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1 JS - 6 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 GREGORY LEE MCCALL, 11 Case No. CV 12-6687-VAP (DTB) Plaintiff, 12 ORDER SUMMARILY DISMISSING 13 **ACTION** VS. 14 NDA T. MCGREW. 15 STAŃT WARDEN: S. 16 TANT WARDEN; M. SCHULDT, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF EDUCATION, 17 18 19 Defendants. 20 21 Plaintiff, while a prisoner at the Federal Correctional Complex - Victorville II, 22 in Adelanto, California, filed this <u>pro</u> se civil rights action on August 30, 2012, 23 after plaintiff was granted leave to proceed without prepayment of the full filing fee. 24 Prior to screening the Complaint for service, the Court ascertained that plaintiff had 25 previously filed numerous federal lawsuits in a variety of federal judicial districts, and that in at least five (5) of these prior cases, courts have dismissed plaintiff's actions 26 on the grounds that the complaint was frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim 27

upon which relief may be granted. Specifically, the Court discovered the following:

(1) In McCall v. Pace, et al., Case No. 03-0755-CV-W-FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (2) in McCall v. Cornwell, et al., Case No. 03-0756-CV-W-FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (3) in McCall v. Sybrant, et al., Case No. 03-0757-CV-W-ODS-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (4) in McCall v. Whipple, et al., Case No. 03-0015-CV-W-FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1); and (5) in McCall v. Sybrant, Case No. 04-0126-CV-W-ODS-P (W.D. Mo. 2004) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) & (2).

Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Action, a prisoner shall not be authorized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) to commence an action or proceeding without payment of the full filing fee if such prisoner "has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action . . . that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

On September 7, 2012, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause ("OSC") ordering plaintiff to show cause as to why the order granting him in forma pauperis status in this matter should not be vacated, and that the action be dismissed without prejudice pending payment of the full filing fee of \$350.00, in light of the information regarding plaintiff's prior "strikes" under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

Specifically, the Court informed plaintiff in the OSC that it had ascertained that plaintiff had previously filed numerous federal lawsuits, and that, in at least five (5) of these prior cases, the court had dismissed plaintiff's actions on the grounds that the complaints were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

On September 18, 2012 plaintiff filed his Response ("Response") to the OSC wherein he asserted that "the imminent danger of serious physical injury was met in 2003 and has continued to date." (Response at 5.) Plaintiff further asserted that

"[c]areful review of the prisoners prior law suits were never dismissed as frivolous or malicious." (Id.)

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) a prisoner may be excused from the three strikes provision precluding in forma pauperis status if "the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff must demonstrate that he was "under imminent danger of serious physical injury" at the time he filed the Complaint. Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047, 1053, 1055 (9th Cir. 2007) (explaining that the exception to the three-strikes rule applies only "if the complaint makes a plausible allegation that the prisoner faced 'imminent danger of serious physical injury' at the time of filing"). The Court must determine if: (1) The potential harm amounts to "serious physical injury"; and (2) whether the threat is "imminent." Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1055-56. Moreover, a prisoner fails to meet the exception where claims of imminent danger are conclusory. Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1057 n. 11.

The Court reviewed plaintiff's Response, as well as the Complaint, and found that plaintiff had failed to show cause as to why his in forma pauperis status in this matter should not be revoked pursuant to §1915(g), as plaintiff has had, on at least five prior occasions, while incarcerated, brought an action that was dismissed on the grounds that it was frivolous or because it failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. Although plaintiff asserted that at the time of filing the Complaint,

As the <u>Cervantes</u> Court stated: "[a]lthough no other circuit has specifically addressed post-complaint changes in circumstance, all maintain a singular focus on the facts alleged in the complaint in deciding whether a prisoner faced the requisite harm. <u>See, e.g., Ibrahim v. Dist. of Columbia</u>, 463 F.3d 3, 6 (D.C.Cir. 2006) ("In determining whether he qualifies [for the 'imminent danger' exception], we look to the complaint. . . ."); <u>Brown v. Johnson</u>, 387 F.3d 1344, 1350 (11th Cir. 2004) ("[T]he issue [under § 1915(g)] is whether his complaint, as a whole, alleges imminent danger of serious physical injury."). We are in agreement with all of these cases in holding that it is the circumstances at the time of the filing of the complaint that matters for purposes of the "imminent danger" exception to § 1915(g)." <u>Cervantes</u>, 493 F.3d at 1053.

he was in imminent danger (i.e. the imminent danger of serious physical injury was met in 2003 and has continued to date), the Court disagreed, revoking plaintiff's in forma pauperis status on November 5, 2012, ordering plaintiff to pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 on or before December 5, 2012. Plaintiff was advised that in the event he fails to pay the full \$350.00 filing fee by December 5, 2012, this action would be dismissed without prejudice pending payment of the full filing fee.

As plaintiff has failed to pay the full filing fee of \$350.00, within the time allotted, the Court hereby DISMISSES this action, without prejudice, pending payment of the full filing fee.

LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

DATED: _March 5, 2013

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

David T. Bristow United States Magistrate Judge