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8	UNITED STAT	ES DISTRICT COURT
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	DECHERI HAFER,) Case No.: 1:20-cv-01426-NONE-JLT
12 13	Plaintiff, v.	ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO PAY THE FILING FEE OR FILE A MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS
13	UNKNOWN,)
15	Defendant.)
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17	Plaintiff initiated this action by filing a complaint on September 24, 2020. As a general rule, all	
18	parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in a United States District Court must pay a filing	
19	fee. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). However, the Court may authorize the commencement of an action without	
20	the filing fee "by a person who submits an affidavit that includes a statement of all assets such [person]	
21	possesses that the person is unable to pay such fees or give security therefor." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).	
22	Therefore, an action may proceed despite a failure to prepay the filing fee only if leave to proceed <i>in</i>	
23	forma pauperis is granted by the Court. See Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).	
24	Plaintiff failed to pay the requisite filing fee or to file a motion to proceed <i>in forma pauperis</i> ,	
25	and the matter cannot proceed before the Court at this time. Accordingly, the Court ORDERS :	
26	1. Plaintiff SHALL pay the filing f	fee within 21 days of service of this order, or
27	2. In the alternative, Plaintiff SHA	LL file a motion to proceed <i>in forma pauperis</i> within
28	21 days of service.	
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1	Failure to comply with this order may result in dismissal of this action pursuant to Local Rule
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4	IT IS SO ORDERED.
5	Dated: October 13, 2020 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
6	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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