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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM TAYLOR SCOTT,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
vs.  
  
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
Commissioner of Social Security  
Administration,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 10cv1167 BEN (PCL)  
  
**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO  
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS  
AND REFERRING MATTER TO  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

On May 28, 2010, Plaintiff William Taylor Scott filed a Complaint against Defendant Commissioner of Social Security Michael J. Astrue, challenging Defendant's denial of Plaintiff's claim for Social Security benefits. (Dkt. No. 1.) Scott has also filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP"). (Dkt. No. 2.)

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915,  
  
any court of the United States may authorize the commencement, prosecution or defense of any suit, action or proceeding . . . without prepayment of fees or security therefor, by a person who submits an affidavit that includes a statement of all assets such [person] possesses that the person is unable to pay such fees or give security therefor.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Plaintiff states that he is not currently employed, does not own a car, and does not have any other assets. (Doc. No. 2 at 2-3.) He has a checking account, but only a minimal balance. (*Id.* at 2-3.)

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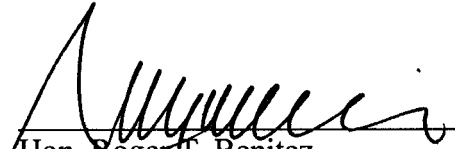
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Given these circumstances, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Application to Proceed IFP. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

In addition, this Social Security appeal is hereby referred to the Honorable Peter C. Lewis, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Rule 72.1(c) for scheduling and Report and Recommendation.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: June *02*, 2010

  
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Hon. Roger F. Benitez  
United States District Court Judge