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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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JEFF E. WALKER,
CDCR No. F-11343,

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Plaintiff,

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vs.

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C/O D. HUBERT; C/O C. MOORE;
SGT. LUNA; LT. ACUNA; C/O
LABACO; C/O MURPHY; NURSE
DONOHUE; JOHN/JANE DOES,

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Defendants.

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Plaintiff, a state inmate formerly incarcerated at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (“RJD”) located in San Diego, California, has filed an action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.¹ (ECF Doc. No. 1.) In addition, Plaintiff has filed a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (“IFP”), along with two Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders. (ECF Doc. Nos. 2, 5, 6.)

¹ Plaintiff is currently housed at the California Health Care Facility located in Stockton, California. See <http://inmatelocator.cdcr.ca.gov/search.aspx> (last visited July 7, 2014).

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ORDER:

(1) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* SHOULD NOT BE DENIED AS BARRED BY 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g); AND

(2) DENYING MOTIONS FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS AS MOOT

1 **I. PLAINTIFF’S MOTION TO PROCEED IFP**

2 “All persons, not just prisoners, may seek IFP status.” *Moore v. Maricopa County*
3 *Sheriff’s Office*, 657 F.3d 890, 892 (9th Cir. 2011). “Prisoners,” like Plaintiff, however,
4 “face an additional hurdle.” *Id.* In addition to requiring prisoners to “pay the full
5 amount of a filing fee,” in installments as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3)(b), the
6 Prison Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”) amended section 1915 to preclude the privilege
7 to proceed IFP:

8 . . . if [a] prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while
9 incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or
10 appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on
11 the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a
12 claim upon which relief can be granted, unless the prisoner is
13 under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

14 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). “This subdivision is commonly known as the ‘three strikes’
15 provision.” *Andrews v. King*, 398 F.3d 1113, 1116 n.1 (9th Cir. 2005) (hereafter
16 “*Andrews*”).

17 “Pursuant to § 1915(g), a prisoner with three strikes or more cannot proceed IFP.”
18 *Id.*; see also *Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1052 (9th Cir. 2007) (hereafter
19 “*Cervantes*”) (under the PLRA, “[p]risoners who have repeatedly brought unsuccessful
20 suits may entirely be barred from IFP status under the three strikes rule[.]”).

21 “Strikes are prior cases or appeals, brought while the plaintiff was a prisoner,
22 which were dismissed on the ground that they were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state
23 a claim,” *Andrews*, 398 F.3d at 1116 n.1 (internal quotations omitted), “even if the
24 district court styles such dismissal as a denial of the prisoner’s application to file the
25 action without prepayment of the full filing fee.” *O’Neal v. Price*, 531 F.3d 1146, 1153
26 (9th Cir. 2008). Once a prisoner has accumulated three strikes, he is prohibited by
27 section 1915(g) from pursuing any other IFP action in federal court unless he can show
28 he is facing “imminent danger of serious physical injury.” See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g);
Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1051-52 (noting § 1915(g)’s exception for IFP complaints which
“make[] a plausible allegation that the prisoner faced ‘imminent danger of serious
physical injury’ at the time of filing.”).

1 **II. APPLICATION TO PLAINTIFF**

2 A court ““may take notice of proceedings in other courts, both within and without
3 the federal judicial system, if those proceedings have a direct relation to matters at
4 issue.”” *Bias v. Moynihan*, 508 F.3d 1212, 1225 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting *Bennett v.*
5 *Medtronic, Inc.*, 285 F.3d 801, 803 n.2 (9th Cir. 2002)); *see also United States ex rel.*
6 *Robinson Rancheria Citizens Council v. Borneo, Inc.*, 971 F.2d 244, 248 (9th Cir.
7 1992). This Court takes judicial notice that Plaintiff has had three prior prisoner civil
8 actions dismissed on the grounds that they were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state
9 a claim upon which relief may be granted.

10 They are:

- 11 1) *Walker v. San Francisco County Jail*, Civil Case No. 3:08-cv-1264-CRB
12 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 14, 2008) (Order of Dismissal for failing to state a claim)
13 (strike one);
- 14 2) *Walker v. Jane Doe, et al.*, Civil Case No. 3:08-cv-01265-CRB (N.D. Cal.
15 Mar 14, 2008) (Order of Dismissal for failing to state a claim (strike two);
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- 17 3) *Walker v. Gradillas, et al.*, Civil Case No. 3:09-cv-02845-CRB (N.D. Cal.
18 Aug. 6, 2009) (Order of Dismissal for failing to state a claim) (strike
19 three).

20 In addition, Plaintiff has been denied the right to proceed IFP pursuant to 28
21 U.S.C. § 1915(g) in three civil actions.² There are two matters in the Eastern and
22 Northern Districts of California³ in which Defendants have filed motions to revoke
23 Plaintiff’s IFP status. In the Eastern District matter, the motion is currently pending.

25 ² *See Walker v. Greer, et al.*, Civil Case No. 2:13-cv-01467-DAD (E.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2014);
26 *Walker v. Scott, et al.*, Civil Case No. 2:10-cv-05222-UA-PJW (C.D. Cal. July 27, 2010) (Order finding
27 Plaintiff “failed to establish that he is in imminent danger of serious injury now.”); *Walker v. Scott, et*
al., Civil Case No. 2:10-cv-01693 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 1, 2010)

28 ³ *See Walker v. Kuhn, et al.*, Civil Case No. 3:09-cv-03015-CRB (N.D. Cal. July 2, 2010)
(Order Granting Motion to Revoke In Forma Pauperis Status); *Walker v. Mohadjer, et al.*, Civil Case
No. 2:13-cv-01193-WBS-AC.

1 In the Northern District matter, Plaintiff’s IFP status was revoked. Finally, Plaintiff’s
2 IFP status has been revoked by the Ninth Circuit. ⁴

3 Accordingly, because Plaintiff has, while incarcerated, accumulated three
4 “strikes” as defined by § 1915(g), he must set forth a “plausible allegation” that he faced
5 imminent danger of serious physical injury at the time he filed his Complaint, in order
6 to be entitled to the privilege of proceeding IFP in this action. *See Cervantes*, 493 F.3d
7 at 1055. While Plaintiff captions his pleading with “imminent danger,” his factual
8 allegations are disjointed and difficult to determine which facts he intends to base his
9 claim of “imminent danger.” The Court must consider factual allegations at the time he
10 filed his Complaint on April 3, 2014 but Plaintiff only references claims that are alleged
11 to have occurred in January of 2014. (*See Compl.* at 1.) Therefore, the Court will
12 provide Plaintiff the opportunity to identify the factual allegations supporting his claims
13 of “imminent danger.” Within forty five days from the date this Order is entered,
14 Plaintiff must provide the Court with a declaration specifying the imminent danger he
15 alleges he faced at the time he filed this action.

16 **III. Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders**

17 Plaintiff has filed two requests for a temporary restraining order. In both motions,
18 Plaintiff claims he is being retaliated against by RJD correctional officers and he seeks
19 injunctive relief in the form of “stay away orders,” along with a transfer to another
20 prison. Plaintiff is no longer housed at RJD, instead he is housed at the California
21 Health Care Facility located in Stockton, California. Therefore, his requests for
22 injunctive relief are moot.

23 **IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

24 For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

25 (1) ORDERS Plaintiff to show cause why his Motion to Proceed *In Forma*
26 *Pauperis* should not be denied pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff has forty five
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28 ⁴ *See Walker v. Whitten, et al.*, 9th Cir. Doc. No. 13-15767 (June 19, 2013 Order revoking IFP status on appeal)

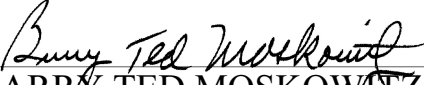
1 (45) days from the date this Order is entered to file a declaration with the Court
2 containing specific plausible allegations clearly demonstrating that he was in “imminent
3 danger” at the time he filed this action. If Plaintiff fails to file this declaration, the
4 Court will deny Plaintiff’s Motion as barred by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:**

6 (2) Plaintiff’s Motions for Temporary Restraining Order (ECF Doc. No. 2, 5)
7 are **DENIED** as moot

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 DATED: July 7, 2014

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12 BARRY TED MOSKOWITZ, Chief Judge
13 United States District Court
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