

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ISIAH MURRIETTA-GOLDING,
Deceased, THROUGH HIS SUCCESSOR
IN INTEREST CHRISTINA PAULINE
LOPEZ; and CHRISTINA PAULINE
LOPEZ, Individually, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF FRESNO, a public entity, CITY
OF FRESNO POLICE CHIEF JERRY
DYER, SERGEANT RAY
VILLALVAZO, individually, and DOES 3
through 10, Jointly and Severally,

Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-00314-AWI-SKO

ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK OF
COURT TO CLOSE CASE.

(Doc. 116)

On September 7, 2021, Plaintiff Christina Pauline Lopez filed the parties' stipulation that this action be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a). (Doc. 116.)

In relevant part, Rule 41(a)(1)(A) provides as follows:

[A] plaintiff may dismiss an action without a court order by filing: (i) a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment; or (ii) a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared.

1 Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A). Rule 41 thus allows the parties to dismiss an action voluntarily, after
2 service of an answer, by filing a written stipulation to dismiss signed by all of the parties who have
3 appeared, although an oral stipulation in open court will also suffice. *See Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d
4 1470, 1472-73 (9th Cir. 1986).

5 Once the stipulation between the parties who have appeared is properly filed or made in
6 open court, no order of the court is necessary to effectuate dismissal. Case law concerning
7 stipulated dismissals under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) is clear that the entry of such a stipulation of
8 dismissal is effective automatically and does not require judicial approval. *Commercial Space*
9 *Mgmt. Co. v. Boeing Co.*, 193 F.3d 1074, 1077 (9th Cir. 1999). Because the parties have filed a
10 stipulation for dismissal of this case with prejudice under Rule 41(a) that is signed by all whom
11 have made an appearance, this case has terminated. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii).

12 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court close this case.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: September 8, 2021

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE