

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

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No. 15-40326  
Summary Calendar  
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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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STATE OF TEXAS; STATE OF ALABAMA; STATE OF GEORGIA;  
STATE OF IDAHO; STATE OF INDIANA, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs–Appellees, United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
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versus

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.,

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

Defendants,

MITCHELL WILLIAMS,

Movant–Appellant.

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Appeals from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 1:14-CV-254  
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Before HIGGINBOTHAM, SMITH, and OWEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

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Mitchell Williams requests permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) in his appeal of the denial of his *pro se* motion to intervene. A movant seeking leave to proceed IFP on appeal must show that he is a pauper and that the appeal is taken in good faith, *i.e.*, that it presents nonfrivolous issues. *Carson v. Polley*, 689 F.2d 562, 586 (5th Cir. 1982). Frivolous is defined as “lack[ing] an arguable basis in law or fact.” *Taylor v. Johnson*, 257 F.3d 470, 472 (5th Cir. 2001). “A ruling denying intervention of right is reviewed *de novo*.” *Edwards v. City of Houston*, 78 F.3d 983, 995 (5th Cir. 1996) (*en banc*).

The district court did not err in denying Williams’s request to intervene because, *inter alia*, he does not have an “interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action.” FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)(2). An intervenor fails to show a sufficient interest where he seeks to intervene solely for economic reasons. *New Orleans Pub. Serv., Inc. v. United Gas Pipe Line Co.*, 732 F.2d 452, 466 (5th Cir. 1984) (*en banc*). Williams’s motion to intervene was based on an asserted economic interest; thus, it was insufficient to merit intervention of right. *See id.*

Accordingly, the motion to proceed IFP on appeal is DENIED, and the appeal is DISMISSED as frivolous. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.