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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RAS HEZEKIAH TAFARI,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,  
MEGAN J. BRENNAN, Postmaster  
General,  
Defendant.

No. 2:17-cv-113-MCE-EFB PS

ORDER

Plaintiff has requested authority under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and has submitted the affidavit required thereunder which demonstrates that plaintiff is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security for them.<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 4. Accordingly, the request to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), the court is directed to dismiss a case filed pursuant to the *in forma pauperis* statute if, at any time, it determines that the allegation of poverty is untrue, or if the action is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief against an immune defendant. The court cannot make this determination on

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<sup>1</sup> This case, in which plaintiff is proceeding *in propria persona*, was referred to the undersigned pursuant to Eastern District of California Local Rule 302(c)(21). See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

1 the present record. Therefore, the court reserves decision on these issues until the record is  
2 sufficiently developed.

3 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

4 1. Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF Nos. 2, 4) is granted.

5 2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to issue forthwith all process pursuant to Federal  
6 Rule of Civil Procedure 4.

7 3. The Clerk of Court shall send plaintiff one USM-285 form, one summons, a copy of  
8 the complaint, this court's scheduling order, and the forms providing notice of the magistrate  
9 judge's availability to exercise jurisdiction for all purposes.

10 4. Plaintiff is advised that the U.S. Marshal will require:

11 a. One completed summons;

12 b. One completed USM-285 form for each defendant;

13 c. A copy of the complaint for each defendant, with an extra copy for the U.S.

14 Marshal; and,

15 d. A copy of this court's scheduling order and related documents for each  
16 defendant.

17 5. Plaintiff shall supply the United States Marshal, within 14 days from the date this order  
18 is filed, all information needed by the Marshal to effect service of process, and shall, within 14  
19 days thereafter, file a statement with the court that said documents have been submitted to the  
20 United States Marshal.

21 6. The U.S. Marshal shall serve process, with copies of this court's scheduling order and  
22 related documents, within 90 days of receipt of the required information from plaintiff, without  
23 prepayment of costs. *The United States Marshal shall, within 14 days thereafter, file a statement*  
24 *with the court that said documents have been served.* If the U.S. Marshal is unable, for any  
25 reason, to effect service of process on any defendant, the Marshal shall promptly report that fact,  
26 and the reasons for it, to the undersigned.

27 7. The Clerk of Court shall serve a copy of this order on the United States Marshal, 501  
28 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (tel. 916-930-2030).

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8. Failure to comply with this order may result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed.

DATED: January 26, 2017.

  
EDMUND F. BRENNAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE