action as frivolous. Dkt. 13, 16.1

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), federal courts are authorized to pre-screen claims filed IFP prior to service and to dismiss the case at any time if the court determines, inter alia, that the action is frivolous or malicious. A court may dismiss a suit for frivolousness if the complaint presents an "indisputably meritless legal theory" or if the "factual contentions are clearly baseless," such as when they describe "fantastic or delusional scenarios." Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 327-28 (1989). A finding of frivolousness is a "decision entrusted to the discretion of the court entertaining the in forma pauperis petition." Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 33 (1992). When a court dismisses a complaint under § 1915(e), the plaintiff should be given leave to amend with directions as to curing its deficiencies, unless it is clear from the face of the pleadings that the deficiencies could not be cured by amendment. See Cato v. United States, 70 F.3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 1995).

Here, Plaintiff's claims that some unidentified person or persons implanted a computer chip into her ovaries and placed a camera inside of her are facially untenable. E.g., Curtis v. FBI, No. 216CV01586RFBPAL, 2017 WL 2695297, at *2 (D. Nev. June 21, 2017) (finding the plaintiff's allegations that the FBI "used biologic pathogens and biological chemicals and weapons on him and put cables and electrical DNA strips on him to electrify him 24-hours a day" were delusional and subject to dismissal); Carrasco v. U.S. Gov't Justice Dep't Strike Force, 792 F. Supp. 603 (N.D. Ill. 1992) (dismissing IFP action where the government allegedly surgically placed a monitoring device in plaintiff's brain to record his dreams for law enforcement agencies and made him an experiment for sex therapy); Golden v. Clinton, No. C 94-0499 EFL, 1994 WL 118280, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 23, 1994) (dismissing IFP complaint which alleged a "fantastic and delusional scenario in which various public and private officials have conspired to control and harass him

¹ Typically, a party has fourteen days to object to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, since the action has been reassigned, the Court independently exercises its discretion under § 1915(e)(2) to review the Complaint.

remotely through electronic and 'telemetric' devices"). Given the fantastical nature of Plaintiff's claims in this action, the Court dismisses the instant Complaint. <u>See Denton</u>, 504 U.S. at 32-33 (holding that the court may dismiss claims that "rise to the level of the irrational or the wholly incredible"). Because no amendment would cure such deficiency, said dismissal is without leave to amend.

Finally, for the benefit of Plaintiff, the Court notes that because a dismissal under § 1915 "is not a dismissal on the merits, but rather an exercise of the court's discretion under the in forma pauperis statute, the dismissal does not prejudice the filing of a paid complaint making the same allegations." <u>Denton</u>, 504 U.S. at 34. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the instant action is DISMISSED without leave to amend, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). The instant dismissal is without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to bring her claims in a paid complaint. The Clerk shall close the file and terminate any pending matters. The Court certifies that any appeal taken from this ruling would not be in "good faith" within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 07/25/17

SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG Senior United States District Judge