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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 MANUEL A. GONZALEZ IV,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 RAZO, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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1:15-cv-00680-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR  
FREE COPIES  
(ECF No. 25.)

17 **I. BACKGROUND**

18 Manuel A. Gonzalez IV (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma  
19 pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This case was dismissed  
20 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) on May 28, 2016. (ECF No. 6.)

21 On December 16, 2016, Plaintiff filed a request for the court to send him free copies of  
22 his exhibits.<sup>1</sup> (ECF No. 25.)

23 **II. COPIES OF CASE DOCUMENTS**

24 Plaintiff is advised that the Clerk does not ordinarily provide free copies of case  
25 documents to parties. The Clerk charges \$.50 per page for copies of documents. See 28 U.S.C.  
26 § 1914(a). Copies of up to twenty pages may be made by the Clerk's Office at this Court upon  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff does not specify which exhibits he wants. The Court assumes that he is requesting  
copies of the exhibits attached to his Complaint.

1 written request and prepayment of the copy fees. The fact that the Court has granted leave for  
2 Plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis does not entitle him to free copies of documents from the  
3 Court. Under 28 U.S.C. § 2250, the Clerk is not required to furnish copies without cost to an  
4 indigent petitioner except by order of the judge.

5 Plaintiff has not shown good cause for the court to send him free copies. Plaintiff's  
6 exhibits to the complaint are 141 pages long. To request copies at this juncture, Plaintiff must  
7 submit a request in writing to the Clerk, a large self-addressed envelope affixed with sufficient  
8 postage, and prepayment of copy costs to the Clerk. Plaintiff is advised that in the future, he  
9 should keep copies of any document he submits to the Court. Based on the foregoing, this  
10 request shall be denied.

11 **III. CONCLUSION**

12 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for free copies of his  
13 exhibits is DENIED.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: February 6, 2017

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE