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

DERRICK CHARLES BRANCH,

No. 2:15-cv-1704-JAM-CMK-P

Plaintiff,

vs.

ORDER

GARY SWARTHOUT,

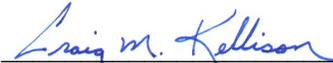
Defendants.

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Plaintiff, a former state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Pending before the court is plaintiff's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. 2). Plaintiff has submitted the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) showing that plaintiff is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security therefor.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. 2) is granted.

DATED: May 1, 2017

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