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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AHMAD J. ALJINDI,
Plaintiff,
v.
NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY,
Defendant.

No. 2:17-cv-01990-JAM-KJN PS

ORDER

Plaintiff Ahmad J. Aljindi, who proceeds in this action without counsel, has requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF No. 2.)¹ Plaintiff's application in support of his request to proceed *in forma pauperis* makes the showing required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Accordingly, the court grants plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

The determination that a plaintiff may proceed *in forma pauperis* does not complete the required inquiry. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the court is directed to dismiss the case at any time if 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.

¹ This case proceeds before the undersigned pursuant to E.D. Cal. L.R. 302(c)(21) and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

1 In this case, plaintiff, a Middle Eastern Muslim whose nation of origin is Syria, alleges
2 that he was discriminated and retaliated against by defendant Northcentral University, based on
3 his race, religion, and national origin, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as
4 amended. (See generally ECF No. 1.)

5 Based on the limited record before the court, the court cannot conclude that plaintiff's
6 action is frivolous, that the complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or
7 that plaintiff seeks monetary relief from an immune defendant. The court reserves decision as to
8 plaintiff's claims until the record is sufficiently developed, and this order does not preclude
9 defendant from challenging plaintiff's complaint through a timely motion pursuant to Federal
10 Rule of Civil Procedure 12 or other appropriate method of challenging plaintiff's pleading.
11 Accordingly, the court orders service of the complaint on defendant.

12 Plaintiff has also requested permission to utilize the court's electronic filing system. (ECF
13 No. 3.) Local Rule 133 provides that "[a]ny person appearing pro se may not utilize electronic
14 filing except with the permission of the assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge. . . . All pro se parties
15 shall file and serve paper documents as required by applicable Federal Rules of Civil or Criminal
16 Procedure or by these Rules." E.D. Cal. L.R. 133(b)(2). Here, plaintiff's request does not set
17 forth a compelling reason why the court should deviate from the Local Rules and its standard
18 practice of disallowing the use of electronic filing by pro se litigants.

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

- 20 1. Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED.
- 21 2. Plaintiff's motion to utilize the electronic filing system (ECF No. 3) is DENIED.
- 22 3. Service of the complaint is appropriate for defendant Northcentral University.
- 23 4. The Clerk of Court is directed to issue forthwith all process pursuant to Federal
24 Rule of Civil Procedure 4.
- 25 5. The Clerk of Court shall send plaintiff one USM-285 form, one summons, this
26 court's scheduling order, and the forms providing notice of the magistrate judge's availability to
27 exercise jurisdiction for all purposes.
- 28 6. Plaintiff is advised that to effectuate service, the U.S. Marshal will require:

- 1 a. One completed summons;
- 2 b. One completed USM-285 form for each defendant to be served;
- 3 c. A copy of the complaint for each defendant to be served, with an extra
- 4 copy for the U.S. Marshal; and
- 5 d. A copy of this court's scheduling order and related documents for each
- 6 defendant to be served.

7 7. Plaintiff shall supply the U.S. Marshal, within 30 days from the date this order is
8 filed, with all information needed by the U.S. Marshal to effectuate service of process, and shall,
9 within 10 days thereafter, file a statement with the court that such documents have been submitted
10 to the U.S. Marshal.

11 8. The U.S. Marshal shall serve process, with copies of this court's scheduling order
12 and related documents, within 90 days of receipt of the required information from plaintiff,
13 without prepayment of costs.

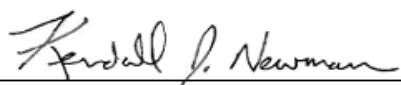
14 9. If a defendant waives service, the defendant is required to return the signed waiver
15 to the U.S. Marshal. The filing of an answer or a responsive motion does not relieve a defendant
16 of this requirement, and the failure to return the signed waiver may subject a defendant to an
17 order to pay the costs of service by the U.S. Marshal.

18 10. The Clerk of Court shall serve a copy of this order on the U.S. Marshal.

19 11. Failure to comply with this order may result in any appropriate sanctions,
20 including monetary sanctions and/or dismissal of the action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
21 Procedure 41(b).

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: October 20, 2017

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26 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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