

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

**BRIAN HICKS,
ADC #138964**

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. 4:11cv00036 BSM

**BARRAK OBAMA
President of the United States, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiff, who is a prisoner in the Tucker Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction, has filed a *pro se* § 1983 complaint and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. [Doc. Nos. 1, 2].

Because he is proceeding *pro se*, plaintiff is hereby notified of his responsibility to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2), which states:

It is the duty of any party not represented by counsel to promptly notify the Clerk and the other parties to the proceedings of any change in his or her address, to monitor the progress of the case, and to prosecute or defend the action diligently. A party appearing for himself/herself shall sign his/her pleadings and state his/her address, zip code, and telephone number. If any communication from the Court to a *pro se* plaintiff is not responded to within thirty (30) days, the case may be dismissed without prejudice. Any party proceeding *pro se* shall be expected to be familiar with and follow the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Plaintiff is further notified of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), which provides that a prisoner may not proceed with a civil suit *in forma pauperis*

[I]f the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under

imminent danger of serious physical injury.

The Prison Litigation Reform Act provides that a prisoner who is permitted to file a civil action *in forma pauperis* must still pay the full statutory filing fee of \$350. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). The only question is whether a prisoner will pay the entire filing fee at the initiation of the proceeding or in installments over a period of time. *Ashley v. Dilworth*, 147 F.3d 715, 716 (8th Cir. 1998). Even if a prisoner is without assets and unable to pay an initial filing fee, he will be allowed to proceed with his § 1983 claims and the filing fee will be collected in installments from the prisoner's inmate trust account. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4). If the prisoner's case is subsequently dismissed for any reason, including a determination that it is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief, the full amount of the \$350 filing fee will be collected and no portion of this filing fee will be refunded to the prisoner.

Plaintiff has not provided a prisoner calculation sheet specifying his average monthly deposits and average monthly balances. This information is necessary to: (1) determine whether plaintiff is entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*; and (2) assess an initial partial filing fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(3)(b)(1) (providing that the initial partial filing fee shall be "20% of the greater of the average monthly deposits to the prisoner's account or the average monthly balance in the prisoner's account"). Accordingly, plaintiff will be allowed thirty days to file a properly completed prisoner calculation sheet. The prisoner trust fund calculation sheet *must* be signed by an authorized prison official.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Clerk shall send plaintiff a prisoner calculation sheet.
2. Plaintiff shall, **within thirty days of the entry of this order**, file his properly and fully completed prisoner calculation sheet.
3. Plaintiff is reminded that the failure to timely and properly comply with this order will result in the dismissal of this case, without prejudice, pursuant to Local Rule 5.5(c)(2).

Dated this 15th day of February, 2011.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE