

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 95-20041
Conference Calendar

LAWRENCE JAMES BAILEY,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

MERRIAM-WEBSTER INCORPORATED ET AL.,

Defendants-Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. CA-H-94-3020
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(March 23, 1995)

Before GARWOOD, BARKSDALE, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The district court did not abuse its discretion by dismissing Lawrence James Bailey's civil rights suit as frivolous because he has failed to allege a violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Resident Council of Allen Parkway Village v. U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev., 980 F.2d 1043, 1050 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 114 S. Ct. 75 (1993); Ancar v. Sara Plasma, Inc., 964 F.2d 465, 468 (5th Cir. 1992). Bailey also has failed to demonstrate an abuse of discretion in the district court's implicit decision to

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decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over his state-law slander and libel claims. Rhyne v. Henderson County, 973 F.2d 386, 395 (5th Cir. 1992).

AFFIRMED.