



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

JOHN QUAMAINE PEDEN,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 3:24cv23 (DJN)


M. CHOPP, *et al.*,  
Defendants.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On January 23, 2024, the Court conditionally docketed Plaintiff's action. Plaintiff requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. By Memorandum Order entered on March 12, 2024, (ECF No. 9), the Court directed Plaintiff to pay an initial partial filing fee of \$3.80 or state under penalty of perjury that he did not have sufficient assets to pay such a fee within thirty (30) days of the date of entry thereof. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). Plaintiff has neither paid the initial partial filing fee nor averred that he cannot pay such a fee. Therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff's disregard of the Court's directives warrants dismissal of the action. Accordingly, the action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Let the Clerk file a copy of this Memorandum Opinion electronically and send a copy to Plaintiff.

An appropriate Final Order shall issue.

/s/   
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David J. Novak  
United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia  
Dated: April 18, 2024