

1 Plaintiff now moves for the assistance of the court and the USM to locate and serve
2 defendants, stating that he does not have the financial means to do so. See ECF No. 13. Plaintiff
3 provides the names and badge numbers of the correctional officers at California State Prison
4 Sacramento against whom this action proceeds, noting that one officer may be retired. It is clear
5 that plaintiff has made no attempt to obtain these defendants' waivers of service.

6 Plaintiff may submit an application to proceed in forma pauperis in this case; a blank form
7 is provided with this order. Plaintiff is informed that, in cases filed by pro se plaintiffs
8 proceeding in forma pauperis, "[t]he officers of the court shall issue and serve all process, and
9 perform all duties in such cases." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d). If plaintiff is granted in forma pauperis
10 status, he will still be required to complete and return one summons and three USM-285 forms,
11 and provide four copies of the operative FAC. However, the USM will be directed to obtain the
12 waivers from defendants or, if that fails, to personally serve defendants. If plaintiff is not granted
13 in forma pauperis status, he will need to attempt to complete these matters on his own before
14 seeking the court's assistance.

15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 16 1. Plaintiff's motion for assistance, ECF No. 13, is denied without prejudice.
- 17 2. Plaintiff may, within thirty (30) days after the date of this order, submit a completed
18 application to proceed in forma pauperis.
- 19 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to send plaintiff, together with a copy of this order, a
20 blank form used by prisoners in this district for seeking in forma pauperis status.

21 DATED: May 30, 2018

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23 ALLISON CLAIRE
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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