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in forma pauperis if the court is satisfied that the would-be plaintiff cannot pay the filing fees necessary to pursue the action. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). The court may deny in forma pauperis status, however, if it appears from the face of the proposed pleading that the action is frivolous or without merit. O'Loughlin v. Doe, 920 F.2d 614, 616 (9th Cir. 1990); Tripati v. First National Bank & Trust, 821 F.2d 1368, 1370 (9th Cir. 1987). Without expressing any opinion as to whether Plaintiff can afford to pay the filing fee, the Court will DENY without prejudice his application to proceed in forma pauperis on the ground that the complaint fails to state a cognizable claim.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 12, 2006

JEREMY FOGEL
United States District Judge

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