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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE	No. 2:17-cv-1834-MCE-KJN PS
12	BRADLEY,	
13	Plaintiff,	<u>ORDER</u>
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15	JEFFREY MILLER, et al.,	
16	Defendants.	
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18	On December 6, 2017, the court dismissed this action with prejudice. (ECF Nos. 12, 13.)	
19	On January 3, 2018, plaintiff, who had proceeded without counsel and <i>in forma pauperis</i> in the	
20	district court, filed a notice of appeal. (ECF No. 17.) Thereafter, on January 26, 2018, the Ninth	
21	Circuit Court of Appeals referred this matter to the district court for the limited purpose of	
22	determining whether in forma pauperis status should continue for the appeal, or whether the	
23	appeal is frivolous or taken in bad faith. (ECF No. 22.)	
24	"An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it	
25	is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); see also Hooker v. American Airlines, 302	
26	F.3d 1091, 1092 (9th Cir. 2002) (revocation of <i>in forma pauperis</i> status appropriate where district	
27	court finds the appeal to be frivolous). The good faith standard under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 is an	
28	objective one. Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962). A plaintiff satisfies the	
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1	"good faith" requirement if he or she seeks review of any issue that is "not frivolous." Gardner v	
2	Pogue, 558 F.2d 548, 551 (9th Cir. 1977) (quoting Coppedge, 369 U.S. at 445).	
3	For the reasons stated in the November 8, 2017 findings and recommendations (see ECF	
4	No. 8), adopted by the district judge on December 6, 2017 (ECF No. 12), the court finds that the	
5	instant appeal is frivolous. The court thus certifies that plaintiff's appeal is not taken in good	
6	faith, and concludes that plaintiff's <i>in forma pauperis</i> status should not continue for purposes of	
7	the appeal.	
8	Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:	
9	1. Plaintiff's in forma pauperis status is REVOKED.	
10	2. The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on plaintiff and on the	
11	Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.	
12	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
13	Dated: January 30, 2018	
14	Fordall D. Newman	
15	KENDALL J. NEWMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	
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