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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

OSBERT AYENI-AARONS,
Plaintiff,
v.
BEST BUY CREDIT SERVICES, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-1625-MCE-KJN PS

ORDER

Plaintiff Osbert Ayeni-Aarons, 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 Liberal construed, plaintiff's complaint asserts a claim pursuant to the federal Fair
2 Credit Reporting Act and California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act based on allegations that
3 defendants Best Buy Credit Services and Citibank, N.A. improperly reported a consumer debt to
4 plaintiff's credit file with various credit bureaus.

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 on which relief can be granted, or that
7 plaintiff seeks monetary relief from an immune defendant. The court reserves decision as to
8 plaintiff's claim until the record is sufficiently developed, and this order does not preclude any
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 the named defendants.

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

- 13 1. Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is granted.
- 14 2. Service of the complaint is appropriate for defendants Best Buy Credit Services
15 and Citibank, N.A.
- 16 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to issue forthwith all process pursuant to Federal
17 Rule of Civil Procedure 4.
- 18 4. The Clerk of Court shall send plaintiff one USM-285 form, one summons, this
19 court's scheduling order, and the forms providing notice of the magistrate judge's availability to
20 exercise jurisdiction for all purposes.
- 21 5. Plaintiff is advised that to effectuate service, the U.S. Marshal will require:
 - 22 a. One completed summons;
 - 23 b. One completed USM-285 form for each defendant to be served;
 - 24 c. A copy of the complaint for each defendant to be served, with an extra
25 copy for the U.S. Marshal; and
 - 26 d. A copy of this court's scheduling order and related documents for each
27 defendant to be served.
- 28 6. Plaintiff shall supply the U.S. Marshal, within 30 days from the date this order is

1 filed, with all information needed by the U.S. Marshal to effectuate service of process, and shall,
2 within 10 days thereafter, file a statement with the court that such documents have been submitted
3 to the U.S. Marshal.

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

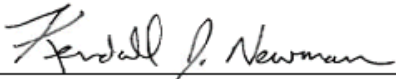
7 8. If a defendant waives service, the defendant is required to return the signed waiver
8 to the U.S. Marshal. The filing of an answer or a responsive motion does not relieve a defendant
9 of this requirement, and the failure to return the signed waiver may subject a defendant to an
10 order to pay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

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

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

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: June 14, 2018

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19 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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