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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 MARIO ANTON LEE,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 ANDRE MATEVOUSIAN,

15 Defendant.
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1:18-cv-00169-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
FREE COPIES
(ECF No. 10.)

ORDER FOR CLERK TO SEND
PLAINTIFF A COPY OF THE
DOCKET SHEET FOR THIS CASE

17 **I. BACKGROUND**

18 Mario Anton Lee (“Plaintiff”) is a federal prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma*
19 *pauperis* in this civil rights action pursuant to Bivens vs. Six Unknown Agents, 403 U.S. 388
20 (1971). Plaintiff filed the Complaint commencing this action on February 1, 2018. (ECF No. 1.)

21 On June 15, 2018, Plaintiff filed a request for the court to send him copies of documents
22 from his file. (ECF No. 10.)

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
27 written request and prepayment of the copy fees. The fact that the court has granted leave for
28 Plaintiff to proceed *in forma pauperis* does not entitle him to free copies of documents from the

1 court. Under 28 U.S.C. § 2250, the Clerk is not required to furnish copies without cost to an
2 indigent petitioner except by order of the judge.

3 Plaintiff has requested free copies from his court file, asserting that he was in transit on
4 February 21, 2018, and did not receive a copy of his “Application,” which may refer to his
5 Complaint filed on February 1, 2018. However, according to court records, Plaintiff responded
6 to other documents mailed to him by the court on February 5, 2018, which would have included
7 a copy of the Complaint. Plaintiff has not shown good cause for the court to send him free copies.
8 To request copies at this juncture, Plaintiff must submit a request in writing to the Clerk, a large
9 self-addressed envelope affixed with sufficient postage, and prepayment of copy costs to the
10 Clerk. Plaintiff is advised that in the future, he should keep a copy of any document he submits
11 to the court.

12 The Clerk shall be directed to send Plaintiff a copy of his docket sheet, so he can see what
13 has been filed in this case. The largest document is the Complaint, which is 36 pages long.

14 Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff’s request for free copies from his court file shall be
15 denied.

16 **III. CONCLUSION**

17 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 18 1. Plaintiff’s request for free copies from his court file, filed on June 15, 2018, is
19 DENIED; and
20 2. The Clerk is directed to send Plaintiff a copy of the docket sheet for this case.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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23 Dated: June 20, 2018

/s/ Gary S. Austin
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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