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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARK A. SMITH,
Plaintiff,
v.
FRANK HOSHINO,
Defendants.

1:11-cv-01067-LJO-JLT (PC)
ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS
(Doc. 7)

Plaintiff is a civil detainee proceeding pro se in a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Individuals detained pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code § 6600 et seq. are civil detainees and are not prisoners within the meaning of the Prison Litigation Reform Act. Page v. Torrey, 201 F.3d 1136, 1140 (9th Cir. 2000)

In the instant action, plaintiff filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis. Examination of these documents reveals that plaintiff is unable to afford the costs of this action.

Accordingly, the motion to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 31, 2011

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE