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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LOPEZ, et al.,

 Plaintiffs,

 v.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN
AFFAIRS,

 Defendant.

No. 2:17-cv-01474-JAM-KJN (PS)

ORDER

On July 17, 2017, plaintiffs Robert Lopez and R.G., proceeding without counsel, filed this action.¹ (ECF No. 1.) Simultaneously, plaintiff Robert Lopez requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF No. 2.) In his affidavit, Mr. Lopez attests that his gross monthly income is \$800, including \$400.00 for child support. (Id.)

Pursuant to federal statute, a filing fee of \$350.00 is required to commence a civil action in federal district court. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). In addition, a \$50.00 general administrative fee for civil cases must be paid. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). The court may authorize the commencement of an action “without prepayment of fees or security therefor” by a person that is unable to pay such fees or provide security therefor. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

¹ This case was referred to the undersigned pursuant to E.D. Cal. L.R. 302(c)(21).

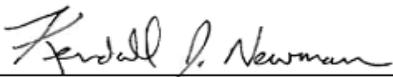
1 While it appears that R.G. may be Mr. Lopez's child because they use the same address in
2 the complaint (ECF No. 1), plaintiffs have failed to clearly explain their relationship. In his
3 affidavit, Mr. Lopez does not list any dependents. (See ECF No. 2 at 2.) Additionally, while the
4 way R.G. is named by his or her initials suggests that R.G. is a minor, there is no other indication
5 regarding R.G.'s identity or age. Furthermore, R.G. has not requested leave to proceed *in forma*
6 *pauperis*. Thus, plaintiffs have made an inadequate showing of indigency. See Alexander v.
7 Carson Adult High Sch., 9 F.3d 1448 (9th Cir. 1993); California Men's Colony v. Rowland, 939
8 F.2d 854, 858 (9th Cir. 1991); Stehouwer v. Hennessey, 841 F. Supp. 316, (N.D. Cal. 1994).

9 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 10 1. Mr. Lopez's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is DENIED
11 WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
- 12 2. Within 28 days of the date of this order, plaintiffs shall either (a) pay the
13 applicable filing fee or (b) each file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
14 that adequately demonstrates that each plaintiff is unable to pay the filing fee.
15 Plaintiffs' failure to either pay the filing fee or file sufficient applications to
16 proceed *in forma pauperis* by the above deadline will result in a recommendation
17 that the action be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: August 28, 2017

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22 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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