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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 KIMBERLY DAWN EVANS, CASE NO. EDCV 14-01058-DOC 11 (JEM) Plaintiff, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY 12 CASE SHOULD NOT BE v. 13 DISMISSED CAROLYN W. COLVIN. Acting Commissioner of Social Security 14 15 Defendants. 16 On May 27, 2014, Plaintiff Kimberly Dawn Evans filed a Complaint seeking 17 review of the decision by Defendant Carolyn W. Colvin, Commissioner of Social 18 Security, denying Plaintiff's application for Social Security benefits. Plaintiff's 19 Request for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis was granted on June 4, 2014. 20 This Court's Case Management Order, filed June 6, 2014, imposed on Plaintiff 21 the duty to serve the Complaint on Defendant and file a proof of service within 28 days 22 of the filing of the Complaint. On August 25, 2014, this Court issued an Order noting 23 that Plaintiff has not filed a proof of service and requiring Plaintiff to show cause on or 2.4 before September 2, 2014 why Plaintiff has not filed a proof of service. The Order 25 also admonished Plaintiff that failure to file a proof of service or other response may 26 result in dismissal of the case for failure to prosecute pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule

Rule 4(m) requires service of the Complaint within 120 days of its filing. The Court on its own motion or after notice to the Plaintiff <u>must</u> dismiss an action without prejudice unless the Plaintiff shows good cause for the failure to serve the Complaint on Defendant and file a proof of service with the Court.

Here, Plaintiff has not filed a proof of service of the Complaint and presumably not served it on Defendant. Plaintiff filed no response to this Court's August 25, 2014 Order to Show Cause. The 120 day deadline for service of the Complaint has expired.

The Court could recommend to the District Court that the Complaint be dismissed without prejudice. Because Plaintiff is not represented by counsel, the Court will provide Plaintiff with one more opportunity to comply with this Court's Case Management Order and Rule 4(m).

The Court ORDERS Plaintiff to show cause in writing by Monday, November 18, 2014, why this action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution. Plaintiff is advised that failure to file a proof of service or other response to this Order to Show Cause will result in the Court recommending the case be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 4(m).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 3, 2014

JOHN E. MCDERMOTT UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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