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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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9 Riki Rashaad Muhammad,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 Arizona Department of Corrections, et al.,

13 Defendants.  
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No. CV-11-1890-PHX-SMM (LOA)

**ORDER**

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16 This matter arises on Plaintiff’s Motion to Produce Copies. (Doc. 24) (*ex parte*).  
17 Plaintiff states that he was granted *in forma pauperis*, but that the Arizona Department of  
18 Corrections did not allow him “indigent” status, and therefore, he must pay for all copies and  
19 postage. He requests that all “necessary” copies be produced.

20 First, Plaintiff’s request does not contain a certificate of service. Pursuant to  
21 Fed.R.Civ.P. 5(a), every pleading, motion, and similar paper must be served upon each party.  
22 In view of Plaintiff’s failure to serve the pending motion on defendants, the Court will deny  
23 that motion.

24 Second, Plaintiff does not specify which documents he wishes to receive. He only  
25 requests all “necessary” copies. It is the Court’s practice, and the docket reflects the same,  
26 that a copy of the documents is already being sent to Plaintiff.

27 Finally, Plaintiff’s *in forma pauperis* status does not exempt him from paying certain  
28 court costs and litigation expenses. The *in forma pauperis* statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1915, permits

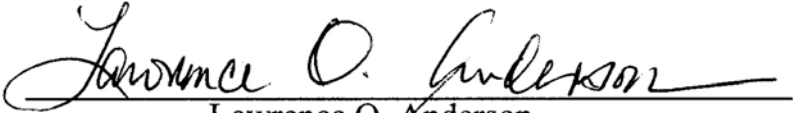
1 the waiver of prepayment of fees and costs for *in forma pauperis* litigants. 28 U.S.C. §  
2 1915(a). Aside from the specific costs waived pursuant to § 1915(a), no other statute  
3 authorizes courts to commit federal monies for payment of the necessary expenses in a civil  
4 suit brought by an indigent litigant. *See Valdez v. Linder*, 2008 WL 5435896, at \*10 (D.  
5 Mont. April 25, 2008); *Tabron v. Grace*, 6 F.3d 147, 159 (3rd Cir. 1993); *Moss v. ITT*  
6 *Continental Baking Co.*, 83 F.R.D. 624, 625 (E.D. Va. 1979) (quoting *Haymes v. Smith*, 73  
7 F.R.D. 572, 574 (W.D.N.Y. 1976)).

8 Based on the foregoing, the Court will deny the motion.

9 Accordingly,

10 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Produce Copies, doc. 24, is **DENIED**.

11 DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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15 Lawrence O. Anderson  
16 United States Magistrate Judge  
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