

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 15-2976

James Melvin Lewis

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

United States of America

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City

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Before WOLLMAN, BOWMAN, and MURPHY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

James Lewis appeals after the District Court¹ dismissed for failure to state a claim his pro se Federal Tort Claims Act complaint alleging elder abuse by a

¹The Honorable Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Department of Veterans Affairs physician. We conclude, contrary to Lewis's arguments on appeal, that the District Court had jurisdiction to consider the United States's defenses to Lewis's claim. See 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b)(1) (granting district courts jurisdiction over civil actions for damages brought against the United States). Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.
