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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THOMAS A. HIGHTOWER,

Plaintiff,

No. C08-1129MJP

vs.

JAMES TILTON, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER re: Taxation of Costs

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Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this action seeking relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

On November 12, 2009, the Court ordered the United States Marshal to serve process upon the defendants in this case. The Marshal was directed to attempt to secure a waiver of service before attempting personal service on defendant. If a waiver of service was not returned within sixty days, the Marshal was directed to effect personal service on the defendant in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 566(c), without prepayment of costs, and to file the return of service with evidence of any attempt to secure a waiver of service and with evidence of all costs subsequently incurred in effecting personal service.

1 On February 29, 2010, the United States Marshal filed a return of service with a USM-
2 285 form showing (1) total charges of **\$57.50** for effecting personal service on defendant
3 **Grannis** and (2) total charges of **\$70.50** for effecting personal service on defendant **Reyes**. The
4 form shows that a waiver of service form was mailed to both defendants on October 5, 2009, and
5 that no response was received.

6 Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part, as
7 follows:

8 An individual, corporation, or association that is subject to service
9 under subdivision (e), (f), or (h) and that receives notice of an
10 action in the manner provided in this paragraph has a duty to avoid
unnecessary costs of serving the summons

11 If a defendant located within the United States fails to comply with
12 a request for waiver made by a plaintiff located within the United
States, the court shall impose the costs subsequently incurred in
effecting service on the defendant unless good cause for the failure
be shown.

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14 Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d)(2).

15 The court finds that defendant [name] was given the opportunity required by Rule
16 4(d)(2) to waive service and has failed to comply with the request.

17 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

18 1. Within fourteen days from the date of this order,

19 a. Defendant **Grannis** shall pay to the United States Marshal the sum of **\$57.50**, unless
20 within that time defendant files a written statement showing good cause for his failure to waive
21 service. The court does not intend to extend this fourteen day period.

22 b. Defendant **Reyes** shall pay to the United States Marshal the sum of **\$70.50**, unless
23 within that time defendant files a written statement showing good cause for his failure to waive
24 service. The court does not intend to extend this fourteen day period.

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2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the U.S.

Marshal.

DATED: March 31, 2010



Marsha J. Pechman
U.S. District Judge