Benedith in his opening brief failed to raise specifically and distinctly any argument regarding the district court's sua sponte dismissal of the remaining defendant, Cuyahoga County, Benedith has waived any challenge to the dismissal. *See Padgett v. Wright*, 587 F.3d 983, 985 n.2 (9th Cir. 2009); *Acosta-Huerta v. Estelle*, 7 F.3d 139, 144 (9th Cir. 1993) (issues not supported by argument in pro se appellant's opening brief are waived).

**AFFIRMED.**

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Patrick J. Walsh, referral

**Date filed:** 11/08/2019





**Date terminated:** 01/07/2020

**Date of last filing:** 05/19/2021

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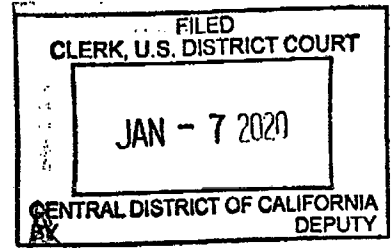
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United State District Court

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Plaintiff

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Cuyahoga County of Ohio et al

Motion to Denial Defense

Motion to Dismiss

Defendant

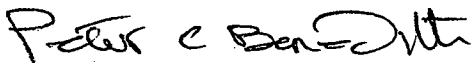
To the District Court

The plaintiff is filling this motion with the court and is arguing that the defense motion to demise should be denied. And here is why. In 2012 the plaintiff attempted to sue the defendants and even if that was for a wrong reason, this is how they responded instead, they started what the plaintiff interpreted as an act intimidation and not just through action but each time they always wanted to make the presence known. For example, on a random telephone call by the plaintiff, on the background was one of their physicians (number one on the list Benedith V Department of medicine et al 4:17-cv-04575-JST) who is employed by the four defendants. Do I really feel sorry for this defendants and including that county whose media reports has documented their financial support for these organized criminals (Intimidation, stalking, having someone lose the job, electronic surveillance and what is being alleged at this action and many more. Of course, I feel sorry for them because I know deep down that they cannot help themselves. This is why I am hoping that this court should help them because for this defendants to do what is being alleged in the complaint and for which the

plaintiff believes can be proven in this court, first they must break into a place where they have no permission to do so and then tamper with someone else property without consent and then sit back like a sadist to watch what they know full well could happen. The defendants have demonstrated a clear pattern of wrongdoing and the results of their actions cannot and should not be lost on anyone's imagination.

This is what the plaintiff is saying. These defendants came up with a device after 2012 and saw what happened as a result of that device, their continued use of that device is not lost to the imagination of the plaintiff to what it does and the plaintiff is convinced that the use of that device is also not lost in the imagination of the defendants on its intended purpose of it; harming someone else. Also, their presence at the scene of the crime; a different state from where they like to do business, points to the absolute guilt of these defendants (they are aware of that device). Therefore, their motion to dismiss should be denied and instead, a trial should be set here in California where that wonderful device of theirs was used. The diversity of citizenship does allow this court to hear this case.

Peter C Benedith



12/18/19

## Certificate of Service

I declare that I am a citizen of United State of America and a resident of Los Angeles California. On this day 12/20/19, I placed a copy of this court fillings to the addresses below via U. S. Mail with postage fully paid around the Los Angeles municipal area. Confirmation for delivery obtained.

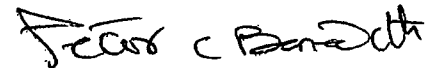
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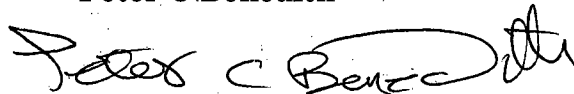
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