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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 ADAM MICHAEL STARKEY
12 AP-1831,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 EDWARD HERNANDEZ, et al.,

16 Defendants.
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Case No.: 3:17-cv-01158-JLS-KSC

**ORDER DISMISSING CIVIL
ACTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE
FOR FAILING TO PAY
FILING FEE REQUIRED
BY 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) AND/OR
FAILING TO MOVE TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS
PURSUANT TO
28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)**

20 Plaintiff Adam Michael Starkey, currently incarcerated at Centinela State Prison
21 located in Imperial, California, and proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights complaint
22 (“Compl.”) (ECF No. 1).

23 **I. Failure to Pay Filing Fee or Request IFP Status**

24 All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in a district court of the
25 United States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of
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1 \$400. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).¹ An action may proceed despite a plaintiff’s failure to
2 prepay the entire fee only if he is granted leave to proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
3 § 1915(a). *See Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); *Rodriguez v.*
4 *Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). However, if the Plaintiff is a prisoner, and even
5 if he is granted leave to commence his suit IFP, he remains obligated to pay the entire filing
6 fee in “increments,” *see Williams v. Paramo*, 775 F.3d 1182, 1185 (9th Cir. 2015),
7 regardless of whether his case is ultimately dismissed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) & (2);
8 *Taylor v. Delatoore*, 281 F.3d 844, 847 (9th Cir. 2002).

9 Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$400 in filing and administrative fees required to
10 commence this civil action, nor has he submitted a properly supported Motion to Proceed
11 IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Therefore, his case cannot yet proceed. *See* 28 U.S.C.
12 § 1914(a); *Andrews*, 493 F.3d at 1051.

13 **II. Conclusion and Order**

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

15 (1) **DISMISSES** this action sua sponte without prejudice for failure to pay the
16 \$400 civil filing and administrative fee or to submit a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to
17 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a) and 1915(a); and

18 (2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty-five (45)** days leave from the date this Order is filed
19 to: (a) prepay the entire \$400 civil filing and administrative fee in full; or (b) complete and
20 file a Motion to Proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement
21 for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2);
22 S.D. Cal. CivLR 3.2(b).

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26 ¹ In addition to the \$350 statutory fee, civil litigants must pay an additional administrative fee of \$50. *See*
27 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) (Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, District Court Misc. Fee Schedule, § 14 (eff.
Dec. 1, 2014)). The additional \$50 administrative fee does not apply to persons granted leave to proceed
IFP. *Id.*

