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

MICHAEL R. JONES,
Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-11-2799-MCE-CMK

vs.

ORDER

OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMP.
PROGRAMS,
Defendant.

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Plaintiff, who is proceeding pro se, brings this civil action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 522a(g)(1) to remedy alleged violations of the Privacy Act of 1974. Pending before the court is plaintiff's complaint (Doc. 1).

The court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The court is also required to screen complaints brought by litigants who have been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Under these screening provisions, the court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if it: (1) is frivolous or malicious; (2) fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; or (3) seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(A), (B) and

1 1915A(b)(1), (2). Moreover, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(h), this court must
2 dismiss an action “[w]henver it appears . . . that the court lacks jurisdiction of the subject
3 matter” Because plaintiff, who is not a prisoner, has been granted leave to proceed in forma
4 pauperis, the court will screen the complaint pursuant to § 1915(e)(2). Pursuant to Rule 12(h),
5 the court will also consider as a threshold matter whether it has subject-matter jurisdiction.

6 Plaintiff alleges violations of the Privacy Act with respect to various requests for
7 information he made to defendant in connection with a work injury claim. He seeks civil
8 damages as allowed under the statute. The court concludes that it has subject matter jurisdiction
9 and that the complaint is appropriate for service by the United States Marshal without pre-
10 payment of costs. If plaintiff desires service of process by the United States Marshal without
11 pre-payment of costs, plaintiff must comply with the requirements outlined below. Plaintiff is
12 warned that failure to comply with this order, or otherwise effect service pursuant to Federal Rule
13 of Civil Procedure 4, may result in dismissal of the action for lack of prosecution and failure to
14 comply with court rules and orders. See Local Rule 110.

15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

16 1. The Clerk of the Court shall issue a summons in a civil case, the
17 undersigned’s new case documents, and an order setting this matter for an initial scheduling
18 conference;

19 2. The Clerk of the Court shall send plaintiff the summons, one USM-285
20 form, and a copy of the complaint;

21 3. Within 15 days from the date of this order, plaintiff shall complete the
22 summons by indicating the addresses of the named defendants and shall submit to the United
23 States Marshal at the address indicated below the following documents:

- 24 a. The completed summons;
- 25 b. One completed USM-285 form for each named defendant;
- 26 c. Two copies of the complaint; and

1 d. One copy of the court's initial scheduling conference order issued
2 herewith;

3 4. Within 20 days of the date of this order, plaintiff shall file a notice
4 indicating that the documents described above have been submitted to the United States Marshal,
5 or a notice that plaintiff intends to serve the summons and complaint without assistance from the
6 United States Marshal;

7 5. If plaintiff seeks the assistance of the United States Marshal, the United
8 States Marshal is directed to serve all process without pre-payment of costs not later than 60 days
9 from the date of this order, such service of process to be completed by serving a copy of the
10 summons, complaint, and initial scheduling conference order on the defendants at the addresses
11 provided by plaintiff; and

12 6. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the
13 United States Marshal at 501 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

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15 DATED: November 14, 2011

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17 **CRAIG M. KELLISON**
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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