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2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 13cv1101 GPC (BGS) JOHN ROETTGEN, Civil No. CDCR #V-05142, 12 Plaintiff, 13 ION WITHOUT PREJUDICE R FAILING TO PAY 14 ING FEE REOUIRED VS. BY 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) AND/OR FAILING TO MOVE TO PROCEED 15 *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* 16 D. FOSTON, et al., PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)

John Roettgen ("Plaintiff"), currently housed at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility ("RJD") located in San Diego, California, and proceeding pro se, has filed a civil action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

Defendants.

I. Failure to Pay Filing Fee or Request IFP Status

All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in any district court of the United States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of \$350 filing pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). In addition, all parties filing civil actions must pay an additional administrative fee of \$50. An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay the filing fee only if the party is granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP") pursuant to 28

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U.S.C. § 1915(a). *See Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); *Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). If a party is granted IFP status, the \$50 administrative fee is waived.

Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$350 filing fee and \$50 administrative fee required to commence a civil action, nor has he submitted a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Therefore, the action cannot yet proceed. *Id*.

II. Conclusion and Order

For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

- (1) **DISMISSES** this action sua sponte without prejudice for failing to pay the \$350 filing fee, along with the \$50 administrative fee or file a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a) and 1915(a); and
- (2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty five (45)** days leave from the date this Order is filed to: (a) prepay the entire \$350 civil filing fee and \$50 administrative fee in full; **or** (b) complete and file a Motion to Proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. **See** 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b). If Plaintiff chooses to file a Motion to Proceed IFP which the Court later grants, the \$50 administrative fee will be waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with this Court's approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*." If Plaintiff fails to either prepay the \$350 civil filing fee, along with the \$50 administrative fee or complete and submit the enclosed Motion to Proceed IFP within that time, this action shall remain dismissed without prejudice and without further Order of the Court.

DATED: May 31, 2013

United States District Judge