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4   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

5   NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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7   JAMES SHELDON HILTON,   Case No. 19-cv-01848-VC (DMR)

8   Plaintiff,

9   v.   **ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SERVICE**

10   PAGANI WORLDWIDE LLC, et al.,   Re: Dkt. No. 56

11   Defendants.

12   The court has received Plaintiff James S. Hilton, Jr.'s motion for service, in which he

13   requests that the court order the United States Marshals Service to serve his subpoenas on third

14   parties. [Docket No. 56.] In support of his request, he cites the Honorable Vince Chhabria's April

15   15, 2019 order granting him leave pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed in forma pauperis

16   ("IFP"); 28 U.S.C. § 1915; and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c)(3).

17   Plaintiff's IFP status does not authorize the court to finance his litigation-related expenses,

18   including costs related to the service of subpoenas. *See Porter v. Dep't of Treasury*, 564 F.3d 176,

19   180 n.3 (3d Cir. 2009) ("We note that the granting of IFP status exempts litigants from filing fees

20   only. It does not exempt litigants from the costs of copying and filing documents; service of

21   documents other than the complaint; costs, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(f)(1); expert witness fees, Boring v.

22   Kozakiewicz, 833 F.2d 468 (3d Cir. 1987); or sanctions."); see also Starkey v. Hernandez, No.

23   3:17-cv-01158-JSL-KSC, 2018 WL 2441554, at *1 (S.D. Cal. May 31, 2018) ("this court has no

24   authority to finance or pay for a party's discovery expenses even though the party has been

25   granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)"; collecting cases). Further,

26   Rule 4(c)(3) provides that the court must order service of the summons and complaint "by a

27   United States marshal or deputy marshal or by a person specially appointed by the court . . . if the

28   plaintiff is authorized to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915[.]" It does not

authorize the court to pay for or order the service of subpoenas. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 8, 2019

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Donna M. Ryu
United States Magistrate Judge