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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 BRADY K. ARMSTRONG,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 A. HEDGPETH, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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1:11-cv-00761-LJO-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR FREE  
COPIES  
(Doc. 28.)

17 Brady K. Armstrong ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma  
18 pauperis with this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff filed the Complaint  
19 commencing this action on May 11, 2011. (Doc. 1.)

20 On May 24, 2013, Plaintiff filed a motion for extension of time to file an amended  
21 complaint pursuant to the court's order of February 15, 2013, together with a request for the  
22 Clerk to send him a free copy of his motion for extension of time. (Docs. 28, 29.) Plaintiff  
23 argues that he requires a free copy of his motion because the copy machine at the prison is out  
24 of ink, and his deadline to file the amended complaint is May 26, 2013.

25 The Clerk does not ordinarily provide free copies of documents to parties. The Clerk  
26 charges \$.50 per page for copies of documents. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Copies up to 20  
27 pages may be made by the Clerk's Office at this Court upon written request and prepayment of  
28 the copy fees. The fact that the Court has granted leave for Plaintiff to proceed in forma

1 pauperis does not entitle him to free copies of documents from the Court. Under 28 U.S.C. §  
2 2250, the Clerk is not required to furnish copies without cost to an indigent petitioner except by  
3 order of the judge.

4 Plaintiff has not shown good cause for the court to order the Clerk to send him copies of  
5 his motion without prepayment of costs. Plaintiff's motion for extension of time was granted  
6 on May 31, 2013, and a copy of the court's order was served upon Plaintiff, giving him ample  
7 notice that the motion was filed and resolved.

8 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for free copies is  
9 DENIED.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 Dated: June 11, 2013

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE