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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD BENNETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. <u>19-cv-05805-SI</u>

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On September 17, 2019, plaintiff Ronald Bennett, who is represented by counsel, filed this case to appeal the denial of his application for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. Dkt. No. 1. Plaintiff also attached to the complaint an application to proceed without prepayment of the court filing fees. See Dkt. No. 1-2. The Clerk's Office instructed plaintiff that applications to proceed without prepayment of fees must be filed separately from the complaint, and plaintiff re-filed his application on September 22, 2019. Dkt. No. 4. On September 25, 2019, the Clerk's Office issued a notice that plaintiff had used an outdated application to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") and instructed plaintiff to use the form located on this District's website at https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/civilforms. On October 4, 2019, the Clerk's Office again contacted plaintiff's counsel about re-filing the application with the correct form.

There are several problems with the IFP application that plaintiff filed. First, plaintiff used an outdated form, AO 240 (Rev. 12/03). See Dkt. No. 4 (emphasis added). Second, by failing to use the form on this District's website, plaintiff omitted information that this District requires, such as his gross salary, whether he is married, and what his monthly expenses are. The Court cannot rule on plaintiff's application until it has more complete information regarding plaintiff's finances.

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As of the date of this Order, plaintiff has filed nothing further on the docket and has not responded to the Court's inquiries.

Accordingly, plaintiff is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE why his application to proceed IFP should not be denied. Plaintiff may show cause by filing a new, complete IFP application, using the form available on this District's website, no later than October 24, 2019. Failure to file a full IFP application using the appropriate form by October 24, 2019, will result in the Court denying plaintiff's application and ordering that plaintiff pay the court filing fee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 10, 2019

SUSAN ILLSTON United States District Judge