

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 26-1236

Dr. Theoda E. Mills, Jr.

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

City of St. Louis, Missouri; Sylvia Jackson-Bell, in her individual and official capacity; Victoria Anwuri, in her individual and official capacity

Defendants - Appellees

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Missouri - St. Louis

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Before GRUENDER, BENTON, and TRAYNOR, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Dr. Theoda Mills, Jr., appeals after the district court¹ set aside the entry of default and dismissed his case with prejudice as a sanction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11. Upon careful review, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in setting aside the entry of default after conducting the proper inquiry. See Stephenson v. El-Batrawi, 524 F.3d 907, 912 (8th Cir. 2008) (standard of review); Johnson v. Leonard, 929 F.3d 569, 573 (8th Cir. 2019) (setting out factors informing good-cause determination). We further conclude the court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing the case with prejudice as a sanction under Rule 11, as the court gave Mills notice and opportunities to respond and to comply with Rule 11 and he persisted in his misconduct. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(c); Clark v. UPS, Inc., 460 F.3d 1004, 1008 (8th Cir. 2006) (standard of review); Carman v. Treat, 7 F.3d 1379, 1381-82 (8th Cir. 1993) (pro se status and subjective beliefs regarding merits of action do not insulate litigant from Rule 11 sanctions; blatant misrepresentations support dismissal with prejudice).

Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the district court. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

¹The Honorable Matthew T. Schelp, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.